

AN ORDINANCE 2012-05-03-0325

AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY CODE TO IMPLEMENT A PARK CURFEW AT WOODLAWN LAKE PARK, REMOVE THE WOODLAWN LAKE PARK SAILING CLUB BUILDING FROM LIST OF PARK LOCATIONS EXEMPTED FROM ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS, AND DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK EXEMPT FROM PARK CURFEW.

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WHEREAS, Section 22-28 of the City Code establishes Woodlawn Lake Park as a 24-hour park along with such locations as Alamo Plaza, Market Square, and HemisFair Park; and

WHEREAS, Woodlawn Lake Park resides in Council District 7, and multiple neighborhood associations within close proximity to the park have cited security concerns due to the lack of a curfew; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Parks and Recreation Department evaluated activity in the park over a 5 week period during the standard park curfew time from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the data showed that trail use peaked in the 11 o' clock hour and thereafter people were not actively recreating in the park with the majority of activity restricted to parking lots; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with Park Police, the Parks and Recreation Department recommended a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew which was presented to and endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board on February 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, a public meeting was held on March 6, 2012 to inform park patrons of the same recommended curfew in which the general consensus supported establishing a park curfew; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-1 of the City Code establishes restrictions on the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in public parks; and

WHEREAS, these restrictions make it unlawful for any person to sell, possess, consume, or distribute alcoholic beverages in any city park with a list of exceptions; and

WHEREAS, included in this list of exceptions is the Woodlawn Lake Park Sailing Club Building, which conflicts with the 1918 property deed restricting alcohol; and

WHEREAS, code alignment with deed requirements will allow the City to come into compliance with the terms under which the property was conveyed; and

WHEREAS, currently, the River Walk is exempted from park curfew hours and is open to the public 24-hours a day; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio River Improvement Project, a collaborative effort of the San Antonio River Authority, Bexar County, National Park Service, and City, has extended the River Walk beyond its traditional downtown segment and spans from Josephine Street south to Mission Espada; and

WHEREAS, defining the boundaries of the River Walk exempt from the park curfew as Josephine Street to Eagleland Drive will allow this segment inclusive of the traditional downtown portion to remain open to the public 24-hours a day; and

WHEREAS, the segment south of Eagleland Drive to Mission Espada will be open to the public from sunrise to sunset which is consistent with other City greenway trail hours; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-1 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio entitled "Restrictions on sale and use of alcoholic beverages in parks," is hereby amended as follows: Subsections (b)(14) Woodlawn Lake Sailing Club Building and (b)(44) Woodlawn Lake Sailing Club Building are both deleted.

SECTION 2. Section 22-28 of the City Code of the City of San Antonio entitled "Public park hours of operation and curfew," is hereby amended as follows:

The first sentence of Subsection (a) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following two sentences.

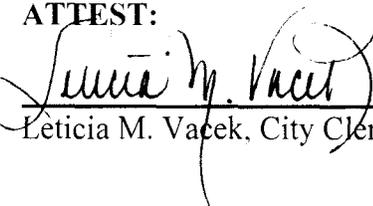
"All public parks owned or operated by the city, except for the River Walk between Josephine Street and Eagleland Drive, Alamo Plaza, La Villita, Market Square, Woodlawn Lake Park and HemisFair Park shall be closed for all purposes at 11:00 p.m. each day and re-opened for public use at 5:00 a.m. each day. Woodlawn Lake Park shall be closed for all purposes at 12:00 midnight each day and re-opened for public use at 5:00 a.m. each day."

SECTION 3. This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of May, 2012.

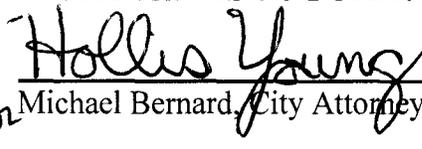

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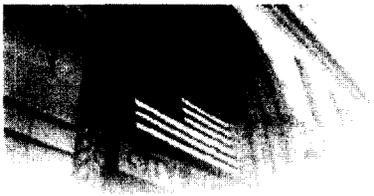


Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

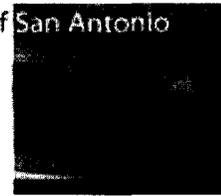


for Michael Bernard, City Attorney



Request for
COUNCIL
ACTION

City of San Antonio



Agenda Voting Results - 18

Name:	4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19A, 19B, 19C, 19D, 19E, 19F, 19G, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25A, 25B						
Date:	05/03/2012						
Time:	09:25:05 AM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to implement a park curfew at Woodlawn Lake Park, remove the Woodlawn Lake Park Sailing Club Building from list of park locations exempted from alcohol restrictions, and define the boundaries of the San Antonio River Walk exempt from park curfew. [Ed Belmares, Assistant City Manager; Xavier Urrutia , Director, Parks & Recreation]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				
Leticia Ozuna	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x			x	
David Medina Jr.	District 5	x					
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				x
W. Reed Williams	District 8		x				
Elisa Chan	District 9		x				
Carlton Soules	District 10		x				