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Summary: A city ordinance banning adults from accessing a public playground/park area unless "accompanying a child" would unfairly penalize people by virtue of their age and deny them a public benefit afforded to others. The proposal, by its very nature, seems unduly discriminatory, and fraught with enforcement problems.

Instituting an overreaching policy by penalizing a vast majority of law-abiding citizens in what is generally regarded as "park-poor" city is counterintuitive. It seems to be motivated out of allaying a fear rather than ensuring a freedom. Nor does it currently contemplate the dozens of gray areas it will create regarding how it will be administered (playground boundaries, proof of age, proof-of-guardianship, etc.), and the discord it will sow by awkward attempts to enforce it