

ORDINANCE 2006-030

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, Prohibited acts in parks.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 28th day of June, 2006 that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, Prohibited acts in parks, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15-1. Prohibited acts:

It shall be unlawful for any person using the public parks, recreation areas, grounds or facilities of the city (referred to in this chapter as parks) to either perform or allow the performance of any of the following acts, unless such activity is authorized, permitted or supervised by the parks and recreation department of the city:

(a) *Damaging property.* 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, 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.

(b) *Pollution of waters.* Throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of 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 such waters any substance, matter or things, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of such waters.

(c) *Removing soil or plants.* Dig or remove any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down-timber or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means, except that digging shall be permitted in areas designated for such purpose.

(d) *Damaging plants.* Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant, or injure the bark or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, nor shall any person attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.

(e) *Littering.* Bring in or dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or other litter, or place refuse or litter in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or anywhere on the grounds thereof, other than in the proper receptacles, where provided.

(f) *Interference with others.* Endanger the safety of any person by any conduct or act, or prevent any person from using any park or any of its facilities, or interfere with such use in compliance with this chapter and with the rules applicable to such use.

(g) *Fires.* Build or attempt to build a fire, except at places specifically designated for such purpose or as permitted by the department of parks and recreation. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other inflammable material within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto.

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(h) *Alcoholic beverages.* Possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages, beer or wine; provided, however, alcoholic beverages, beer or wine, shall be allowed in Capital City Ball Park, Riverfront Park, Keenan House, Finlay Park, the Print Building next to the Eau Claire Town Hall and Drew Wellness Center, as follows:

(1) at events open to the public when possession and consumption is specifically authorized by resolution of Columbia City Council and the event organizer obtains a permit or license if required by the South Carolina Department of Revenue for the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer or wine at the event; or,

(2) at private functions, authorized by the City, for which the South Carolina Department of Revenue does not require a permit or license for the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer or wine.

(i) *Fireworks.* Possess, explode, discharge or ignite fireworks of any kind, unless specifically permitted by the department of parks and recreation.

(j) *Parking in unauthorized area.* Park or leave automobiles, trucks, bicycles, unicycles, tricycles, scooters, mopeds, motorcycles, motorbikes, motorized carts or other motorized vehicles in places other than those specifically designated for such purpose.

(k) *Vending or peddling.* Vend, sell, peddle or offer for sale any commodity or article, except sales conducted by or specifically permitted by the department of parks and recreation.

(l) *Violation of rules and regulations of parks and recreation department.* Violate any rule or regulation promulgated by the parks and recreation department of the city.

(m) *Improper use of park equipment and furniture.* It shall be unlawful for any person to recline upon any seat, table, bench, or in any location not intended for occupancy.

This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

Requested by:



MAYOR

Approved by:



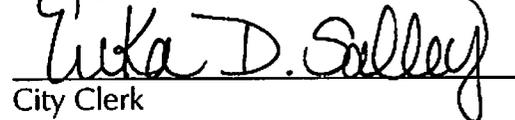
City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 6/21/2006

Final Reading: 6/28/2006