

**ORDINANCE**

**TO AMEND THE ASCENSION PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
CHAPTER 15, PARKS AND RECREATION**

**PURPOSE:**

To amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 Parks and Recreation, Article 1, Section 15-2, Parks Rules and Regulations generally.

**WHEREAS:** the Charter of the Parish of Ascension Section 6-01 requires an ordinance for all acts that regulate the rate or other charge for services provided by the Parish and for all amendments to those acts; and

**WHEREAS:** The Parish of Ascension is the governing and responsible body over Parks and Recreation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-2 was last amended on May 3, 2018.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 - Parks and Recreation. Article I – In General, Sec. 15-2. – Parks rules and regulations generally be amended as more fully described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Chase Melancon, Aaron Lawler,  
Teri Casso, Councilman Travis Turner, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Joel Robert, Michael Mason

And this ordinance was passed on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
Secretary

/s/ Clint Cointment  
President

Sec. 15-2. - Parks rules and regulations generally.

- (a) Generally, all parks close at dark unless participating in an organized activity pre-approved by the Recreation Director. All games or other activities at public parks or playgrounds must be concluded by 9:30 p.m. on all evenings which precede a day in which the public schools of the parish are in session and by 10:00 p.m. on all evenings which precede a day in which the public schools of the parish are not in session. In both of the above circumstances, the lights are to be turned off and the facility closed by 11:00 p.m. Exceptions to these times will only be honored when there is prior written permission from the recreation director.
- (b) There shall be no firearms, illegal drugs, nor alcoholic beverages at any public park or playground, or other recreational facility, with the exception of alcoholic beverages being allowed at activities for adults only, such as dances, parties, receptions or other social gatherings at Roger J. Cloutre Memorial Park, , Darrow Community Center, Oak Grove Community Center, and Richard Brown Community Center.
- (c) The parish president and recreational department are hereby granted the authority to provide gates, fences, or other security measures to insure that the times herein fixed for operation are enforced.
- (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section regarding the possession of any alcohol, firearm or illegal drug at any public park or playground or other recreational facility, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation and/or be imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, at the discretion of the court.
- (e) The penalty provisions of subsection (d) shall not apply to possession of alcoholic beverages being allowed at activities for adults only, such as during parties, receptions or other social gatherings at Roger J. Cloutre Park, , Darrow Community Center, Oak Grove Community Center, and Richard Brown Community Center.
- (f) Lease pricing for recreational facilities:
  - (1) *St. Amant Recreation Center.*
    - a. Rental rates:
      - 1. Lessee .....\$600.00
      - 2. Churches/schools .....\$400.00
    - b. Rental of building on any evening prior to or the day after a scheduled event, including clean up fee .....\$100.00
  - (2) *Darrow Community Center rental rates.*
    - a. Per hour .....\$50.00
    - b. Per day .....\$200.00
  - (3) *Oak Grove Community Center rental rates.*
    - a. For 2.0 hours per side .....\$125.00
    - b. For 2.0 hours for the entire building .....\$200.00

Time slots will be determined by the recreation department.

No whole day rentals at this time.
  - (4) *Frank Sotile Pavilion.*

- a. Per day .....\$125.00
- b. Including use of kitchen and cooking area .....\$250.00 per day
- c. Twenty-five (25) percent discount given to nonprofit organizations.

(5) *LaLa Regira Field—717 Church St., Donaldsonville, LA.*

- a. Per day .....\$1,000.00
- b. Alcohol allowed for special events as determined in section 15-2(b) (no glass).
- c. Twenty-five (25) percent discount given to nonprofit organizations.

(6) *Richard Brown Community Center rental rates.*

- a. Per hour .....\$50.00
- b. Per day .....\$200.00

- (g) Use of tobacco products or e-cigarettes (vaping) are not permitted in public parks.
- (h) It shall be unlawful for any person to use indecent, vile, or profane language in parks which may cause a breach of the peace.
- (i) Unauthorized vehicles are prohibited from driving onto turf/grass, trails or in unauthorized areas. No vehicles are allowed outside designated parking areas.

(Ord. of 7-2-98, §§ 1—5; Ord. of 3-17-11; Ord. of 1-9-15; Ord. of 5-3-18, Exh. A)