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**Meeting Type:** City Council  
**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025  
**From:** Tyler Deems, City Manager  
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**Subject:** Ordinance 2025-15: Amending Conduct and Exclusion Rules in the Sandy Municipal Code

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## DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to approve Ordinance No. 2025-15 amending conduct and exclusion rules in the Sandy Municipal Code.

## APPLICABLE COUNCIL GOAL:

- [1.6: Update Park Rules and City Facility Rules to ensure safe and equitable use for all.](#)
- [5.7: Work with community service personnel to ensure that parks are patrolled regularly and that park regulations are enforced.](#)

## BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

As part of a citywide initiative to ensure clear and enforceable behavior expectations across all City facilities and public lands, staff initiated an effort to update and consolidate conduct and exclusion policies within the Sandy Municipal Code. This effort was undertaken collaboratively by multiple departments, including Police, Transit and Library services, and was reviewed by the City Attorney.

Historically, the City of Sandy's conduct and exclusion rules have applied only to specific facilities and were not comprehensive across all City-owned properties. Specifically regarding parks, the last formal update occurred in 2016 under Ordinance No. 2016.09. Since then, the City has grown significantly, including the establishment of a Parks and Recreation Department in 2021 and the expansion of public amenities.

The Parks and Trails Advisory Board (PTAB) reviewed the proposed parks rules during its [January 8](#) and [February 12, 2025](#), meetings. Input gathered from the Board, park patrons, City staff, and the Sandy Police informed the proposed revisions. The revised "Chapter 12.12 - Rules of Conduct and Exclusion from Public Property," now includes updated park rules and governs conduct and exclusions for all City facilities, including transit, parks, the library, and other public properties.

Ordinance No. 2025-15 repeals [Chapter 12.16](#) in its entirety and incorporates all conduct and exclusion policies into a revised [Chapter 12.12](#), ensuring clarity, consistency, and enforceability across all City-operated spaces.

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:**

- Reflects Council and departments desire to expand conduct rules citywide.
- Consolidates and modernizes provisions related to exclusion processes, prohibited activities, and appeals.
- Clarifies behavior expectations across all City properties, including parks, public facilities, library, and the transit system.
- Enables consistent enforcement and strengthens public safety and property protection efforts.
- Reviewed by City Attorney; department and advisory board input incorporated.
- Supports a growing city offering expanded public services and infrastructure.
- Reinforces the City's communication goals by codifying and publicizing expectations in a clear, accessible format.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

Minimal. Costs related to updated signage or public education will be absorbed within existing department budgets

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Council use this work session to review the proposed ordinance and provide feedback as needed. A final ordinance can be brought back for adoption by the Council in the near future.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:**

- Ordinance No. 2025-15 (Conduct and Exclusion Rules)
  - Exhibit A: Revised Chapter 12.12 – Rules of Conduct and Exclusion from Public Property