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# NOTICE OF STUDY SESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY CITY COUNCIL

Public Notice is hereby given that a Study Session of the City Council of University City will be held on **Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**, at City Hall, fifth floor, 6801 Delmar, University City, MO.

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear face coverings. To provide for social distancing during Council meetings **in-person public attendance will be limited to the first 25 people.**

Citizen may also observe the Meeting via Live Stream on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyN1EJ-Q22918E9EZimWoQ>

## **AGENDA**

Requested by the City Manager

1. Meeting called to order
2. Changes to Regular Agenda
3. Park Ordinances and Policies
4. Adjournment

Posted this 19<sup>th</sup> day November, 2021.

LaRette Reese  
City Clerk



# PARK ORDINANCES & POLICIES

NOVEMBER 22, 2021

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# PHILOSOPHY

The City of University is ever mindful that the public parks and facilities of the community are held in trust by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department for the use and enjoyment of the general public and this use and enjoyment is a valuable right of the general public, nearby park residents, and normal activities within the parks and facilities. For these reasons, the City of University City intends to make the parks and facilities available for various uses.

# CONDITIONS

So that the philosophy stated above shall not be misunderstood, the use of the City of University City parks and facilities shall be restricted by certain conditions which are specified in the Ordinances and Policies of the City of University City.



## CONTROL OF THE PARKS

The Parks Commission shall recommend to establish all needful Ordinances, Rules and Regulations and Policies for the government and protection of parks, facilities and trails.

# ORDINANCES

The City has limited Ordinances that directly relate to Parks, Recreation and Forestry:

1. Section 120.1040 – City Forester and Urban Forestry Commission
2. Section 120.040 – Park Commission
3. Section 115.260 – Donations for Parks & Recreation
4. Section 115.260 - Closing for City Parks
5. Section 115.270 - Parks and Recreation Facilities Designated
6. Section 505.120 - Trees and Shrubs

# ORDINANCES CONTINUED

The City has Ordinances that indirectly relate to Parks, Recreation and Forestry:

1. Section 215.770 – Panhandling
2. Section 215.1870 – Drinking in Public
3. Section 215.2320 – Selling Confections Near Schools and Parks
4. Section 505-110 – News Box Distributions



## **CURRENT ORDINANCE**

### **SECTION 115.260 – CLOSING TIME FOR PARKS**

All City parks shall be closed to the use of the public between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and the hour of 5:00 A.M. on each succeeding day except Ackert Park which closes at dark. Any person within the confines of any City park between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided however, the Director of Public Works and Parks is authorized to issue a permit for a date certain to any applicant upon application thereof; such permit may include the applicant and members of the applicant's group, and the use of the park thereunder may be authorized until the hour of 12:00 Midnight.



# ORDINANCE CHANGE

## SECTION 115.260 – CLOSING TIME FOR PARKS

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Police Department along with the support of the Parks Commission recommend that the ordinance be changed:

1. Adams, Eastgate, Greensfelder, Welsch, Metcalfe, Mooney, Rabe, and Ruth Woods Parks shall be open to the public for use between one-half hour prior to sunrise and one-half hour after sunset each succeeding day.
2. Ackert, Flynn, Fogerty, Heman, Kaufman, Lewis, Majerus, Millar Park and the Dog Park shall be open to the public for use between 5:00 am and 10:30 pm each succeeding day.
3. Ruth Park Golf Course shall only be open to the public for use during posted hours of operation.

# ORDINANCE CHANGE

## SECTION 215.2310 – SELLING CONFECTIONS NEAR SCHOOLS AND PARKS PROHIBITED

- a. It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer or expose for sale any lunch or candy, ice cream or other confection whatsoever on the streets, alleys or public places in the City within three hundred (300) feet of any public or parochial school or public park, or within any public park within the City. Excluding Ruth Park **Golf Course** and the Heman Park Community Center, exception is made as to any regularly licensed **or permitted** concessionaire acting by and under the authority and regulation of the Director of Parks, **Recreation and Forestry**.
- b. For the purpose of this Section, the words “*public or parochial school*” shall be taken to mean and include any school yard and any athletic field or stadium maintained or operated by or in connection with any public or parochial school.
- c. **Utilize any City park or facility to conduct any private or group instruction/lesson or conduct a service for private or commercial gain without obtaining a permit through the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.**

# ORDINANCE CHANGE

## SECTION 215.1870 – DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES PROHIBITED

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Police Department along with the support of the Parks Commission recommend that the ordinance be changed:

- a. No Person shall drink any intoxicating liquor in or on the streets, sidewalks, parkways, alleys, or parking lots of the City, or any other outdoor area open to the public for vehicular or pedestrian, whether publicly or privately owned, unless such public consumption takes place at a social event for which the City has issued a public consumption permit (i.e. block party, **park/facility rentals and special events**). The Section shall not apply to consumption at Ruth Park Golf Course, when intoxicating liquor is purchased from the course, or to sidewalk cafes duly licensed under this Code.
- b. The City shall prepare and maintain forms for permits for the privilege of public consumption as permitted herein and shall establish an application fee for the processing of same, not to exceed **thirty dollars (\$30.00)**, for the recovery of the City's processing costs. The City shall adopt reasonable regulations applicable to such consumption, which shall be stated on the permit, the violation of which shall be grounds for immediate permit revocation and the closing of the permitted event.



# POLICIES

Policies are statements that provide positive direction, clarify relationships, assist in evaluation, assure fair treatment, and provide uniformity of action.

Through policies the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department ensures that parklands are held and not dissipated by allocations for various other purposes. They also help to ensure all programs conducted by the City are well planned and directed.

Although the City has several Management Policies for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, only a few have been adopted by City Council.



# PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Although the City has numerous Ordinances, in which some may generally be applied to uses and activities within a Park, the City does not have general Park Rules and Regulations which specifically pertain to use of parks and recreation.

Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations must be thoughtfully designed and created to manage and improve our park system as to ensure the safety and enjoyment of parks by all park users.

# PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTINUED

Individuals Park Rules and Regulations would fall under the following areas:

- Park Usage
- Sanitation
- Traffic
- Behavior
- Merchandising, Advertising and Signs
- Recreation Activities

# PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTINUED

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Police Department, along with the support of the Parks Commission will be bringing forward Park Rules and Regulations to be considered by City Council.



# QUESTIONS

