

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF SENOIA, GEORGIA, AMENDING THE REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF PARK LAND WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR ATHLETIC LEAGUES; ESTABLISHING SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SENOIA, GEORGIA, AND IT IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE I. Sections 58-5 through 5-10 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

ARTICLE II. The following Sections are hereby added:

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Violent acts.

(1) Any person convicted by any court of a misdemeanor involving violence or convicted of any felony committed in connection with an event at a City of Senoia or Coweta County Recreation Facility shall be excluded from city recreation property for a minimum period of two years or for the term of any sentence or probated service imposed by any court deciding a particular case, whichever is greater.

(2) At the conclusion of the period of exclusion as set out above, an individual excluded from city recreation property may petition the Mayor and Council of the City of Senoia to have that individual's exclusionary status lifted. The Mayor and Council when considering a petition for lifting of excluded status shall consider the nature and severity of the crime committed and shall not be obligated to lift the excluding status of any individual who, in the opinion of the commission, poses a threat to the safety and health of citizens using city recreation facilities.

(3) Any person who petitions and his or her exclusionary status is continued by the Mayor and Council may petition again at the end of an additional two-year period for permission to attend and participate in City of Senoia recreation events and activities.

(4) Nothing contained in this section shall imply that the Mayor and Council is ever obligated to lift a person's exclusion from city recreation facilities and in appropriate cases an individual may never be allowed to attend or participate at city recreational facilities and events.

(5) On recommendation of the City Manager or his designee, the Mayor and Council may, in aggravated cases, exclude a person charged with a misdemeanor involving violence or any felony from City of Senoia recreation property pending the outcome of a court's determination of those charges.

(6) Any person excluded from city recreation property for any period of time and who is found to have trespassed on city property during that exclusion shall be banned from use of city recreation facilities for life.

(7) All independent leagues using city recreation facilities shall establish rules governing the conduct of players, coaches and spectators while attending or participating in recreational activities on city property in a form acceptable to the city and shall post or otherwise distribute those rules to all participants.

(Ord. of \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Uses.

The use of outdoor recreation facilities or sports fields is prohibited when, according to the National Weather Service, the following conditions exist:

- (a) A tornado warning or watch;
- (b) A thunderstorm warning or watch;
- (c) A severe weather or winter weather advisory.

NOTE: Leagues must monitor the National Weather Service when conditions exist that may lead to the issuance of any of the above notices.

(Ord. of \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Fishing

Fishing is permitted in Marimac Lakes Park from May 1 through September 30, with the following restrictions:

- (a) A valid Georgia Fishing License for those over the age of 16.
- (b) Children under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed adult.
- (c) There is no fee for residents and employees of the City of Senoia. Non-residents must pay a permit fee of \$10 per day or \$40 per season at Senoia City Hall.
- (d) Fishing in Marimac Lakes Park is for recreational purposes. All fish caught in Marimac Lakes Park must be released back into the lake.
- (e) The City of Senoia reserves the right to hold special fishing events at any time.

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Prohibited.

The following is a list of prohibited items and activity on or about City of Senoia recreation facilities, sports fields, or any surrounding areas being property of the city:

- (a) No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the Stone Lodge at Marimac Lakes Park if a rental agreement has been entered into and beverages are served by a caterer licensed in accordance with Section 6-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Senoia, providing however that no glass, can or bottle is taken out of the building. Alcoholic Beverage will be allowed in accordance with a Special Events Permit as described herein.
- (b) No littering. Waste must be placed in trash receptacles or removed from the premises.
- (c) With the exception of fireworks displays sponsored by the City of Senoia, no explosive substances, including, but not limited to, fireworks are allowed.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm on or about City of Senoia recreation facilities, sports fields, or any surrounding areas in accordance with the authority vested in the City of Senoia by the General Assembly in accordance with

O.C.G.A. § 16-11-173. The carrying of any firearm at a public gathering shall be regulated in accordance with state law.

(e) Pets are prohibited unless the activity is approved by the City Manager. At Merrimac Lakes Park, pets are permitted, however the handler must adhere to the leash law of the City of Senoia and remove all waste created by the pet. At the Seavy Street Park, pets must be on a physical leash of not more than 6 feet.

(f) Skateboards are allowed in designated areas only.

(g) Gambling will not be tolerated.

(h) No smoking allowed unless in parking lots or designated areas.

(i) No player, official, spectator, or coach shall engage in verbal or physical abuse for any reason.

(j) No fighting will be tolerated.

(k) No profanity will be allowed by players, coaches, or spectators.

(l) Rules governing storm warnings and watches will be strictly adhered. All players, coaches and spectators shall leave the field immediately in event of an electrical storm.

(m) In the event of severe weather, the decision will be made by the city employee present as to whether games are played. The decision by the city employee shall be final.

(n) Except as described herein, no admission or entry fees may be charged unless approved by City Manager. All proceeds from these type fees must be applied toward event cost, with complete accounting of all fees collected [and/or] presented to the City Clerk.

(o) No fees shall be charged for parking.

