

ORDINANCE No. _____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 82 (ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION”); PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the general laws of this state the City is authorized to designate certain public grounds as public parks and to place operational regulations on such public parks as the City Council deems necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public; and

WHEREAS, by ordinance, resolution or minute order City Council has designated certain public grounds like City Parks; and

WHEREAS, by ordinance, the City Council has established operational regulations on the City’s public parks to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public; as codified in Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public, the City Council finds it necessary to amend Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Section 1. Chapter 82 Amended.

Chapter 82, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Castroville, Texas, is hereby amended by replacing the existing language therein with the language set out below in italics (*italics*) as follows:

Chapter 82 - PARKS AND RECREATION

ARTICLE II. – REGIONAL PARK

Section 82-27. – Regulations.

- a) *From and after the effective date of this section the following hours of operation will be effective at all Parks.*

Section 82-27. – Regulations.

- a) *The following rules and regulations shall be followed by users of the Regional Park:*

(14) Go-carts, four wheelers, golf carts, off-road motorcycles, and similar non-licensed motorized vehicles are prohibited in the park, unless it is authorized for handicapped. access to park facilities.

(14.1) Golf carts or any similar non-licensed motorized vehicles shall only be allowed on designated paved roads.

(14.2) Golf carts or any similar non-licensed motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering or traveling on any grass area of the park.

(23) Portable generators are not permitted without special permission from the City Administrator and/or the Parks & Recreation Department.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- *Golf carts may be used in the park as long as they obey and adhere to City Ordinances and/or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles .*
 - *Refer to the City of Castroville's Code of Ordinances for further information regarding Golf Carts.*

Section 2. Approval of Rules – Regulations – Guidelines Document V.2025

The Castroville Parks & Recreation: Rules – Regulations – Guidelines, attached hereto as “Exhibit A” is hereby approved for publication and distribution to park patrons. The Rules – Regulations- Guidelines is provided for the convenience of park patrons. In the case of a conflict between the content of the document and Chapter 82 Article II, of the City Code, the City Code shall prevail.

Section 3. Cumulative and Repealer Clause.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the existing ordinances of the City of Castroville, Texas, except the parts of such ordinances that are inconsistent or in conflict herewith, in whole or in part, and to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Savings Clause

The City Council of the City of Castroville, Texas does hereby declares that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, work or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid, or unconstitutional, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that, in such event that it would have passed and ordained any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance without the inclusion of that portion or portions which may be so found to be unconstitutional or invalid, and declare that its intent is to make no portion of this Ordinance dependent upon the validity of any portion thereof, and that all said remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Darin Schroeder, Mayor
City of Castroville

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debra Howe, City Secretary
City of Castroville

DNRBH&Z P.C., City Attorney
City of Castroville

EXHIBIT A



CITY OF CASTROVILLE **PARKS & RECREATION**

Regulations – Rules – Guidelines

REVIEWED January 2025

WELCOME TO OUR PARKS!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Emergency (Police, Fire, EMS): 9-1-1

Utility Outages: (830)931-4090

Parks & Recreation Department: (830)931-0033

Parks & Recreation Department Contact

Briana Tello – Parks & Recreation Coordinator

(830)931-0033 Briana.tello@castrovilletx.gov

Jonah Chang - Parks and Recreation Director

(830)423-6050 Jonah.chang@castrovilletx.gov

Please follow this link to make all necessary park, RV park and pool reservations:

<https://secure.rec1.com/TX/castroville-tx/catalog>

If you need further assistance, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Comments and complaints should be in writing and should be addressed to the City Administrator, City of Castroville, at the following address: 1209 Fiorella, Castroville, TX 78009.

These regulations and rules will be subject to review and revision each calendar year or whenever deemed in the best interest of the park.

THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASK ANYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO LEAVE THE PREMISES WITHOUT NOTICE AND WITHOUT A REFUND.

These regulations and rules as well as any/all other existing local, state, federal laws and/or ordinances will be enforced.

There will be no exceptions to these regulations and rules unless authorized in writing.

by the City Administrator and coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department and any other City Departments. The City of Castroville is not responsible for loss due to fire, theft, or vandalism, nor is it responsible for accidents of any nature.

