

CITY OF HELENA ORDINANCE NO. 827-13

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, DEFINING APPLICABLE TERMS, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS, PERTAINING TO THE USE OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND THE BUCK CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HELENA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

PARKS AND RECREATION REGULATIONS

Sec. 1-1 - Designation of park facilities; authority of director.

Sec. 1-1.1 - Definitions.

Sec. 1-2.2 - Use regulations for all parks

Sec. 1-3.3 -Penalties for Violations of Ordinance

Sec. 1-1 - Designation of park facilities; authority of director.

The Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to designate park facilities within the city as athletic parks, lake parks, multiuse parks, or passive or playground parks, and the following rules and regulations shall be applicable to each of the said facilities upon such designation.

Sec. 1-1.1 - Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless context clearly indicates otherwise:

Athletic parks: A park where organized sporting events, sponsored by either a non-profit or for profit entity or organization, are held.

Passive or playground parks: A park designated primarily for the use by children and supervising adults.

Buck Creek Trail System: A multiuse trail system designated by the city for the use, enjoyment, and preservation of its condition, with improvements of parking areas and designated multiuse trails maintained by the city.

Sec. 1-2.2 - Use regulations—All parks.

(a) No person shall deposit any trash or debris within any of such park facilities except in trash receptacles provided therefor.

(b) No person shall operate any motorized vehicle at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(c) No vehicle shall be parked in any areas except those areas designated for parking, and only during hours the facility is open.

(d) No person shall operate any motor driven cycle or all-terrain vehicle on jogging tracks, ball fields, or the Buck Creek Trail system.

(e) No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverages within the limits of any such park facility within the city except for specially permitted, organized, and scheduled events which have received written approval from the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Mayor.

(f) No person shall remain on any portion of the premises designated hereunder after 11:00 p.m. on each day or thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the last scheduled event.

(g) No person shall possess or carry any weapons, firearms, fireworks, or explosive devices within the area of any such park facility. This does not apply to duly authorized law enforcement officials.

(h) Any pets brought within the limits of any such facility shall be kept upon a leash and under control at all times.

(i) No person shall use any athletic fields within such facility for practices for organized sports without having first obtained an approved reservation therefor.

(j) No person, firm, or corporation shall solicit the contributions or activities of any persons utilizing said facilities without written permission from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(k) No person shall camp upon any of the facilities so described herein without written permission issued by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(l) No person shall swim in any of the lakes within any of the limits of the parks designated as lake parks hereunder.

(m) No person shall plant or remove any flowers or shrubbery from such park without written permission having been first obtained from the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Mayor.

(n) No person shall act in a loud or unruly manner, or exhibit behavior deemed unfit for public areas.

(o) No person shall camp upon any of the facilities so described herein without a permit issued by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(p) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or use any containers which are subject to break, shatter, fracture, or become fragmented, including, but not limited to, glass.

(q) It shall be unlawful to gather firewood, build a campfire, or burn any material within the parks.

(r) All public safety vehicles, city maintenance vehicles, and emergency vehicles are excluded from this ordinance during the performance of their duties.

Sec. 1-3.3 – Penalties for Violations of Ordinance

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) at the discretion of the Judge.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 1 DAY OF July, 2013.

[SEAL]



ATTEST:

Amanda C. Traywick
Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk

Mark R. Hall
Mark R. Hall, Mayor

Leigh Hulsey
Leigh Hulsey, Council Member

Mike Jones
Mike Jones, Council Member

Cris A. Nelson
Cris A. Nelson, Council Member

Leslie Bartlett
Leslie Bartlett, Council Member

Harold Woodman
Harold Woodman, Council Member

**STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY**

I, Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk of the City of Helena, do hereby certify that the above is a true correct copy of **Ordinance Number 827-13** duly adopted by the Council of the City of Helena at its meeting held 1 day of July, 2013, and as same appears of record in the ordinance records of said City, and approved by the Mayor and City Council on 1 day of July, 2013.

Given under my hand and corporate seal of the City of Helena, this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

[SEAL]



Amanda C Traywick
Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Amanda C. Traywick, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City of Helena, Alabama, do hereby certify that the within Ordinance Number **827-13** is a true copy as recited in the said City Clerk's Minute Book and posted by me as provided by law in three public places in said City, being on the bulletin board of the City Hall, in the BP Coosa Mart in the City of Helena, and in the Helena Public Library in said City, that said Ordinance shall become a duly lawful Ordinance of said City on the 1 day of July, 2013, five or more days after the posting of the same as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 6 day of July, 2013.

[SEAL]



Amanda C Traywick
Amanda C. Traywick, City Clerk