(p) All tournaments must be pre-approved by the Council of the City of Senoia.

(q) During approved tournament events, league officers or designee shall be present at all times.

(r) The sponsoring organization for all tournaments must be pre-approved by the Council of the City of Senoia.

(s) All vendors associated with tournaments, training, or coaching events must be pre-approved by the Council of the City of Senoia.

(t) City of Senoia recreation fields and facilities shall not be used for personal profit or sales.

(u) No glass containers.

(v) No passenger boats, no passenger water crafts.

(w) No swimming.

A violation of this section shall be punished as a misdemeanor in the same manner as are other ordinances of the city with a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and a maximum term of not more than six months in jail.

(Ord. of \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Schedule.

The use of City of Senoia recreation facilities and sports fields will begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 p.m.

(Ord. of \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Independent leagues.

All independent leagues using city of Senoia recreation facilities and sports fields will comply with the following:

(a) Establish rules governing the conduct of players, coaches, umpires/referees, league officials, and spectators that will participate on City of Senoia property.

(b) Before each season, meet with all coaches, league officials, and umpires/referees to discuss City of Senoia regulations for the use of city facilities and sports fields.

(c) Before each season, conduct background checks on all coaches, umpire/referees and league officials.

(d) Meet with city officials prior to beginning each season for the purpose of validating that the requirements as set out above have been satisfied.

(e) Coordinate with and submit schedules of all league activities to the City Manager, including practices, games, make-up games, work days, tournament schedules, and ceremonies that involve the use of City of Senoia facilities and sports fields.

(f) Report any violation of city league rules, policies, or regulations to the City Manager within 24 hours of occurrence with a written report by league officials within 72 hours of occurrence.

(g) Notify the City Manager immediately of any problem with city property or facilities.

(Ord. of \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Special Events Permit.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to issue Special Events Permits for public properties owned by the City of Senoia. In this section a Special Events Permit shall be required for an activity hosted by a private organization or that requires the use of equipment other than that used for catering food for the activity or that requires the closing of any roads or public places. A special events permit allows the sponsor use of the property, in accordance with the approved application, for the duration of the permit.

(a) At least three (3) months prior to the event, all sponsors shall submit to the City Manager the appropriate application fee set by the Mayor and Council and an application that contains the following:

- a. Event Title
- b. Sponsor of Event
- c. Dates and times of event, set up, event start and end times and break down/clean up
- d. Chief officer of sponsor organization
- e. Contact information
- f. Activity Description
- g. Estimated number of participants
- h. Proposed site plan that includes, but is not limited to vehicular and pedestrian ways, tents, booths, vendors, stage, sound equipment, generators, medical treatment facilities, portable restrooms and light equipment. Provision of a minimum twenty foot (20') emergency access shall be provided.

- i. Proposed parking plan shall be submitted with application.
  - j. Description of the proposed safety plan shall be submitted.
  - k. If an entry fee or admission is proposed, the fee shall be provided.
- (b) In the event that an applicant desires to have exclusive use of a facility for a private event, the applicant shall pay a user fee established periodically by the Mayor and Council.
  - (c) Sponsor shall provide liability insurance for the event in the amount of \$1,000,000 and name the City as an additional insured.
  - (d) The sale of alcohol shall be prohibited during the special event unless it is approved by the mayor and Council and in accordance with Section 6-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Senoia, provided however that no glass containers shall be distributed. In the event that a permit is approved, the sponsor shall be required to hire a minimum of two off-duty officers and compensate said officers in accordance with the policies of the City of Senoia Police Department. The Chief of Police has the authority to require more officers if he determines that it is necessary.
  - (e) Temporary signage is permitted for a special event. Prior to the event, the applicant shall submit a plan to the City Manager that contains the design, size and proposed locations of the signage.
  - (f) If admission will be required for spectators, costs and anticipated distributions shall be outlined and justified by the applicant and submitted to the City Manager with the permit application.
  - (g) The sponsor shall be solely responsible for pre-event preparation. Sponsor shall have no expectation of the City to prepare the site for the event. Further, sponsor shall agree to remove all equipment from the City facility within 24 hours after the event.
  - (h) If it has been determined that the event has caused a violation of an ordinance or law, or that the event endangers the participants or spectators, or threatens the peace and dignity of the community, or creates an unmanageable problem for public safety officials, the Chief of Police or his designee shall make every effort to resolve the issue up to and including termination of the event.
  - (i) Civic Organizations registered with the City of Senoia shall be permitted use of a park building on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, as scheduling permits, free of charge. However, each shall be charged a cleaning fee of \$50. For the purpose of this section at least 50% of the Civic Organization shall be residents of the City.
  - (j) (Ord. of \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_)


ARTICLE III. Except as modified by this ordinance, the Code of Senoia, Georgia is hereby restated, ratified and affirmed in its entirety.

ARTICLE IV. Effective Date: JUNE 1, 2015

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second and final reading.

First Reading: April 20, 2015

Second Reading: May 4, 2015

  
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Larry Owens, Mayor