For more information, please go the City of Castroville Web Site at

<https://www.castrovilletx.gov>

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Park Locations

Castroville Regional Park	816 Alsace Ave
Castroville RV Park and Tent Camping Area	816 Alsace Ave
Castroville Regional Park Swimming Pool	816 Alsace Ave
Lions Park and Splash Pad	1101 Houston St
Steinbach Hus	100 Karm St
Living History Center - Biry Hus	309 Paris St
September Square	1001 Fiorella St
Houston Square	517 Madrid St

General Rules for All Parks

- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverage consumption is prohibited (unless otherwise indicated).
- Littering is prohibited. Use trash receptacles.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited off roadways and beyond parking areas.
- Improperly parked vehicles will be towed.
- Vending or sales are prohibited without a permit.
- Hunting or the use of firearms is prohibited.
- Dogs are always to remain on leash.
- Pet owners are required to pick up after pets.
- Plants and animals are protected - do not remove or molest.
- Control noise levels – please be respectful of others.
- Destroying public property is prohibited.
- Park Closures: The Parks & Recreation Department may close all parks due to weather-related events.
 1. This may include the closure of the park road to vehicular traffic.
 2. This will include closure of all parks trails due to hazardous conditions.

Weather Related Closure Plan & Protocols

1. Severe Weather Events

- **Heavy Rain/Flooding:** If there is a risk of flooding, hazardous walking conditions, or the park is at risk of being submerged, any park may close to ensure the safety of visitors.
- **Lightning and Thunderstorms:** Any park will close during severe storms with lightning, as these conditions pose significant risks to visitors.
- **Snow/Ice:** Parks with outdoor trails, facilities, or roads may close when icy conditions present hazards.
- **High Winds:** Strong winds, particularly those exceeding 40-50 mph, can cause safety hazards from falling branches or trees, leading to park closures.
- **Heatwaves:** Some parks with limited shelter or water sources may close or restrict access during extreme heat, especially if there's a heat advisory issued.

2. Communication and Notifications

- The Parks & Recreation Department will issue warnings and updates on the closure status via social media, their official websites, and public service announcements.

3. Visitor Safety Protocols

- The Parks & Recreation Department may close specific areas or facilities within the park, such as trails, playgrounds, or picnic areas, rather than closing the entire park.
- Warning signs or barriers may be used to indicate dangerous areas that should be avoided during adverse weather conditions.

4. Duration of Closure

- The duration of the closure typically depends on the severity of the weather. It can range from a few hours (during a storm) to several days (flooding or snow.)

5. Reopening Procedures

- Before reopening the park, staff will conduct safety checks to ensure trails are clear, debris has been removed, and the park is safe for visitors.
 - Some cases may require clearing and maintenance before safely allowing visitors back in.

Castroville Regional Park Rules and Regulations

- Park hours are as follows:
 1. Summer: April 1—September 30; 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, except for people with a valid camping receipt or for authorized special events.
 2. Winter: October 1—March 31; 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, except for people with a valid camping receipt or for authorized special events.
 3. Gates to allow for vehicular traffic access to the lower area of the park will open at 7:30 a.m. and be closed at dusk, except for authorized special events.
 4. Quiet time in the entire park is to be from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.
- Wading, swimming, or diving in the Medina River is at your own risk. THERE ARE NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY.
- Jumping castle “inflatables” for children’s parties are permitted only when an Area or a Pavilion has been reserved, AND a Release & Indemnification Agreement and/or Liability Form has been submitted and approved.

Castroville Regional Park Ordinances

(ORDINANCE No. 2018-003 Section 82-27. – Park Regulations.)

