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**2025-002-O: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER THIRTEEN OF THE TOWN OF SELMA CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Selma Parks and Recreation Department has initiated text amendment(s) to Chapter 13 of the Town Code of Ordinances to update the applicable sections related to Park Regulations and amenities; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 24, 2025, the Town of Selma Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the amendment(s) and unanimously recommended to the Planning Board and Council as presented; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 24, 2025, the Town of Selma Planning Board reviewed the amendment(s) and unanimously recommended to Council as presented; and

**WHEREAS,** On April 8, 2025, the Town of Selma Town Council reviewed the formal amendment(s) and unanimously voted to approve all proposals as submitted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:**

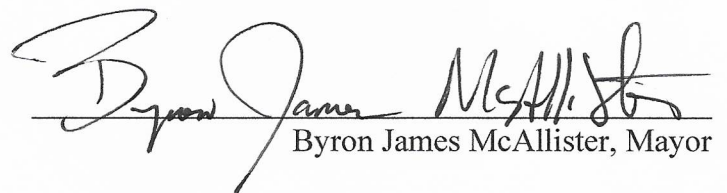
**Section 1.** The Town of Selma Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to read as described in **Exhibit 1**.

**Section 2.** The Clerk is hereby authorized to insert such amendments into the official Code of Ordinances of the Town of Selma kept on file in the Office of the Clerk.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.



ATTEST:

  
Byron James McAllister, Mayor

  
Dalton Larsen-Batten, Town Clerk

- MUNICIPAL CODE  
Chapter 13 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS  
ARTICLE V. PARK REGULATIONS

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*DIVISION 1. GENERALLY*

**Sec. 13-120. Town-owned recreation parks and facilities established.**

The ~~city~~ town council hereby establishes the following town-owned parks and facilities to be utilized for the purpose of public recreation. These parks and facilities are for use through approved recreation programs as authorized by the ~~city~~ town council and the ~~city~~ town manager in accordance with all town ordinances and such policies, rules and regulations as may be adopted pursuant to this chapter:

- (1) M. Brack Wilson Park;
- ~~(2) Jaycee Park;~~
- (2) Raiford Street Park;
- (3) Sumner Street Park;
- (4) Edgebrook Park;
- (5) Richard B. Harrison Athletic Complex
- ~~(6) Lizzie Street Park.~~
- (6) Selma Civic Center

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-121. Hours of operation.**

All parks and facilities shall close ~~by sundown from dusk~~ until ~~sunrise dawn~~ unless specific authorization is given by the ~~city~~ town manager or ~~his~~ their authorized designee. Normal hours of operation shall be from ~~sunrise dawn~~ to ~~sunset dusk~~. Special hours of operation shall be established from time to time by the ~~city~~ town manager or ~~his~~ their designee and shall be conspicuously posted as may be appropriate. Hours of operation may be extended to accommodate Selma Parks and Recreation athletics and events. Private rentals of the town facilities may operate past the typical hours of operation but must conclude by midnight.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-122. Permitted activities—Daytime.**

During daytime hours, activities will be based primarily on free play through use of the children's activity areas (swings, climbers, etc.), ~~basketball (multi-purpose) courts, pickleball courts, tennis courts, and baseball/football fields~~ fields, courts, and additional facilities.

At the ~~Jaycee Park located at 306 North Raiford Street, Raiford Street Park located at 808 South Raiford Street, Sumner Street Park located at 500 South Sumner Street and Lizzie Street Park located at 805 East Lizzie Street,~~ any town designated park or facility only persons twelve (12) years of age or younger are permitted on the playground equipment, as facilities are only designed for use of that age group and are hereby designated as children's playgrounds. Young children must be supervised by an older child or adult, with a maximum of two (2)

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~~supervisors per child allowed on the playground equipment. Young children must be supervised by an older child or adult with a limit of two (2) such persons people for each child.~~

~~At Harry W. Blackley, Sr., Park at Harrison Campus, only persons eighteen (18) years of age or younger are permitted, as facilities are only designated for use of that age group and are hereby designated as a youth playground. Youths should be accompanied by not more than one (1) adult.~~

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1; Ord. of 4-12-94, § 1; Ord. of 9-10-02(1), § 1)

