

## ORDINANCE 98-43

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTINUED PRESERVATION OF MILLS PARK AS A FAMILY PARK AND NATURAL AREA, A PROHIBITION FOR UTILIZATION OF THE PARK AS AN AREA FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS, FOR PROTECTION OF FLORA AND FAUNA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City of Bryant and its present and future citizens to keep the area in its natural state for the enjoyment of walking, jogging, bicycling, swimming, tennis, picnics, family gatherings, festivals, and children's playgrounds; and to preserve the area and its natural beauty and protected natural areas, now therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS;

SECTION ONE: That it shall be unlawful for any person to remove any plants, shrubs, flowers, or fauna from Mills Park. It shall also be unlawful to trim or cut existing trees and shrubs.

SECTION TWO: It shall be unlawful to throw trash, bottles, or cans or other debris in any area of Mills Park.

SECTION THREE: It shall be unlawful to park or drive any vehicle in any unauthorized area of Mills Park.

SECTION FOUR: It shall be unlawful to destroy, mar, mark, vandalize or damage any public facility provided for the community in Mills Park.

SECTION FIVE: Violation of sections one through four of this ordinance shall be an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment for up to 90 days or by both imprisonment and a fine.

SECTION SIX: That it is the intent of this ordinance to keep Mills Park in its present natural state of trees, trails and plants with protection of the natural fauna. Live trees shall not be cut or removed unless it is done so to clean up natural destruction or to protect or prevent a potentially dangerous situation.

SECTION SEVEN: That organized athletic fields shall not be established, built, or otherwise provided for in Mills Park with the exception of tennis courts, swimming pool, volleyball, and basketball courts.

SECTION EIGHT: That it is the intent of the City to make Mills Park a protected natural area that will be user friendly to the citizens of Bryant without the destruction of the natural area and all efforts should be developed toward this end.

SECTION NINE: It is also the intent that to obtain this objective, playgrounds, playground equipment, pavilions, and bathroom facilities shall be improved and kept in a condition that makes them useful and available to the public, and that to insure these conditions, certain shrubs, trees, or brush may have to be removed, but only as a last resort to protect the playgrounds, equipment, or bathroom facilities and then only with the approval of the Parks Commission and a variance to this ordinance granted by the City Council.

Roy Bridges  
Mayor

November 23, 1998  
Date

ATTEST:

Wanda Smith  
CITY CLERK