

ORDINANCE NO. 517

An ordinance of the City of Lovington, New Mexico, amending Title 12, Chapter 12.28 – Public Park Regulations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON THAT TITLE 12, CHAPTER 12.28 BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

The title of this Chapter is amended to Public Park and Recreation Facility Regulations

12.28.010 Remaining in public parks overnight prohibited – Exceptions.

It is unlawful for any person to remain in, occupy, or use any public park in the municipality between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m., unless present in the furtherance or enforcement of this chapter or irrigation or maintenance of park lands and, or unless authorized by other provisions of this chapter.

12.28.015 General Rules – Parks facilities

- A. No peddling, soliciting or commercial enterprise is permitted in a municipal park except by approval of the City.
- B. Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noisy disturbances or disregard of these rules and regulations will be grounds for immediate removal of person(s) from the municipal park by the Lovington Police Department or as authorized by the City Manager.
- C. Park users are responsible for the conduct of and any damage to the park or its equipment caused by their legal dependents or other minors in their care at the time.
- D. Children under eight (8) years of age shall not be left unattended in any park.
- E. No person shall consume or have in their possession any intoxicating beverage or other drug or narcotic prohibited by federal law.
- F. Air rifles, BB guns, firearms, bows and arrows, rockets, slingshots, fireworks, or other guns and dangerous objects such as golf equipment may not be possessed or used while in a municipal park.
- G. Wading or swimming in fountains or ponds is prohibited.
- H. Motor vehicles shall be operated and parked only in designated areas that are specifically designed for motor vehicles or for parking.
- I. Speed limits in municipal parks is ten miles per hour and must be observed at all times.
- J. Bicycles, roller skates, skateboards and other types of non-motorized vehicles must be used safely, and in compliance with all posted rules.

- K. No person shall ride or lead any horse or pony in any park without approval by the City.
- L. No animals are permitted in municipal parks unless they are on a leash, except in designated off-leash areas, and shall be kept under supervision at all times; and, are not allowed to run at large or to commit any nuisance.
- M. All animal waste shall be picked up immediately by the owner and placed in an appropriate waste disposal container.
- N. Littering is strictly prohibited. No person shall bring non-park generated trash into the park for the purpose of discarding of such.
- O. Fires are permitted only in grills. No other open fires are permitted on municipal properties without the permission of the City.
- P. Inflatable structures are permitted only in designated areas and by permit issued by the City.
- Q. It is unlawful to deface, destroy, or cause harm or damage to equipment, furniture, structures, trees, shrubbery, turf, signs, or wildlife.
- R. The city, its representatives and its employees are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or loss of property by fire, theft, wind, flood or other natural acts which are beyond their control. All equipment furnished within municipal parks is solely for the convenience of the user and is utilized at the risk of the user.
- S. Public events require a permit issued by the City. A permit application and a one-hundred dollar (\$100) deposit is required at least two weeks in advance. The Parks Department will inspect the site after the event for damage to the turf, facilities, equipment, and proper disposal of refuse. Deposits will refunded if the site is returned in good condition.
- T. Shelter reservations require two weeks advance notice. The pavilion and amphitheater located at Chaparral Park are the only shelters that may be reserved.

12.28.016 General Rules – Chaparral Lake

- A. State fishing license is required.
- B. Trout validation stamp is required November 1 through March 31.
- C. Unauthorized fish are not allowed to be placed in lake.
- D. Passenger watercrafts are prohibited.
- E. Wading or swimming in lake is prohibited.
- F. No trout or throw lines.

12.28.017 General Rules – Aquatic Facility

- A. Animals other than seeing eye dogs or assistance animals, are not allowed in the aquatic facility.
- B. Any person having an infection or communicable disease is prohibited from using the aquatic facility.
- C. All children under the age of eight years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult supervisor.
- D. Persons having open blisters, cuts, etc. are advised to not use the pool.
- E. Running, pushing, boisterous or rough play, or excessive noise is prohibited in the pool area, shower, or dressing rooms.
- F. Spitting, spouting water, blowing nose, or discharging wastes in the pool is strictly prohibited.
- G. No glass containers or objects are allowed in or around the pool area.
- H. No gum or tobacco products are allowed in the aquatic facility.
- I. All infants are required to wear swim diapers.
- J. Appropriate swim attire must be worn if swimming or entering the pool.
- K. All individuals entering the pool must pay for entrance.

12.28.018 General Rules – Ballparks, athletic fields, recreation facilities

- A. No peddling, soliciting or commercial enterprise is permitted in a municipal ballpark, athletic field, or recreation facility except by approval of the City.
- B. Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noisy disturbances or disregard of these rules and regulations will be grounds for immediate removal of person(s) from the municipal ballpark, athletic field, or recreation facility by the Lovington Police Department or as authorized by the City Manager.
- C. Ballpark, athletic field, or recreation facility users are responsible for the conduct of and any damage to the park or its equipment caused by their legal dependents or other minors in their care at the time.
- D. Children under eight (8) years of age shall not be left unattended in any ballpark, athletic field, or recreation facility.
- E. No person shall consume or have in their possession any intoxicating beverage or other drug or narcotic prohibited by federal law.
- F. Air rifles, BB guns, firearms, bows and arrows, rockets, slingshots, fireworks, or other guns and dangerous objects such as golf equipment may not be possessed or used while in a municipal ballpark, athletic field, or recreation facility.
- G. Littering is strictly prohibited. No person shall bring non-site generated trash into a municipal ballpark, athletic field, or recreation facility for the purpose of discarding of such.

- H. It is unlawful to deface, destroy, or cause harm or damage to equipment, furniture, structures, trees, shrubbery, turf, signs, or wildlife.
- I. The city, its representatives and its employees are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or loss of property by fire, theft, wind, flood or other natural acts which are beyond their control. All equipment furnished within municipal ballparks, athletic fields, or recreation facilities is solely for the convenience of the user and is utilized at the risk of the user.

12.28.070 Violation – Penalty.

Anyone found guilty of violating the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of up to three hundred dollars or imprisonment of up to ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON ON THE 25th DAY of November, 2013.



Dixie Drummond
DIXIE DRUMMOND, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Ann Hogue
CAROL ANN HOGUE, City Clerk