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Article I Parks and Recreation Department

Section 47-1 Creation

The Parks and Recreation Department together with the Director of Parks and Recreation are hereby created. Said Department and all its employees shall operate under the jurisdiction and control of the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-2 Funding

The Parks and Recreation Department shall operate under the General Fund of the City. This department will submit proposed budgets for the City Council to consider annually.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-3 Duties

The Parks and Recreation Department, supervised by the Director of Parks and Recreation, are responsible to the mayor. It shall be responsible for maintenance, improvement, upkeep and operation of all public parks, playgrounds and parkways of the City Parks and operation of the public recreation program of the City.

The Parks and Recreation Department will work jointly with the Water Sewer Department to insure water quality and the discharge of effluents into the aeras contiguous to the city

Adopted 7-20-2004

47-4 – 47-10 Reserved

Article II Park Rules and Regulations.

Section 47-11 Motor Vehicles in any park

No person, except Park Department Employees or authorized agents of the City shall drive or operate a motor vehicle in any park except on roads, , or designated parking areas or such other areas as the Director of Parks and Recreation shall designate. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within any park at a speed in excess of 5 miles per hour.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-12 Fires in parks

No fires shall be lighted or made in the park except in places provided for such purposes and except for City Employees engaged in cleaning or maintaining public property.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-13 Fireworks

No person shall discharge fireworks or firearms without the written permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation. After first obtaining a permit in the case of fireworks from the Fire Chief or in the case of firearms from the Chief of Police.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-14 Marking and Defacing

No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof. This shall include signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-15 Pollution of Waters

No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters or any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream storm sewer, or drain flowing into any such waters, any substance, matter or thing liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-16 Rubbish and Waste

No person shall bring in or shall dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse; or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, all such trash as may be generated within the Parks shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the persons responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-17 Posting of Signs

No person shall paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever, not shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any park or any highway or road adjacent to said parks other than informational signs erected by the Park Department or as authorized by the Park Department.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-18 Intoxicating Liquor

No person shall possess, display, consume or use intoxicating liquor in any park except in designated picnic areas. Public intoxication will not be tolerated and those persons whom are believed to be intoxicated are subject to the Governing Laws of the City and state of Texas.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-19 Selling of Items

no person shall be permitted to sell any article whatsoever unless he shall have a permit lease or concession granted by the Director of Parks and Recreation and approved by the City Council.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-20 Extinguishing Picnic Fires

No picnicker shall leave a picnic area before the picnicker’s fire is completely extinguished.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-21 Animals

no person shall ride a horse or other animal or allow any animal to go unattended or without physical restraint in a public park. All animal waste deposited by such retrained animal shall be picked and removed from the park area by the person attending said animal.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-22 Group Activities

Group activities: whenever any group, association or organization desires to use park facilities for a particular purpose, such as picnics, sporting activities, parties or theatrical or entertainment performances, the representative of said group, association or organization shall first obtain a permit from the Director of parks and Recreation for such purposes. The City Council may adopt an application form to be used by the Director of parks and Recreation for such situation or if said application is not adopted, the Director shall prepare a form for such purpose. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall grant the application If it appears that the group, association or organization will not interfere with the general use of the park or the individual members of the public and if said group, association or organization meets all other conditions contained in the application. The application may contain a requirement for an indemnity bond to protect the City from any liability of any kind or character and to protect City property from damage. The Director shall require that group activities requiring extra police protection or other special facilities or expense to the City shall be provided at the sole expense of the group, association or organization requesting a permit and may require that the indemnity bond cover such services.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-23 Director of Parks and Recreation

The Director of Parks and Recreation shall have authority to promulgate rules and establish regulation to protect and regulate use of public parks. All such rules and regulations shall be effective upon approval by the City Council. Said regulations may relate to hours, operation of recreational programs and other items reasonably designed to protect the public interest. Any member of the public aggrieved by the rules so promulgated or the regulations established by the park and Recreation Director may appeal said rules to the mayor and he shall rule on said appeal. If the member of the public is still aggrieved by the decision of the administrative officers of the City, said person shall have the right to file a written appeal with the Council and Council may amend said rules or regulations if they find it necessary to promote the public interest.

If in the interest of public safety or the assets within the City Parks the Director of Parks and Recreation may enforce temporary rules pending approval of the City Council. Specifically, if a temporary rule will insure quiet enjoinment of the City Parks.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-24 Hunting

 No person shall hunt, trap, capture, kill or harass any animal, bird or other wildlife in any public park.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-25 Glass Containers

no glass containers of any type will be allowed within the designated parks, parkways, or leased areas.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-26 Launching of Water Crafts

Launching of Water Craft in the North Park shall be by permit only. If no permit is visibly displayed on the dash of the tow vehicle and all trailers will be removed and impounded at the owner’s expense. The City of east tawakoni Police Department will not interpret this rule or show leeway they shall enforce this rule.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-27 Curfew

Hours of operation are generally from Dawn until Dark for all persons subject to the Curfew Ordinance of the city.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-28 Enforcement of Parks Rules

 The City of East Tawakoni Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department will patrol the City’s Parks. These entities will enforce park rules and regulations by the issuance of notices, warning tickets or citations.

Adopted 7-20-2004

Section 47-29 Barter of Goods

It shall be permitted for the Parks and Recreation Department to barter will all departments of this City for goods and services without exchange of monies,

Adopted 7-20-2004

Sections 47-30 – 47-170 Reserved