### **Sec. 13-123. Same—Nighttime.**

- (a) There will be scheduled activities, sanctioned by the parks and recreation department, taking place on the ~~baseball/football field~~ **fields and courts** during ~~the~~ **their** respective seasons. These activities will take priority over any others and may last past normal park closing hours.
- (b) **Private rentals, sanctioned by the parks and recreation department, may occur throughout the year and occur past normal parks and facility closing hours.**
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to be present on the premises of town park and recreation facilities outside of the posted normal hours of operation, except for town employees conducting town business thereon and for emergency personnel and law enforcement personnel on official business.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive, park or otherwise operate or leave unattended any type of vehicle on the premises of town park and recreation facilities outside of posted normal hours of operation, except for town employees conducting town business thereon and for emergency personnel and law enforcement personnel on official business.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Secs. 13-124—13-129. Reserved.**

## *DIVISION 2. RESTRICTIONS*

### **Sec. 13-130. Advertising.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or erect any structure, sign, bulletin board, post, pole or advertising device of any kind whatever in any park, or to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire or cord to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, post or structure within any park, except as the same may be authorized by the ~~city~~ **town** manager or ~~his~~ **their** designee.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Sec. 13-131. Alcoholic beverages.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or to display publicly any alcoholic beverage in any park; and it shall be unlawful for any person under the influence of alcoholic beverages to enter or remain in any park.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

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**Sec. 13-132. Animals—Running at large.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit any horses, dogs or other animals to run at large in any park; and it shall be unlawful to ride horses in any park.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-133. ~~Same—Molesting~~ Animal Cruelty.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to trap, catch, wound or kill or cause to be injured, treated cruelly or teased or attempt to trap, catch, wound, injure, kill or tease any bird or animal; or to rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land owned by the town.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-134. Destruction of park property.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, monument, statue, planter, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, tree, plant or any other property in any park.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-135. Disorderly conduct.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any boisterous or insulting language or to be guilty of disorderly conduct of any kind in any park.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-136. Dumping.**

No person shall deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place or cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, soil or earth, paper, garbage, refuse, debris, plant clippings, limbs or leaves in or upon any park or park land or any watercourse, lake, pond or slough within any park lands.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-137. Excavations.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to make an excavation in any park for any purpose without written permission from the city manager or his designee.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-138. Firearms.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, except duly authorized town employees in the course of their duties, to shoot, fire or explode or cause to be shot, fired or exploded any firearm, including but not limited to toy

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pistols, toy guns or other toy arms designed to forcibly hurl a projectile or missile, at any time or under any circumstances within any park or to carry any firearms in any park.

- (b) Archery equipment, slingshots or other similar devices may be shot or discharged only in those areas within the park which may be specifically set aside for such purposes by the ~~city~~ **town** manager and so posted.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Sec. 13-139. Fires.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to make or kindle a fire in any park except in a regularly-constructed or appropriate portable fireplace or grill. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any fire unattended or to fail to completely extinguish a fire and all embers thereof before leaving such fire.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Sec. 13-140. Gambling.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct or carry on any game of chance at which money, property or any other thing of value is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, in any park.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Sec. 13-141. Games and sports.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to play football, golf, baseball or other games of like character in any area in any park when signs are posted in such areas specifically prohibiting such games.
- (b) At no time and under no circumstances shall such games be played in such proximity to playground equipment or park structures as to threaten harm to persons using the park or damage to the park structures.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Sec. 13-142. Indecent behavior.**

No person shall make indecent or vulgar motions or do any indecent or vulgar acts whatever or exhibit any indecent, vulgar or lewd articles or pictures in view of any person within any parks in the town.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

### **Sec. 13-143. Plant material tampering.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to dig, cut, bruise, mutilate or cause to be transplanted, cut, bruised, debarked or mutilated any plant material of all and any description within any park land.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

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**Sec. 13-144. Selling, peddling, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in soliciting, peddling, begging or selling goods or merchandise or to sell, hawk or vend food or drink within the parks unless written authorization is given by the city-town manager or their designee and unless such selling, peddling, soliciting, etc., is in accordance with other applicable provisions of this article and state and local laws and regulations.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Sec. 13-145. Vehicle usage.**

- (a) The term "motor vehicle" is hereby defined to include, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, minibikes, go-carts, motor bikes, motorcycles or any other self-propelled motorized vehicle.
- (b) The term "other vehicle" is hereby defined to include, but is not limited to, bicycles.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or propel any motor vehicle or other vehicle in, over or through any park, except along and upon regularly-established roadways and parking lots.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit the parking of any vehicle anywhere, except upon designated parking areas authorized by the town manager or his designee.

(Ord. of 1-14-92, § 1)

**Secs. 13-146—13-155. Reserved.**