

Questions for Vehicles in the Park

- a. **John Smith lives on one side of the town and works on the other side. To save 10 minutes, he drives through the park.**
- Should the law be interpreted to allow John to drive through the park? Why or why not?
 - Is it important for John to be at work on time?
 - Wouldn't it save energy and gas if he is allowed to go through the park?
 - Suppose he will lose his job if he is late one more day and he overslept?
 - What might happen if you allow only John to drive through the park?
- b. **There are many trash barrels in the park so that people may deposit all litter, thereby keeping the park clean. The sanitation department drives their trucks in to collect the trash.**
- Should the law be interpreted to allow the sanitation department to drive through the park?
 - Why or why not?
 - Will people come to a dirty park?
 - Isn't it unhealthy to allow trash to pile up in the park?
 - How will that trash get removed if sanitation trucks can't come into the park?
 - What other alternative trash control methods do you have?
- c. **An ambulance has a dying car accident victim in it and is racing to the hospital. The shortest route is through the park, so the ambulance drives through.**
- Should the law be interpreted to allow the ambulance to drive through the park?
 - Why or why not?
 - Suppose that, if the ambulance is not permitted to cut through the park, the patient will die?
 - Does it make any difference if there are many emergencies in Beautifica so that ambulances would cut through the park on a frequent basis?
 - If you decide to let emergency vehicles in the park, how do you define an emergency vehicle?
- d. **Two police cars are chasing a suspected bank robber. One cuts through the park, so she can get in front of the suspect's car and trap him between the patrol cars.**
- Should the law be interpreted to allow the police car to drive through the park?
 - Why or why not?
 - What if the robber had already shot an innocent bystander?
 - Does it matter if this is the only opportunity for the police to catch him?
 - Does the police car qualify as an emergency vehicle? Why or why not?
- e. **Some children are riding their bicycles in the park.**
- Will you interpret the law to allow the children to ride their bicycles in the park?
 - Why or why not?
 - Would it matter that the children used their bicycles as transportation to the park?
 - Why or why not?
 - Would it matter if several children's bikes had been stolen from the bike rack at the entrance to the park?
 - Would it matter if there was a special bike path in the park?

- f. Some disabled persons in motorized wheelchairs are coming to the park.**
- Will you interpret the law to allow persons in wheelchairs to use the park?
 - Why or why not?
 - Should there be any difference between motorized or non-motorized wheelchairs?
 - How else would these persons be able to use the park?
- g. Mr. Thomas is jogging in the park with his baby in a jogger baby stroller. This stroller allows Mr. Thomas to jog or run quite fast at the same time as he is pushing the stroller.**
- Will you interpret the law to allow the jogger baby stroller in the park? Why or why not?
 - What about other baby strollers?
 - Wouldn't it be unfair to parents with infants and small children not to be able to bring strollers into the park?
- h. A monument to the town's citizens who died in the Vietnam War is being built. A tank, donated by the government, is placed in the park as part of the monument.**
- Will you interpret the law to allow the tank to be placed in the park? Why or why not?
 - Is there anything wrong with monuments being put in parks?
 - Do you think the fact that this monument is a vehicle should prevent it from being placed in the park to honor the town's citizens?