- Vending of any kind is prohibited except under the umbrella of a “Special Event” or sponsored by the City of Castroville or the Friends of the Castroville Regional Park to benefit the park.
- The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be regulated. pursuant to City Code of Ordinances Section 6.2 (entitled “sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in city park”).
- Pets are permitted ONLY if on a leash and owners are responsible for disposing of pet excrement.
- Motor vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to bicycles and bicycles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Go-carts, four wheelers, golf carts, off-road motorcycles, and similar non-licensed motorized vehicles are prohibited in the park, unless authorized for handicapped access to park facilities.
- No vehicles of any kind are allowed on the soccer fields or in/on any non-roadway, or “green” space, except by special permission of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- The possession or use of fireworks is prohibited in the park, except when authorized by the City Administrator for special events.
- Fishing is permitted in the Medina River, provided all state laws regulating fishing are observed.
- Open (on the ground) campfires are prohibited in the park. Contained fires are permitted only in BBQ Pits, Fire Rings, or Brick Pits, so long as such fires are not left unattended. Fires are to be completely extinguished before leaving. Portable gas, charcoal, and oil camp stoves may be used if in a safe operating condition.
- Hunting in the park is prohibited. Definition: “Hunting” includes take, kill, pursue, trap and the attempt to take, kill or trap a wild or domestic animal.
- The possession of air guns, paintball guns, or similar instrumentality in a park is prohibited.
- Livestock is prohibited in the park, except as approved by the City Administrator.
- All people shall comply with any/all signs and/or markers installed by the City of Castroville and/or Parks Department (i.e., one-way, do not enter, no parking, etc.)
- Historic Cemetery is protected. No person shall enter or, in any manner, disturb, deface, or desecrate the historic cemetery located in the park.
- The disturbance or removal of soil, stones, rocks, plants, or other material natural to the park, or the making of any excavation in the park, or the removal of tree bark, or damage or harming of trees is prohibited.
- Climbing trees in the park is prohibited.
- Climbing over, under, up or through any fence or buildings in the park is prohibited.
- Metal detectors may not be used on park property unless approved by the Parks.

and Recreation Department.

- Commercial harvesting of pecans in the park is prohibited, except by order of the City Council.
- Excessive noise, as well as abusive, threatening, boisterous, vile, obscene, or indecent language, gestures and/or disorderly conduct is prohibited.
- Littering is not permitted. All trash must be placed in a trash container. Extra trash bags will be available from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Dumpsters in the park may only be used for refuse generated from within the park and the placement of any commercial or household trash or refuse in a park dumpster is prohibited.
- Portable generators are not permitted without special permission from the City Administrator.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- Golf Carts may be used in the park as long as they obey Texas law/city ordinance.
 - Refer to the City of Castroville's Code of Ordinances for further information regarding Golf Carts.

Special Events

A Special Event is:

- Any event at which attendance is expected to exceed 200 people.
- Any/all fundraisers or benefits
- Any request to close a road or any of the trails, no matter how temporary

Person(s)/Groups, etc. wishing to hold and/or sponsor such events in the park should contact the Parks and Recreation Department. Since such events impact the park beyond the normal operation, they require approval of the City Administrator and others, possibly even the City Council. A deposit may or may not be required and fees may or may not be waived or discounted.

Note: The only “Special Events” and/or activities that will be permitted in the park on days designated as Holiday Dates (Easter Weekend and Fourth of July) are those that will benefit the Castroville Regional Park, the City of Castroville and/or the Friends of the Castroville Regional Park. Such requests must first be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

In the interest of public safety, it may be necessary to close the Entire Park, or portions of the park, without notice.

Except during special holidays, and/or during Special Events, public or private school groups in the Medina Valley School District, AND Medina County Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops, will be permitted to reserve facilities on weekdays without charge, provided they have submitted a Group Facilities Reservation Form in advance, and provided that the Area or Pavilion is not already reserved.

Out-of-district school groups, and out-of-county scout troops will be subject to regular rates and must follow regular reservation procedures.

Easter Weekend at Castroville Regional Park

Contact the Parks and Recreation Department for the latest information on Easter Weekend.

- In addition to the regular fees for Areas, Pavilions, and use of individual picnic tables, there will be a park entrance fee of \$5.00 per person, per day.
- People wishing to “just drive through” will be charged \$5.00.
- Exceptions: City officials, Emergency vehicles/personnel.
- This fee, levied only to compensate for the holiday impact, will be collected at the entrance to the park, and/or on site in the park.
- Gate collection hours will be 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, or as determined by the Parks & Recreation Department. On-site collection hours will be throughout the park and throughout the day.
- Individual tent camping will be permitted throughout the park, on a first come, first served basis, except in areas that have been reserved, or marked as off limits.
- Tent camping fee is \$10.00 per tent, per night
- The perimeters of reserved areas will be marked, and the perimeters of individual picnic tables will also be marked.
- There will be no overnight camping other than inside a tent. (No one sleeping on tables, on the ground, or otherwise out in the open)
- In Group Facility areas that have been reserved, tents (\$10.00 per tent/per night, in addition to the reservation fee) may be set up as desired within the marked perimeter. The person making the reservation will be responsible for the entire group.
- Gates will close at 10:00 pm on the holiday itself, by which time all tents & people. must leave the park.
- Tent campers will not have access to the RV Park Bathhouse or other RV Park facilities on these holidays. This includes those in the designated tent camping area, as well as tent camping “friends” or “relatives” of registered RV Park guests. Exceptions permitted at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Portable toilets will, if considered necessary, be available throughout the park.
- All other General Park Rules will be in effect.

Castroville RV Park Rules

- All RV's must be in good repair with current registration.
- There is a limit of two (2) motorized vehicles and the recreation vehicle per site.
- If you wish to bring a golf cart, please follow Texas Law on what is required for this vehicle to be driven on a public street. ATVs and UTVs are NOT allowed. [Texas Department of Motor Vehicle](#).
- "Drop offs" are NOT allowed. A towing vehicle must always be available.
- Maximum stay is two (2) weeks for "pop-ups" or any other type of camper that is not self-contained.
- Self-contained is defined as having full kitchen and bathroom facilities, including holding tanks.
- The speed limit within the RV park is 5MPH. Bicycles and pedestrians have the right of way.
- Pets are NOT permitted to be left outdoors without supervision.
- Pets must also be kept on a leash unless in designated "Dog Park" area.
- Pets are not allowed in the Recreation Hall, laundry room or RV restrooms. (Service animals exempt)
- Individual clotheslines are not permitted.
- Children are NOT allowed in the Recreation Hall without their parents. Parents are responsible for their children's conduct in all areas of the Regional Park and the RV Park.
- Quiet time is 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. No loud disturbance or loud music after 10:00 PM.
- A rubber sewer gasket or other appropriate seal is required for all sewer hook-ups to prevent escaping odors or liquids.
- Grey water discharge on the ground is not permitted.
- We have HIGH water pressure. A pressure regulator at the spigot is recommended.
- It will be each guest's responsibility to maintain a neat and clean site.
- Extra refrigerators and/or freezers and window units not permitted outside RV's.
- Washing vehicles is NOT permitted.
- Fireworks and campfires are not permitted.
- There is a \$15.00 dump fee for anyone who is not a registered guest in our RV Park.
- The Recreation Hall is locked. Keypad combination will be attached to your receipt upon reservation.
- NO bulk items are allowed in the RV dumpsters.
- A late fee of \$5.00 per day will be applied when rent is not paid on the due date.
- The MAXIMUM LENGTH of stay in our RV Park is SIX (6) months.
- Anyone wishing to return to the RV Park must leave for a minimum of THREE (3) months before requesting another SIX (6) months stay.

The City of Castroville reserves the right to refuse continued rv park privileges to offenders of the park/rv park rules. Violators may be asked to leave without notice and without a refund. The City of Castroville is not responsible for loss due to fire, theft, or vandalism, nor is it responsible for accidents of any nature. Comments and/or complaints should be in writing and should be addressed to the Parks & Recreation Department. They can be delivered to the park office or given to the Parks & Recreation Management.

Castroville Regional Park Tent Camping Rules

- Except on holiday dates, tent campers in designated area will be provided with the keypad code to the Restroom/showers only.
- Vehicles are not permitted in the tent camping area. There is adequate parking outside the area.
- The speed limit is 5 mph in the RV Park and 10 mph in the rest of the park.
- Pets must be kept on a leash. Please clean up after them.
- Parents are responsible for their children's conduct in all areas of the park.
- Quiet time is 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. No loud music or disturbances permitted.
- It will be each guest's responsibility to maintain a clean and neat site.
- Fireworks are not permitted.
- Campfires, other than in fire pits or BBQ pits, are not permitted.

The maximum length of stay is 14 consecutive days. Tent campers must be gone from the park for a minimum of one (1) month after having been here fourteen (14) days of any thirty (30) day period, before they can register again.

Tent Camping for Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops

Except during special holidays, Medina County Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops will be permitted to tent camp outside the designated area, and without charge, provided they have submitted a Reservation Form in advance and have received approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Note: Boy and/or Girl Scout Troops from outside Medina County wishing to tent camp outside the designated tent camping area, will be considered under "Special Events," and thus, subject to the approval of the City Administrator.

Castroville Regional Park Swimming Pool Rules

- Any child between the ages of 0 through 10 years of age must be supervised by a person at least 18 years of age, with proper swim attire and must always remain with that child.
- Any child, 11 years of age or older does not need to have anyone accompany them.
- No one is allowed in the pool area unless a lifeguard is on duty.
- Remember children still in diapers must be wearing approved swim diapers to use our swimming pool.
- Approved swimming attire must be always worn while swimming.
 1. This means swim wear only. No cutoffs, denim shorts, or basketball shorts that are hanging off the body. Men's and women's swimwear must have a liner.
 2. Swimming attire must be made of Lycra, spandex, or nylon.
- Bathers must shower before entering the pool if coming in with outside dirt.
- Personal flotation devices may be used for therapeutic or rehabilitative purposes. Bed-type flotation devices will not be permitted in the pool at any time.
- No running, pushing, shoving, horseplay, or any other type of boisterous activity will be allowed in the pool area.
- Food and beverages are only allowed on the upper deck and the pavilion.
- Chewing gum and smoking is prohibited.
- No breakable container or glass allowed in the pool area.
- The use or possession of alcohol and drugs on City property is prohibited.
- Anyone suspected of being under the influence will be prohibited from entering the facility.
- No one having a contagious disease or infectious condition or having bandaging or unhealed abrasions will be allowed in the pool, to include fresh tattoos.
- Patrons are responsible for their own valuables and personal items.
- Acts of physical affection between bathers are prohibited.
- Profanity is forbidden.
- Pets are not permitted in the pool facility.
- Diving is NOT permitted off the sides of the shallow end.
- The diving board rules will be strictly enforced.
- No swimming/diving will be permitted in the deep end unless a lifeguard is on duty at the deep end stand, and there is also a lifeguard on the shallow endstand.
- The pool manager and/or the assistant managers will rule on anything not covered above.

Lions Park Rules

Park hours are as follows:

- Summer: April 1—September 30; 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, except for people with a valid camping receipt or for authorized special events.
- Winter: October 1—March 31; 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, except for people with a valid camping receipt or for authorized special events.
- Quiet time in the entire park is to be from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Athletic Field Rules

- Reservations: Reservations may be made on a first-come, first-served basis, or may require an application and agreement to be signed. Reservations may only be valid for one team or group per time slot and may be non-transferable. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Lighting: Lighting is scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department. Unauthorized access to the lighting system is prohibited and will result in permit/use revocation.
- Unauthorized Use: Using a field without authorization can cause conflicts with maintenance and schedules and can make it difficult to communicate in case of problems. Unauthorized use can also lead to permit revocation.
- Lining and Marking: Lining city fields may require a permit, and burning lines is not allowed.
- Damage: Users who don't follow guidelines or notification requests may be responsible for any damage to the facility and may have their permit terminated.
- Outside Groups: Outside groups may be allowed to use fields, but use may be rotated between parks to avoid damaging the grass.

Splash Pad at Lions Park Rules

Hours of operation are as follows:

- XX:XX

Splash Pad Rules:

- NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY
- All children aged 12 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- All persons using the Splash Pad do so at their own risk.
- No running or rough play is allowed.
- No animals or pets are allowed in the Splash Pad area.
- Swim diapers must always be worn by infants and untrained persons. Disposable diapers are not allowed. Please do not change diapers on the Splash Pad.
- No food, drink, or glass containers on the Splash Pad.
- Skateboards, rollerblades, and bikes are prohibited.
- Do not use Splash Pad during severe weather.
- No electrical appliances within 10 feet of the Splash Pad.
- Do not cover water fixtures or drains.
- Those with health problems such as diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, infections, or open wounds are not allowed on Splash Pad.
- Do not climb or hang on equipment or fencing.
- Splash Pad cannot be reserved for private parties and/or groups.
- Any person violating these instructions or rules may be evicted from the park.
- Splash Pad may be closed at any time due to maintenance.
- Littering is prohibited. Use trash receptacles.

Steinbach Hus, Living History Center (Biry Hus), Houston Square, September Square

Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more information on these locations. Hours of Operation

Steinbach Hus http://steinbachhaus.org/	Wednesday-Saturday 10-4pm and Sunday 11-3pm
Living History Center (Biry Hus) https://www.castrocolonies.us/center.html	Saturday 10-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm, or by request
Houston and September Squares	Dawn to Dusk

Rules:

- Please do not take any historical objects from historical places, even for memory.
- Please do not touch any historical objects/structures.
- Please do not paint, write, or scratch on any historical objects and structures.
- Please do not litter in or around historical places.
- Please do not climb or destroy any historical objects/structures.
- Absolutely no fire starting in/or around historical places.
- Please keep in mind that when strolling around narrow crowded places with bulky bags or backpacks, you might cause damage to an object or murals.