

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATIVE TO PARK OPERATING HOURS
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 22 (Parks and Recreation) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hammond as provided below relative to the operations and restrictions upon the parks operated by the City.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hammond that Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances be amended so that Sections 22-1, 22-2 and 22-5 shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 22 PARKS AND RECREATION

Section 22-1. – Hours.

(a) All parks operated by the City shall be open from “dawn” until “dusk” (as defined below), except that for activities approved by the City in such a park, the park shall close one-half hour after the approved activity is scheduled to end.

(b) The term “dawn” is defined as the time each morning when daylight first begins, specifically the first appearance of daylight just before sunrise. The term “dusk” is defined as the time each evening just before daylight ends, specifically between sunset and darkness.

(c) During the hours that the parks operated by the City are closed, no unauthorized personnel shall trespass upon park property and violators trespassing thereon during such hours shall be prosecuted under the trespass ordinances and statutes of the City and the State.

Section 22-2. – Parking or loitering in parks restricted.

The parking of any type of vehicle and the loitering of persons is hereby prohibited in any park operated by the City while it is closed.

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Section 22-5. – Traffic in parks.

(a) Except as provided below, all motor vehicular traffic in all parks operated by the City shall be prohibited when the park is closed.

(b) Motor vehicle traffic is only allowed in Zemurray Park during the operating hours of the park and during activities approved by the City.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of signature by the Mayor.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been introduced at a public meeting of the Hammond city council, discussed at a public hearing of said Council and was submitted to an official vote of the Hammond city council.

On motion of _____ and seconded by _____, the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on this ___ day of _____, 2013, by the following roll call vote:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Johnny Blount	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jason Hood	_____	_____	_____	_____
Robert "Bobby" Martin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lemar Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mike Williams	_____	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

Clerk, Hammond City Council

Jason Hood, President
Hammond City Council

INTRODUCED: _____, 2013

PUBLISHED: _____, 2013

ADOPTED: _____, 2013

DELIVERED TO MAYOR: _____, 2013

APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____, 2013

RECEIVED FROM MAYOR: _____, 2013