

Introduced by: City Manager Wallace
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Ordinance No. 17-002

An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 12.24.025.E. Regarding Firearms in City Parks, Amending 12.24.025.J. Animals in Parks and Recreational Facilities, Adding 12.24.025.M. Establishing Hours During Which Parks are Closed, Amending 12.24.025.N Establishing Quiet Hours in Parking and Amending 12.24.030 to Update Park Use Permits Process

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Chapter 12.24.025 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

12.24.025 General rules.

The following general rules govern the public use of parks:

- A. A person may not cut, pick or damage trees, flowers or other vegetation in a park.
- B. A person may not camp in a park except in an area and at a time designated in a permit issued by the manager or designee.
- C. A person may not light, build, use or maintain an open fire or portable camp stove in a park except in a receptacle or area designated for that use. A person may not leave an open fire or operating portable camp stove unattended. A person may not use a flammable liquid other than charcoal lighting fluid to start or accelerate a fire.
- D. A person may not sell or consume any alcoholic beverage in a park, playground or recreational facility except the clubroom of the Palmer golf course and the Palmer ice arena.

- E. ~~A~~ ~~No person may use or discharge~~ ~~not possess~~ a firearm or similar device ~~in or into~~ a park except:
- ~~1. A peace officer acting within the scope and authority of the officer's employment; or~~
 - ~~2. A person carrying a concealed handgun in accordance with AS 18.65.700 through 18.65.790, and carrying a valid permit under such statutes; or~~
 3. 2. A person participating in a public demonstration under a permit issued for that purpose by the manager or the manager's designee.
- F. A person shall not shoot a bow and arrow in a park except in an area designated for archery activities by the manager or the manager's designee.
- G. A person may not discharge fireworks in a park except in accordance with a permit issued under PMC 8.42.050.
- H. A person may not operate, or stop, stand or park, a motorized vehicle in a park except:
1. In an area designed for the use, and in a manner permitted by the designation;
 2. As permitted under a use permit issued under PMC 12.24.030; or
 3. Construction, enforcement, maintenance or emergency vehicles operated by the state, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the City or their respective contractors.
- I. Where the operation of motor vehicles is permitted in a park, motor vehicles shall be operated in accordance with posted speed limits, in a prudent and safe manner, and at a speed not exceeding 10 miles per hour in parking areas.
- J. A person may not bring an animal into a park or recreational facility except:
1. An animal that is in an area that has been posted for use by domesticated animals;
 2. A service animal, guide dog, or signal dog individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability with proper documentation; or
 3. An animal that is under the direct control of a peace officer or emergency responder performing official duties, and trained to assist in performing those duties.
 4. As permitted under a use permit issued under PMC 12.24.030.
- K. A person having control or supervision of an animal that excretes feces in a park shall immediately collect and properly dispose of the feces.
- L. A person may not deposit litter or waste, or water, sewage or effluent from sinks, portable toilets or other plumbing fixtures, directly upon the surface of land or water in a park.
- M. Parks shall be closed at 11:00 p.m. each night until 6:00 a.m. the following morning and no person shall remain therein during said hours.
- N. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. no person in a city park shall disturb other persons by making loud noise, including the use of radio or other sound amplifying device or loud voice in violation of Palmer Municipal Code 8.36.020.F or 8.36.025.A.

Section 4. Chapter 12.24.030 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken):

12.24.030 Use permits.


- A. Park use permits for vendors, use of motor vehicles, animals and camping will be issued by the manager or designee and will address such issues as litter, sanitary facilities, damage, crowd control, traffic control, noise, hours of use, insurance and public notice. Permit fees will be established by council and revised from time to time.

- B. User permits for baseball, softball and soccer fields will be issued by the city department of community services to the various organizations using the fields, and will address the user's responsibilities, including insurance, trash removal and sanitary facilities.

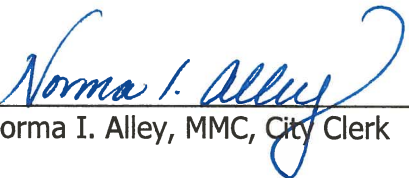
- C. All organizations or individuals purchasing ice time from the Palmer ice arena are required to have a use agreement issued by the City department of community services.

Section 5. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 17-002 shall take effect upon adoption by the City of Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska this 28th day of February, 2017.



Edna B. DeVries, Mayor



Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk