

ORDINANCE NO. 25-042

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, AMENDING "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON 1982, AS AMENDED", CHAPTER 26, "PARKS AND RECREATION", ARTICLE III, "PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES" SECTION 26-54, "AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF BOARD" TO REMOVE PELICAN ISLAND PARK (SEAWOLF PARK) AND WEST END PARK (DELLANERA RV PARK) FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE PARK BOARD; TO RETURN BOTH PARKS TO THE CARE, CUSTODY, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the property at 7 Mile Road, originally named West End Park and then Dellanera RV Park, has been under the management and control of the Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston (Park Board); and

WHEREAS, Pelican Island Park, now named Seawolf Park, has been under the management and control of the Park Board; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2025, at its Regular meeting City Council voted to remove the management and control of Dellanera RV Park and Seawolf Park by the Park Board and return management and control of said parks back to the City; and

WHEREAS, to be in line with the fiscal budget season as well as an appropriate time for transition, Dellanera RV Park and Seawolf Park will return to the care, custody, control, and management of the City on or before October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, deems it in the public interest to amend Chapter 26, "Parks and Recreation", Article III, "Park Board of Trustees" as provided in Section 2 below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The Code of the City of Galveston 1982, as amended, Chapter 26, "Parks and Recreation", Article III, "Park Board of Trustees" Section 26-54, "Areas under the control of the board" is amended to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 26-54. – Areas under control of board

- (a) The following property owned, leased, or otherwise under the care, control and custody of the city are hereby placed under the management and control of the board created in this article:

- (4) ***Reserved. Pelican Island Park.*** Beginning at Point “3” (also known as point “H”) on Pelican Island Harbor Line as approved by J. M. Wainwright, Assistant Secretary of War, under date of September 24, 1921; thence along and with said harbor line on a bearing of S17°35'38"W a distance of 2200 feet; thence N61°00'W a distance of 800 feet; thence N17°35'38"E a distance of 285.00 feet; thence N72°24'22"W a distance of 346.00 feet; thence N14°58'09"E a distance of 610.00 feet; thence S72°24'22"E a distance of 374.00 feet; thence N17°35'38"E a distance of 1305.64 feet; thence S61°00'E a distance of 800 feet to the point of beginning and containing 44.642 acres, more or less.

- (6) ***Reserved. West End Park.*** All of that property, comprising 16.29 acres, more or less, described in that certain deed dated April 5, 1978, from Charter Land and Housing Corporation to the City of Galveston, recorded in Book 2965, page 476, of the Deed Records of Galveston County, Texas, and the right of way of 7 Mile Road lying south of FM 3005, same being situated between, adjacent to and contiguous with Blocks 421 and 422 in Section 1, T&L Survey.

SECTION 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances of general and permanent nature, and amendments to such Ordinances, hereinafter adopted by the City Council, shall be drafted, so far as possible, as specific amendments of, or additions to, this Code. Amendments to this Code are intended for publication to the Galveston City Code. The Codifier is authorized pursuant to the Galveston City Code to make non-substantive changes to the Ordinance prior to publishing.

SECTION 6. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of the City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

SECTION 7. The care, custody, control, and management of Dellanera RV Park and Seawolf Park by the City will begin on or before October 1, 2025.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be and become effective after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

XOCHITL VANDIVER-GASKIN
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its Regular meeting held on August 28, 2025, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston