

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: June 2, 2015
Public Hearing: June 9, 2015

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Tracy Novak, Director (212-1708)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments;

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places), Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas), 13.24.040 (Hours of Closure), to authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to extend hours of operation.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Chapter 13.24.040 requires that City Council authorize extension of park hours for use. A recent review of City Council agenda items revealed a number of requests to extend the hours of use at park facilities throughout the year. Administratively it is more efficient and cost effective for the Director of Parks and Recreation to be given the authority to extend hours of operation typically for park rentals, and to expedite the permitting process.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

13.24.040 - Hours of Closure, approved by City Council July 31, 2012.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____ *T. Novak*

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 (STREETS SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES), CHAPTER 13.24 (CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS), 13.24.040 (HOURS OF CLOSURE), TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO EXTEND HOURS OF OPERATION.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. Title 13 (Streets Sidewalks and Public Places), Chapter 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas), 13.24.040 (Hours of Closure) is amended to read as follows:

13.24.040 - Hours of closure.

- A. All city parks, except as provided herein, shall be closed to the public every night from October 1 through April 30 each year between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and every night from May 1 through September 30 each year between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted in accordance with department policies. Parks in the downtown management district, however, shall remain open until 1:00 a.m. Any request that a city park remain open past 10:00 p.m. from October 1 through April 30 or past 11:00 p.m. from May 1 through September 30, or a city park within the downtown management district remain open past 1:00 a.m. shall require a temporary permit issued by the director in accordance with Section 13.24.030. In granting such permit, the director may impose whatever conditions he deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.
- B. Recreational centers, senior citizen centers, athletic fields, meeting halls, McKelligon Amphitheatre, reserves, and park shelters may be allowed to remain open until 1:00 a.m., as department of parks and recreation policies may prescribe. Any request that the aforementioned facilities remain open past 1:00 a.m. shall require a temporary permit issued by the director in accordance with Section 13.24.030. In granting such permit, the director may impose whatever conditions he deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.
- C. This section shall not apply to the following persons if in the park or facility in the performances of their duties: peace officers, physicians, ambulance operators or attendants, employees of the city, and employees of public utility companies.
- D. In the case of parks through which there are dedicated streets used for general travel (that is, not merely for access to the interior of the park), this section shall not apply to persons traveling through the park on such dedicated streets.
- E. A person may appeal the director's decision in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 13.24.030.

2. Except as herein amended, the El Paso City Code remains in full force and effect.

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PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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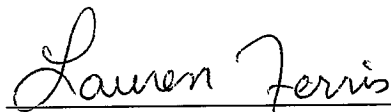
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Mayor

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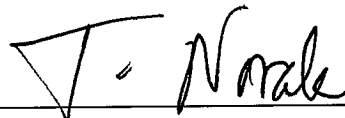
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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lauren K. Ferris
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Tracy A. Novak, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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