



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Pete Carr, City Manager

SUBJECT: Consider Regulation of Alcohol Use at Library Park (Discussion Direction)

The City Council will consider regulating the use of alcohol at Library Park.

BACKGROUND:

Library Park, like all of Orland's public parks, has a nighttime curfew of 11pm to 6am (OMC 9.08.060 and 12.20.010); being in the park during these nighttime hours is a misdemeanor. Glass containers are prohibited in all Orland parks (OMC 9.16.010) and violation of this code section is an infraction. The use of alcohol by persons over 21 years of age is not prohibited in Orland Parks.

Lollipop Land Park has a specific "designated use" which prohibits anyone age 10 and over from being in that park unless they are accompanied by a child age 9 or younger; this is also a misdemeanor per OMC 12.22.050. This regulation shows specific conditions can be carved out for specific parks instead of unilaterally affecting all parks.

Lollipop Land Park also has a removal clause as follows:

12.22.080 - Ejection of persons.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter may be removed from Lollipop Land upon order of the Orland city park superintendent, any Orland city police officer, and/or any authorized employee, or officer of the city. When ordered to leave, such person may not re-enter Lollipop Land for a period of at least twenty-four (24) hours.

(Ord. 99-01 § 1 (part); prior code § 5607)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Dobbs suggests the Council consider prohibiting the use of alcohol in Library Park, given its unique situation. Council may also wish to consider the alcohol ban for Lollipop Park and may want to consider a removal clause.

Such a regulation would come by ordinance, which could be a direction given to City Staff. This ordinance could allow for alcohol use during permitted events only and should specify which park or parks and whether the illicit use is an infraction or a misdemeanor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Staff to draft an ordinance regulating alcohol use in Library Park.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

None. Administrative procedure and modification of signage would be negligible expenses.