



ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING USE OF CITY PARKS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN CITY PARKS; PROVIDING HOURS OF CITY PARK OPERATION, RENTAL FEES AND CHARGES, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. PARK DEFINITION

IN THIS ORDINANCE CITY PARK IS DEFINED AS ANY PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS A CITY PARK BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND INCLUDES ALL BUILDINGS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SWIMMING POOLS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

SECTION 2. HOURS OF OPERATION

ALL PARKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND MAY BE OPEN DAILY FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC AS FOLLOWS:

- A) GEORGE PARK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00A.M. AND 12:00 MIDNIGHT;
- B) WESSENDORFF PARK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00A.M. AND 10:00P.M. EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS OPEN UP TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT, AND
- C) CLAY PARK BETWEEN 6:00A.M. AND 7:00P.M. OR 8:30P.M. DURING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO OCCUPY, USE OR BE PRESENT IN ANY PARK DURING ANY HOURS OR PART THEREOF IN WHICH THE PARK IS NOT OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE.

THE PARK SUPERINTENDENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, MAY FOR GOOD CAUSE, GRANT EXTENSIONS OF THE TIMES HEREIN PROVIDED FOR USAGE OF A CITY PARK.

SECTION 3. USE OF CITY PARKS

ANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY USE OPEN SPACE OF A CITY PARK FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES UPON RECEIVING THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PARK SUPERINTENDENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER.

NO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WHICH OPERATES WITH THE EXPECTATION OF PROFIT MAY USE A CITY PARK FOR ANY PROFIT-MAKING PURPOSE.

THE PARK SUPERINTENDENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, MAY WAIVE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO CITY PARK USE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

SECTION 4. CITY PARK OPEN SPACES

THE CHARGE FOR USE OF CITY PARK OPEN SPACE BY ANY GROUP FROM OUTSIDE OF CITY OF RICHMOND, EITHER PROFIT OR NONPROFIT, IS THE HOURLY RATE STATED IN THE THEN CURRENT CITY OF RICHMOND SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES PAID IN ADVANCE FOR THE HOURS OF EXPECTED USE.

SECTION 5. PARK PAVILIONS, CONCESSION STANDS AND GAZEBOS

THE CHARGE FOR USE OF A CITY PARK PAVILION, A CONCESSION STAND OR A GAZEBO IS THE STATED RATE IN THE THEN CURRENT CITY OF RICHMOND SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES DEPENDING UPON WHETHER LIGHTS OR ELECTRIC ARE PROVIDED.

SECTION 6. ANIMALS

PERSONS BRINGING PETS OR OTHER ANIMALS INTO A CITY PARK MUST KEEP THE ANIMALS UNDER CONFINEMENT OR DIRECT CONTROL. LEADS OR LEASHES USED TO CONTROL ANIMALS MUST NOT BE MORE THAN SIX (6') FEET LONG. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO BRING INTO OR PERMIT ANY DOMESTIC FOWL, HORSE, SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT, OR OTHER LIVESTOCK TO RANGE IN A CITY PARK.

SECTION 7. ANIMAL EXCEPTIONS

SECTION 6 OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL NOT APPLY TO A "SEEING-EYE" DOG BEING USED BY A VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSON SO LONG AS THE DOG IS UNDER THE DIRECT PHYSICAL CONTROL OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSON OR TO A DOG UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER.

SECTION 8. GLASS CONTAINERS

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO BRING INTO OR HAVE

POSSESSION OF ANY GLASS CONTAINER UPON A CITY PARK.

SECTION 9. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO BRING INTO OR UPON ANY CITY PARK, DISPLAY, OR CONSUME ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IN A PARK WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS UNLESS THE PERSON RECEIVES WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE. SUCH AUTHORIZATION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- A) THE EVENT MUST UTILIZE THE ENTIRE PARK AND THERE ARE NO OTHER FUNCTIONS GOING ON IN THE PARK INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SOFTBALL, LITTLE LEAGUE, SOCCER, PEE WEE FOOTBALL, ETC;
- B) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE POSSESSED, CONSUMED AND/OR SOLD IF THEY ARE PROVIDED BY A THIRD PARTY VENDOR WHO HAS ALL THE NECESSARY TABC LICENSES TO PROVIDE THE ALCOHOL;
- C) PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO LICENSED PEACE OFFICER FOR EVERY 100 GUESTS DURING THE ENTIRE EVENT. THE RICHMOND POLICE CHIEF CAN MAKE A DETERMINATION, DEPENDING ON THE EVENT AND NUMBER OF GUESTS EXPECTED, TO REQUIRE MORE OR LESS LICENSED PEACE OFFICERS THAN WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER WILL MAKE THE DEFINITIVE DECISION AS TO WHO WILL PRESIDE OVER THE EVENT.

SECTION 10. OPEN FIRES

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO HAVE A FIRE IN A CITY PARK IN A PLACE OTHER THAN A METAL CONTAINER CAPABLE OF SAFELY CONTAINING THE FIRE, SUCH AS A COMMERCIAL BARBECUE PIT.

SECTION 11. TRASH DISPOSAL

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO DISPOSE OF ANY TRASH OR GARBAGE IN A CITY PARK EXCEPT IN A CONTAINER THAT IS PROVIDED FOR THAT USE. HOUSEHOLD TRASH OR GARBAGE DISPOSAL IN A CITY PARK IS PROHIBITED.

SECTION 12. HUNTING

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO HUNT IN ANY CITY PARK.

SECTION 13. UNATTENDED VEHICLES

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO LEAVE A VEHICLE UNATTENDED IN A CITY PARK FOR LONGER THAN 24 HOURS.


SECTION 14. FEES AND CHARGES

PROVIDED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PAID AS DETAILED IN THE THEN CURRENT CITY OF RICHMOND SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES.*

SECTION 15. PENALTIES

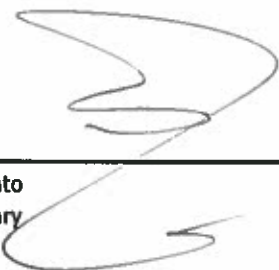
ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF September, 2015



Evalyn W. Moore
Mayor

ATTEST:


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Laura Scarlato
City Secretary