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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 70. PARKS AND RECREATION ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL TO ADD SECTION 70-2 HOURS OF OPERATION

Whereas, the Covington Code of Ordinances Chapter 70 regulates Parks and Recreation Facilities in the City of Covington; and

Whereas, the Covington City Council has determined it is necessary to establish hours of operation for the various parks and recreational facilities in the City; and

Whereas, the Covington City Council has determined that establishing hours of operation is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington: and

Whereas, the Covington City Council desires to establish penalties for violation of the hours of operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that the Covington Code of Ordinances Chapter 70. Parks and Recreation Article I. In General, to add Sec. 70-2 as follows:

CHAPTER 70 PARKS AND RECREATION

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 70-2. Hours of Operation.

~~**(a)** The hours of operation for every park and recreation facility in the City of Covington, including, but not limited to those itemized in Sec. 70-33. of this code, shall be from 5:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. each day, except Bogue~~

~~Falaya Wayside Park, which shall be open from 7:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M. each day. The hours of operation for Bogue Falaya Wayside Park shall not apply to City sponsored or permitted events in that Park.~~

(a) The hours of operation for every park and recreation facility owned/operated by the City of Covington, including, but not limited to those itemized in Sec. 70-33. of this code, shall be as follows:

a. Parks and recreation facilities with permanent lighting fixtures: Dawn until 10:00 P.M.
b. Parks and recreation facilities with no permanent lighting fixtures: Dawn until dusk.

This shall not apply to City-sponsored or permitted events in the parks or recreation facilities.

(b) No person shall visit, occupy or be physically present on the property comprising any park or recreational facility within the City of Covington, other than during the hours of operation.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 1-8 of this code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Roberto, seconded by Verret.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2023.

LARRY ROLLING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 13th day of September, 2023, at 9 o'clock A.M.

JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 13th day of September, 2023.

MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 14th day of September, 2023, at 10 o'clock A.M.

JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK