

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6147

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 3.43.020; repealing Section 3.43.180; and amending Section 3.43.330 of the Bellevue City Code relating to City Parks.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has a compelling interest in the care of its parks and city-owned property; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3.43.010 of the Bellevue City Code the City has the power to regulate parks "for the preservation and protection of the natural environment, public peace, health, safety and welfare"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to clarify that the regulations applying to parks shall also be enforced within the parking lots adjacent to and serving parks and to make parking lot hours consistent with park closure hours.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.43.020 of the Bellevue City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.43.020 – Definitions.

"Air or gas weapon" means any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide or other gas.

"Department" means the department of parks and community services of the city.

"Director" means the director of the department of parks and community services and authorized agents of the director.

"Firearm" means a weapon or device from which a projectile or projectiles may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder.

"Inflatable, nonmotorized watercraft" means those nonmotorized watercraft which have two or more inflatable chambers and are propelled by two or more oars.

"Motorized watercraft" means those floating devices which are designed to be propelled by the use of internal combustion engines or electric motors. Inflatable, motorized watercraft may be included in this definition if they are propelled by the use of internal combustion engines or electric motors.

"Nonmotorized cycle or similar device" means any wheeled, operator-propelled equipment which transports the operator on land, except wheelchairs. Nonmotorized cycle or similar device includes, but is not limited to, unicycles, skateboards, bicycles, tricycles, quadcycles and scooters.

"Nonmotorized watercraft" means those floating devices which are designed to support or help support a person or persons in water, and which may or may not be propelled by the use of oars, paddles or sails.

"Nonswimming season" means that portion of the year which has not been designated as the swimming season.

"Park" means all parks and bodies of water contained therein, squares, plazas, trails, golf courses, museums, beaches, playgrounds, playfields, botanical gardens, greenbelts, and other park, recreation and open space areas, parking lots, buildings and facilities comprising the parks and recreation system of the city under the management and control of the city manager or his or her designee.

"Recreation program" means any program or activity conducted, sponsored or assisted by the department, whether or not it occurs in a park.

"Swimming season" means the period of time, as designated by the city manager or his or her designee, from approximately mid-June to the first week in September, when lifeguards are on daily duty at park swimming beaches.

Section 2. Section 3.43.180 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 3. Section 3.43.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.43.330 Closing times.

It is unlawful to be in a park, or leave a vehicle unattended in a park, after closing time. Unless another closing time has been established for a particular park by the city manager or his or her designee, parks shall close one-half hour after sunset and reopen one-half hour before sunrise, provided the Downtown Park shall close at 11:00 p.m. and reopen one-half hour before sunrise. This section does not apply to scheduled parks department events or to dedicated roads and sidewalks used for transportation which are not designated as closed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after passage and legal publication.

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Passed by the City Council this 21st day of January, 2014
and signed in authentication of its passage this 21st day of January,
2014.

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Claudia Balducci, Mayor

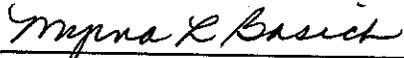
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