

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending Articles I and III of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code to provide that the City Manager in consultation with the Chief of Police or the Muscogee County Department of Health may change the hours of any public park or playground when warranted by public safety or public health concerns; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Article I of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking paragraph (d) of Section 4-2 and replacing it with a new Section 4-2(d) to read as follows:

“Sec. 4-2. Public parks and playgrounds—General regulations.

- (d) It shall be unlawful to enter or remain in any public park or playground of Columbus, Georgia between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except for those activities supervised or scheduled by the department of parks and recreation. The City Manager in consultation with the Chief of Police or the Muscogee County Department of Public Health, may issue administrative orders closing any specific Park or playground for additional hours in the event that public safety concerns or public health concerns warrant such closure. Each administrative order issued pursuant to this paragraph shall clearly state the parks or playgrounds to which it applies and its duration and shall be promptly furnished to the Councilor for the District in which the affected park or playground is located. Notice of the hours of such closure will be clearly posted at each park or playground impacted. Violators of such order shall be considered in violation of this code section and subject to the penalties set forth in Section 4.3 below.”

Section 2.

Article III of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking Section 4-41.1 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 41.1 to read as follows:

“Sec. 4-41.1. Hours of use.

It shall be unlawful to enter or remain in any public park or playground of Columbus, Georgia between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except for those activities supervised or scheduled by the department of parks and recreation. The City Manager in consultation with the Chief of Police or the Muscogee County Department of Public Health, may issue administrative orders closing any specific Park or playground for additional hours in the event that public safety concerns or public health concerns warrant such closure. Each administrative order issued pursuant to this paragraph shall clearly state the parks or

playgrounds to which it applies and its duration and shall be promptly furnished to the Councilor for the District in which the affected park or playground is located. Notice of the hours of such closure will be clearly posted at each park or playground impacted. Violators of such order shall be considered in violation of this code section and subject to the penalties set forth in Section 4.42 below.”

Section 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 12th day of October, 2021, introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor