
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 08, 2024

DATE: 03/25/2024

TO: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TANIA FRENCH, EVENTS COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: Variance to Code of Ordinance CH 32 Parks and Recreation, Article IV Park Regulations, Sec. 32-72 Park Rules Established (7) Parking or Loitering in public parks after 11:00 p.m. is prohibited

The Port Lavaca Juneteenth Committee has been diligently coordinating efforts for this year's celebration and is excited about the opportunity to commemorate this significant occasion with the community.

In previous years, many attendees of the Juneteenth celebration have enjoyed socializing and engaging in recreational activities, such as playing cards, at George Adams Park overnight. While this has been a cherished tradition for attendees, the committee has come to realize that it is not in compliance with park regulations, particularly at the Bayfront Peninsula Park, where the park closes at 11 p.m. unless individuals are fishing.

To accommodate the tradition of overnight socializing during Juneteenth celebrations, the committee seeks a variance for the weekend of June 14-16, 2024 to allow for overnight fellowship, games, etc. The committee would secure overnight security to ensure safety and compliance with other park regulations.

We believe that granting this variance will enable us to uphold the spirit of Juneteenth and provide an opportunity for our community both past and present, along with visitors, to come together in celebration and unity.