PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

6/27/2024

The parks of the Recreation and Parks District # 3 of Livingston Parish (PARDS) are established and maintained as areas of recreation and enjoyment for all citizens of the parish. It is the responsibility of PARDS to ensure proper use of park property, safety and equitable access. The following policies have been developed to govern all activities conducted at PARDS parks.

General Park Rules:

A. Commercial, religious, civic, or political groups must request the use of parks and facilities for events and activities following the same procedures as other groups. If a group desires to use a park for commercial, religious, civic, or political reasons and has participants, then the groups may rent a park site and coordinate through the PARDS Policy (rental information available online at pardsla.com). All events and activities of a commercial, religious, civic, or political nature must comply with all PARDS policies, local ordinances, and state laws. Any assembly of 20 or more people not engaged in a structured recreational activity can be disbanded and members of group removed from park property by PARDS staff or law enforcement.

B. All PARDS parks have posted hours of operation. No unauthorized person(s) is allowed on park grounds nor may activities be held before or after posted hours without prior written permission from PARDS.

C. No pets allowed on park grounds. Dogs are allowed at the South Park Dog Park located at 7510 Vincent Dr.

D. No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto or sold on PARDS properties unless prior approval by PARDS and have met all required park policies and state & local laws.

E. Gambling or games of chance are prohibited on PARDS property.

F. Firearms, explosives and weapons of any type are prohibited in all park areas.

G. Fireworks of any type are prohibited in all parks without permit and PARDS approval.

H. Smoking/vaping of tobacco products are not permitted in public parks.

I. Amplified music, sound systems and voice amplification devices are not permitted without written consent from PARDS. Personal music players are allowed but at no time can music interfere with other programs on site or the immediate surroundings.

J. Use of fire is prohibited except in grills. Grill must not be left unattended and shall be fully extinguished before leaving. All charcoal from grills, grease from fryers, etc. must be taken with you when you leave. Dumping of charcoal, grease or impure water onto park grounds is prohibited.

K. Seafood boils are prohibited at all parks without written approval from PARDS.

L. All parks are gated for safety and to prevent vehicles from driving onto grass or in unauthorized areas. No vehicles are allowed outside designated parking spaces. Driving off park roads or through PARDS service gates is prohibited.

M. Parking of commercial vehicles, buses, freight carrying vehicles and RV's on park property at any time is prohibited without prior written approval from PARDS. Overnight stays and camping are not allowed on park grounds without written approval from PARDS.

N. Motorized recreational vehicles of any type or size are prohibited in PARDS parks, including but not limited to, trails, sidewalks, grass areas, lakes and ponds basketball court, tennis/pickleball courts.

O. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc. are prohibited on walking trails, cart paths, tracks, tennis/pickleball courts, basketball courts and sport complexes.

P. Sale of merchandise, food and beverage, solicitation of fees or donations, or conducting any type of business or event, including distribution of flyers, signs or other advertising mediums is prohibited without written permission from PARDS.

Q. Golf practice is not allowed on any designated recreational sport fields or complex.

R. Picnic pavilions are free of charge but require a reservation. Reservation for all pavilions can be obtained at the Anthony "Tony" Dugas Recreation Center or by calling (225) 665-5405. The proof of the reservation is required during the date and time of the event. Pavilions are first come first serve, if unoccupied, without a prior reservation. The user, without proof of reservation, must vacate pavilion upon arrival of the reserved party.

S. Areas designated for PARDS organized sports or events are reserved for exclusive PARDS use during league scheduled practices and game times. Availability for use or rental can be obtained by calling (225) 665-6505.

T. Designated areas and sport complexes are restricted for any use if PARDS deems playing surface or field conditions are unplayable or at risk of damage to the property.

U. Trash receptacles are for park use and not for residential or commercial off-site generated waste.

V. All posted speed limit and no parking signs must be obeyed.

W. Foul language, inappropriate behavior, damage to property, drug use and fighting are prohibited on park grounds.

X. Noncompliance of posted signs within the parks and website shall be enforced by PARDS staff or law enforcement which may result in the immediate expulsion or banning from park property.

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on June 27, 2024 a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage July 11, 2024 on Motion of Billy Taylor and seconded by Ryan Chavers:

L.P. ORDINANCE 24-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54 "PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 54-1 "RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE PARISH PARK" IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH, AS FOLLOWS.

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation districts throughout Livingston Parish are for the enjoyment and betterment of all Livingston Parish residents, and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation districts within Livingston Parish must provide a safe and wholesome environment for all Livingston Parish residents, and

WHEREAS, The Livingston Parish Council has appointed board members which in turn have appointed a Parks Director to employee rules and regulations to ensure the safety, health and welfare of all residents of this Parish.

WHEREAS, The Director and board members of all recreation districts would like to have the rules, regulations, and policies of these recreation districts enforced by local law enforcement.

WHEREAS, by the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana: That all rules, regulations, and policies that are voted on by the Parks and Recreation district board members, passed by resolution of the Livingston Parish Council, and posted within plain sight must be adhered to by all visitors that are located on the premises of all Parks and Recreation Districts. These rules, regulations, and policies shall be enforced by the local law enforcement.

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any course of conduct, or participate in any activity in any park, after he or she is advised by a park employee or agent having authority to regulate or manage the area, that such conduct or participation is unreasonably and unnecessarily hazardous to the personal safety of said person or another person, or impairs or limits the lawful use and enjoyment of the facility or area by other persons. All Parks and Recreation Districts reserve the right to permanently ban anyone from any and/or all Parks and Recreation District parks, if he/she does not abide by posted rules and regulations. Law enforcement with arresting authority in the jurisdiction shall, in connection with their duties imposed by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and may issue citations, arrest, and/or remove and/or ban from parks any person acting in violation of this Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council of Livingston Parish, Louisiana: Section 54-1, "Restrictions on use of Parks" of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Livingston, Louisiana is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54-1 – Restrictions on use of the Parish park.

All rules, regulations, and policies that are voted on by the Parks and Recreation district board members, passed by resolution of the Livingston Parish Council, and posted within plain sight must be adhered to by all visitors that are located on the premises of all Parks and Recreation Districts. These rules, regulations, and policies shall be enforced by the local law enforcement.

(a) *Permit.* Any person, group, association or organization wishing to stay or camp overnight must obtain a permit from the Parish Council.

(b) *Glass containers.* No glass containers are allowed in the park.

(c) *Penalty.* Any person violating any of the provisions herein shall, upon conviction, be fined no more than one hundred dollars ($100.00), or no more than seven (7) days of community service, or both, at the discretion of the court, for each offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Livingston Parish Council, governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, that if any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Livingston Parish Council that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be as prescribed by law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. WATTS

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 11th day of July 2024.

/s/ John Wascom
John Wascom, Council Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Sandy C. Teal
Sandy Teal, Council Clerk

/s/ Randy Delatte
Randy Delatte, Parish President