

ORDINANCE 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-28 ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF CANTON CITY PARKS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Canton is a growing city with several public parks used by its citizens and visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the establishment of park rules and regulations will promote not only the general health, welfare, safety and morals of the community, but will also promote, preserve, and protect the quality of Canton City Parks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. General

City parks are owned and operated by the City. The Council retains overall control of the parks and park policies, but the Council may delegate the implementation of a Park Policy to the City Manager. The Canton parks are intended for general public use.

SECTION 2. Hours for City of Canton Parks and Recreational Facilities

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter into or upon any of the parks and recreation facilities designated below between the following hours:

Cherry Creek Park on Cherry Creek Road	10:00 p.m. to dawn
Mill Creek Lake/New City Lake on Arnold Paul Road	10:00 p.m. to dawn
First Monday Grounds (except by reservation)	10:00 p.m. to dawn
Old City Lake Park on Old Kaufman Road	12:00 a.m. to dawn

Fishing in city lakes is allowed 24 hours a day per Texas Parks and Wildlife.

SECTION 3. Rules and Regulations for City of Canton Parks and Recreational Facilities

All rules and regulations adopted for City of Canton parks and recreational facilities shall be available at the Canton Police Department in Canton, Texas and online at www.cantontx.gov. No special privileges of any kind or sort shall be issued any person or group that will deviate from rules and regulations set forth by the City Council.

1. Animals

- a. All wildlife in City parks is protected
- b. All pets must be on a leash held in the hands of the handler
- c. Handlers must stop pets from digging and are to cover any holes created by their pets
- d. Pets are not allowed on any athletic field/court or within three (3) feet of the perimeter of either
- e. It is unlawful to fail to clean up after your pet on public property

2. Vehicles

- a. Overnight parking, and parking during the hours when parks are closed to the public listed in Section 2, is not allowed
- b. Off road vehicles are not allowed
- c. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only

3. Park Usage

- a. Littering/dumping of trash, brush, or garbage of any kind is not allowed
- b. Digging or metal detecting is not allowed on any athletic field or within three (3) feet of the perimeter
- c. Cutting of any trees or brush on any city owned property is not allowed without prior approval of the City of Canton
- d. Overnight camping is not allowed except with prior written permission of the City of Canton Manager or his/her designee

4. Miscellaneous

- a. No alcoholic beverages may be sold or consumed in City parks
- b. Glass bottles or containers are not allowed
- c. Golfing or practice driving of golf balls is not allowed
- d. Courts and pavilions are available on a first come/first serve basis
- e. No fires except in grills

SECTION 4. Severability

Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance, as amended hereby, be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof, other than the part decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

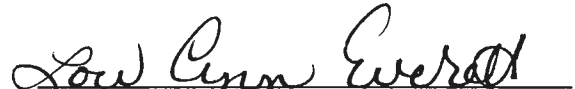
SECTION 5. Penalties

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section, or who shall fail to comply herewith, or with any of the requirements hereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per offense upon conviction.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

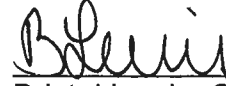
This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption as the law in such cases provides.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Canton, Texas, on this the 21st day of May, 2024.



Lou Ann Everett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bristol Lewis, City Secretary

