



MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Alison
DATE:
SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendments to Title IX Chapter 97, Park, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the amendments to Title IX, Chapter 97, Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs.

BACKGROUND:

Several updates are needed to Chapter 97 to address evolving recreation trends, as well as safety concerns and protection of resources. The proposed amendments also clarify and simplify language throughout.

DISCUSSION:

Several minor changes are proposed including clearly defining the term Director, referring to the City instead of Parks and Recreation throughout the chapter, and updating the department name to Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs where needed.

Substantive changes include increasing protections of natural resources located in parks, adding protection of cultural resources including adding a permit process for the use of metal detectors and other remote sensing devices; and regulating the use of electric bikes on soft surface trails.

Lastly, the proposed language addresses the sunset date of December 21, 2022 on the current allowance for Director of Park, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs to approve vendors or appoint market organizers to sell food, non-alcoholic beverages, and arts and crafts in parks as part of City-sponsored event by making this allowance permanent.

Proposed amendments were discussed at the August and September Parks Board meetings, and unanimously approved in October.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), CHAPTER_97__PARKS, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS_EXISTING (#4), CHAPTER_97__PARKS__NATURAL_RESOURCES__AND_CULTURAL_AFFAIRS_REDLINE (#5),

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EXHIBIT A - CHAPTER_97___PARKS__NATURAL_RESOURCES__AND_CULTURAL_AFFAIRS_CLEAN
(#6)



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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-1181

Approval of Amendments to Title IX Chapter 97, Park, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §97, PARKS, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY CODE TO ADDRESS EVOLVING RECREATION TRENDS, SAFETY CONCERNS, PROTECTION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND TO CLARIFY AND SIMPLIFY LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, several updates are needed to Chapter 97 to address evolving recreation trends, as well as safety concerns and protection of resources; and

WHEREAS, several minor changes are proposed, including clearly defining the term Director, referring to the City instead of Parks and Recreation throughout the chapter, and updating the department name to Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs where needed; and

WHEREAS, substantive changes include increasing protection of natural resources located in parks, adding protection of cultural resources including adding a permit process for the use of metal detectors and other remote sensing devices; and regulating the use of electric bikes on soft surface trails; and

WHEREAS, the proposed language also makes permanent the current temporary allowance for the Director of Park, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs to approve vendors or appoint market organizers to sell food, non-alcoholic beverages, and arts and crafts in parks as part of City-sponsored events; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend approving these amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby repeals Chapter 97, **Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs** of the City Code and enacts a new Chapter 97 as shown in Exhibit A attached to this Ordinance.