

ORDINANCE NO. 14-20

ORDINANCE: To amend Chapter 14 of the Rockville City Code, entitled "Parks and Recreation" so as to Amend the Animals; Malicious mischief, damage, etc; Operating hours; and Traffic regulations Sections Contained in Article III to Allow for the Establishment of a City Managed Deer Culling Program on City Park Property

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, as follows:

SECTION I – That Chapter 14 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Parks and Recreation" be amended as follows:

#### **Chapter 14**

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **ARTICLE III. PARK RULES**

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#### **Sec. 14-37 – Animals.**

- (a) A person may not catch, injure, destroy or interfere in any way with birds, squirrels, or any wild animals, unless as part of a City-managed deer culling program and in accordance with the terms of the program and all applicable laws and regulations.

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#### **Sec. 14-49 - ~~Malicious mischief, damage, etc.~~ Damage to park property.**

(a) A person may not:

- (1) Cut, break into, injure, deface or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, wall, fence, bench, sign or other structure, apparatus, or property;
- (2) Pluck, pull up, cut, take or remove any shrub, bush, plant, flower or sign;
- (3) Mark or write upon any building, fence, bench, sign or other structure;

(4) Climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railings, fences or any other property not designated for such purposes;

(5) Cut or remove any wood, turf, grass, soil, rock, sand or gravel.

(b) This section does not apply to the installation and use of a portable deer stand by a person participating in a City-managed deer culling program in accordance with the terms of the program and all applicable laws and regulations.

#### **Sec. 14-50. - Operating hours.**

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(b) All City parks shall be closed between sunset and sunrise, except as provided below:

(1) That part of City parks artificially illuminated for the purpose of conducting athletic activities including that part necessary for parking, ingress and egress, shall remain open until 11:00 p.m. during the entire year to persons utilizing same for such purposes;

(2) Buildings in City parks including grounds specified in a permit and such additional park grounds as may be necessary for parking, ingress and egress to such buildings shall remain open to persons utilizing the buildings and grounds under a permit until 2:00 a.m. when such buildings are in use for activities authorized in advance by the City Manager or his designee by a permit;-

(3) That part of City parks subject to a City-managed deer culling program shall be open to participants of the program as specified by the terms of the program.

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#### **Section 14-53 – Traffic regulations.**

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(b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas, except that a person may operate a motor vehicle on other areas as authorized in writing by the Director of Recreation and Parks.

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SECTION II – This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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NOTE:       ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates material deleted.  
              Underlining indicates material added.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of June 22, 2020.

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

City Clerk/Director of Council Operation