

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF ROSWELL

First Reading: January 22, 2024
Second Reading: February 12, 2024

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN PARKS AND
PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL**

WHEREAS, State law provides that the governing authority of each municipal corporation shall have legislative power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell is committed to providing safe and enjoyable recreational spaces for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this ordinance is in alignment with the City's ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and protect the natural beauty of our parks and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell have become aware that open fires and portable grills throughout designated areas of our parks may pose a significant public health and safety risk; and

WHEREAS, open fires and portable grills, when not properly controlled or managed, can lead to wildfires, injuries, and property damage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell, pursuant to their authority, do hereby adopt the following ordinance:

1.

Chapter 14 Section 14.2.4 - Activities Prohibited in Parks and Public Places.

(17) *River parks and related areas.* In addition to those regulations contained in subsections (a) through (p) of this section, the following regulations apply, unless exempted in writing by the director of the recreation, parks, historic and cultural affairs department or his designee, to the Chattahoochee River Parks, Garrard Landing, Don White Park, Ace Sand, Old Mill Park, Willeo Park, Azalea Park, Riverside Park, Vickery Creek Park, Oxbo Linear Park, Liberty Square Park and Open Space, Leita Thompson Memorial Park, Big Creek Park, Dotsie Garner Mills Park, and any other area which has been designated by the director of the recreation, parks, historic and cultural affairs department or his designated representative, with any discrepancies between subsections (a) through (p) and this subsection to be decided under this subsection:

- a. Park closes one (1) hour after official sunset and opens one (1) hour before official sunrise.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to use park or historic properties for purposes other than intended.
- c. It shall be unlawful to use loudspeakers, bullhorns, public address systems and/or electronic amplifiers/devices without express written consent of the City of Roswell.
- d. All litter and debris shall be collected and bagged and placed at designated locations. Littering and/or dumping is prohibited.

e. Horses and other equine are prohibited from the park.

f. Open fires are prohibited including portable grills and portable fire pits, except within City-installed cooking grills located in designated areas.

g. Pet owners shall remove any excrement left by their pets.

2.

Severability. Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section or part of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

3.

Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are repealed.

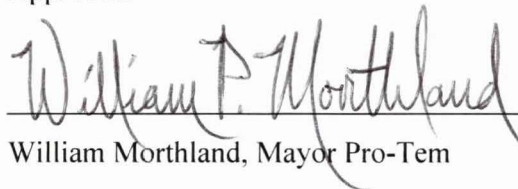
4.

Renumbering. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Roswell, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

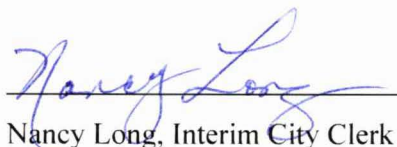
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the day of its adoption, the public welfare demanding it.

The above Ordinance was read and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell, Georgia, on the 12th day of February 2024.

Approved:


William Morthland, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:


Nancy Long, Interim City Clerk

(SEAL)



Finance Department - Liaison Councilmember Christine Hall

Deputy Department Head Georgette McCray

5. Presentation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

RESULT: PRESENTED**Recreation, Parks, Historic & Cultural Affairs Department - Liaison****Councilmember William Morthland**

Department Head Steve Malone

6. Approval of a text amendment to Section 14.2.4, Activities Prohibited in Parks and Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Roswell. (Second Reading)

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Second reading was approved with the following addition in the language:

f. Open fires are prohibited including portable grills and portable fire pits, except within City-installed cooking grills located in designated areas.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CHANGE [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** G. Lee Hills, Councilmember**SECONDER:** David Johnson, Councilmember**IN FAVOR:** Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Sells**Transportation Department - Liaison Councilmember G. Lee Hills**

Department Head Jeffrey Littlefield

7. Approval to convert a portion of Horton Drive from full access at SR-9 / Alpharetta Highway to one-way or southbound entrance only from SR-9 to Horton Drive

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** G. Lee Hills, Councilmember**SECONDER:** Sarah Beeson, Councilmember**IN FAVOR:** Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Sells

8. Approval to update the City of Roswell's Traffic Calming Program policy to incorporate approved types of vertical deflection treatments and permit Transportation to consider and install approved vertical deflection elements into approved City projects moving forward

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** G. Lee Hills, Councilmember**SECONDER:** Sarah Beeson, Councilmember