

**CHAPTER 23**

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## ARTICLE I

### §23-101 Park Hours.

1. The following enumerated neighborhood parks, grounds, and recreational facilities owned and/or operated under the jurisdiction of Chatham County and being located in the unincorporated area of Chatham County will open for use at 8:00 a.m. each morning and will close to use at dark each evening:
  - a. Gray's Subdivision Neighborhood Park, located at Tara Ave and Jean Vermillion Road and containing approximately 3.5 acres.
  - b. Isle of Hope Neighborhood Park, located at Parkersburg Road and Rosenbrook Avenue and containing approximately 2 acres.
  - c. Sandfly Neighborhood Park, located at Billings Road and containing approximately 2.5 acres.
  - d. Pinpoint Neighborhood Park, located at Lehigh Avenue and Ferguson Avenue and containing approximately 2 acres.
  - e. Montgomery Community Center Park also known as Robert J. Travis Park, located at Shipyard Road and Whitfield Avenue and containing approximately 2 acres.
  - f. Rio Vista Neighborhood Park, located at Islands Road and Cross Road and containing approximately 3 acres.
  - g. Ogeechee Farms Neighborhood Park, located off Yamassee Road and containing approximately 3 acres.
  - h. Burroughs Neighborhood Park, located at Wild Heron or Wild Horn Road and Chevis Road and containing approximately 2 acres.
  - i. Wilmington Island Neighborhood Park located at Lang Street and Wilmington Island Road and containing approximately 2.5 acres.
  - j. Whitmarsh Neighborhood Park, located at Penrose and Riverside Drive and containing approximately 2 acres.
  - k. Westlake Neighborhood park, located at Westlake Avenue and containing approximately 2 acres.

1. Lamarville Neighborhood park, located at A.C.L. Boulevard and Liberty Parkway and containing approximately 5 acres.  
(Amended March 12, 2004)
2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to be present, stand around or assemble in any County owned or operated parks, grounds or recreational facilities between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in the fall and winter and 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. in the spring and summer with the exception of Neighborhood Parks as identified in Section 23-101, paragraph 1, which shall be open from 8:00 a.m. until dark each day. Compliance with all posted rules and regulations is required. The Director of Public Works and Park Services or his/her designee shall be responsible for reviewing compliance with the Parade and Public Assembly Ordinance as applicable.  
(Amended March 12, 2004)
3. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to camp in any County owned or operated parks, grounds or recreational facilities, except in conjunction with a County permitted event as may be specifically authorized by the Director of Public Works and Park Services or his/her designee. A permit is required as provided by Public Works and Park Services. Compliance with all posted rules and regulations is required.

For the purposes of this ordinance, "camping" is defined as the sleeping or otherwise being in a temporary shelter out-of-doors; sleeping out-of-doors; or cooking over an open flame or fire out-of-doors. A person in violation of this ordinance must do more than fall asleep. One or more of the following factors should exist in determining whether a person is in violation of this ordinance: (a) the person is inside a tent or sleeping bag, or is asleep atop and/or covered by materials, or inside some form of temporary shelter; (b) the person has built a campfire; (c) the person is asleep and when awakened volunteers that he/she has no other place to live. Such person should be advised of alternative available shelter. (Amended March 12, 2004)

4. It shall be unlawful for any individual to walk, run, exercise or have a domestic animal with said individual upon a golf cart path or trails of the Henderson Golf Course during operational hours of the course and when the golf course is open to play. Any individual found walking, running, exercising or having a domestic animal with said individual during regular operational hours upon the golf cart paths or trails of the Henderson Golf Course will be considered trespass and subject to a \$50.00 fine. The exception shall be

for service animals of members or guests of the golf course.  
(Adopted March 13, 2015)

**§23-102** Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to own or possess any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance in any of the above enumerated neighborhood parks, grounds, or recreational facility owned and/or operated under the jurisdiction of Chatham County, except at boat ramps and fishing piers, including the Tybee Pier and Pavilion. For the purpose of this Chapter, the words "controlled substance" shall mean and include those substances scheduled in the Georgia Controlled Substances Act (Chapter 79A-8, Ga. Code Ann.). (No. 610, 11/3/78, Sec. 2) (Amended 12/6/96)

**§23-103** Conduct in Parks. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct themselves in a boisterous or indecent manner, or to use vulgar, profane, or unbecoming language, or to use loud or violent discourse in any of the aforesaid neighborhood parks, grounds, or recreational facility owned and/or operated under the jurisdiction of Chatham County. (No. 610, 11/3/78, Sec. 3)

**§23-104** Penalties for Violations. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter or any individual less than 18 years of age who has received warning, shall upon conviction before the Recorder's Court of Chatham County or any other court having competent jurisdiction, be fined an amount not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor exceeding one hundred (\$100) dollars or imprisoned in the County Jail for thirty (30) days, either, or both at the discretion of the trial court judge. (No. 610, 11/3/78, Sec. 4)

**§23-105** Severability.

Should any section, provision, or clause of any part of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the County that this ordinance would have been adopted had any such invalid portion not been included herein. (Amended March 12, 2004)

## ARTICLE II

### Public Boat Ramp at Bell Street and Whitfield Avenue also known as "Montgomery Boat Ramp" Ordinance (Adopted May 11, 2001)

#### §23-201 Hours.

1. The Montgomery Boat Ramp shall be open from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and shall be closed from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.
2. Any person who is on the premises of the Montgomery Boat Ramp between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be a trespasser and shall be subject to a fine of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

#### §23-202 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances.

1. It shall be unlawful to consume any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance on the premises of the Montgomery Boat Ramp.
2. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to a fine of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

#### §23-203 Litter.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw, or leave or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing, or leaving of litter on the premises of the Montgomery Boat Ramp.
2. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to a fine of no less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

(Amended July 25, 2003 - ~~§23-204~~ Probationary Period of Ordinance deleted in its entirety)