

ORDINANCE NO. 1369

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CITY PARK HOURS; AMENDING CHAPTER 9.24 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING PARK HOURS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.11.020 authorizes the legislative body of code cities to adopt and enforce criminal codes related to misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor offenses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor has over 134 acres of park and open space within City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City regularly receives complaints regarding activity taking place in City parks after dark; and

WHEREAS, park hours should be established, enforceable by the Gig Harbor Police Department; and

WHEREAS, while the Gig Harbor Parks Commission is working on a comprehensive park ordinance that will include regulations relating to hours of operation for various parks and park land, the City Council finds it is in the public interest to adopt hours for park use at this time; Now, Therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9.24.015 - Added. A new section 9.24.015 is hereby added to the Gig Harbor Municipal Code to read as follows:

9.24.015 Park Operating Hours.

A. All city parks, except Skansie Brother's Park and Jerisich Dock, shall be closed from dusk to dawn unless otherwise posted by the city of Gig Harbor. It is unlawful to enter or remain on any park property while closed.

B. "Dawn" means the time at one-half hour before sunrise as published by the National Weather Service.

C. "Dusk" means the time at one-half hour after sunset as published by the National Weather Service.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor, this 21st day of August, 2017.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR



Mayor Jill Guernsey

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Shawna Wise, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney



Angela G. Summerfield

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