

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK  
ORDINANCE NO. ~~274~~ SERIES 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO USE AND HOURS OF OPERATION  
OF CITY PARKS AND SIMILAR PUBLIC AMENITIES;  
PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WATTERSON PARK:**

Section 1. The following provisions apply to all city parks, city-owned walking paths, and all other similar public spaces and amenities owned by the city for public use and recreation (collectively, "City Parks"):

(A) City Parks are constructed and maintained for the use of the public at large. City Parks shall be open daily to all citizens on absolutely equal terms. No person shall be given special privileges in any City Park or be permitted to make use of them for any illegal purpose.

(B) No person shall be present in any City Park after 9:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time or before 7:00 a.m. prevailing Eastern time except as follows:

(1) When attending or participating in an activity authorized by a permit or permission issued by the city.

(2) Any employee or person conducting official city business.

(3) Any person walking, jogging, or running through, or otherwise actively traversing, a City Park. No standing, sitting, sleeping, or loitering of any kind is permitted in City Parks between 9:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time or before 7:00 a.m. prevailing Eastern time except as provided in subsections (B)(1) and (2) of this Ordinance.

(C) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully enter upon or remain within any City Park during such hours as City Parks are closed to public use or on other property owned by the city that is closed to the public.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use skateboards, bicycles, or any form of motorized transportation within any City Park.

(E) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, damage, steal, mark, or graffiti any city property, tree, public art or sculpture, or other city-owned item within any City Park.

(F) Persons using City Parks do so at their own risk.

(G) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, chase, tease, or shoot at any animal, reptile, or bird in City Parks unless it is for official city business.

(H) Persons using City Parks shall clean up any area that was occupied or used.

(I) No fires, fireworks, or other open flames or explosive or incendiary devices are permitted in City Parks.

(J) It shall be unlawful for any person to camp in any City Park.

Section 2. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a criminal violation punishable by a \$250 fine.

Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance as required by law. It shall become immediately effective upon publication as required by law.

FIRST READING: 10-9-2023

SECOND READING: 11-13-2023

PUBLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Jay Bourke	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Becky Ewan	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Gina Garrett	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Phillip Johnson	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Marlene Welsh	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Steve Fortwengler	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____

Adopted this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of November 2023 by 6 ayes and 0 nays.

  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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