

## ORDINANCE 22-725

(Use of City Facilities)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AMENDING SUBSECTION 62-4 "USE OF CITY FACILITIES" TO MAKE MULTIPLE UPDATES; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR LAKE VILLAGE, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Taylor Lake Village, Texas, said Chapter 62 being "Streets, Sidewalks and other public places" is hereby amended as set forth below. Words being deleted are indicated by strike through, as follows: "~~deleted.~~" Words being added are indicated by underline, as follows: "underline." Additions to words or phrases that are underscored in the existing ordinance text are indicated by a double underline, as follows: "ordinances."

### CHAPTER 62 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

#### **Sec. 62-4. - Use of city facilities.**

(a) *Purpose.* It is the city's intent to protect, preserve, and promote the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, and welfare of its citizens, by providing for fair and equitable use of the city's facilities, including areas at Taylor Lake Village Recreational Facility and meeting rooms at city hall.

(b) *Rules and regulations governing the city-owned recreational facility.* The following rules and regulations are hereby established to minimize the exposure of the citizens and their property to large group gatherings and to promote sensitivity to those who live near and/or own property adjacent to sites used for such large group gatherings. In addition, promoters of such gatherings and renters of such gathering sites may underestimate or fail to consider the impact of their gathering on other users and the minimum standards required for sanitation and the health and welfare of such large group participants.

(1) *Permit/reservation required.* A permit is required for any organized use of the city recreational facility, by a group of more than 20 people. A reservation is required for exclusive use of any park facility by a group of any size. An application for the use of the city recreational facility must be submitted to the city secretary of the city prior to scheduling a date for any permitted or reservation based gathering at the city-owned recreational facility.

(2) *Contents of application.* Such permit application shall include the following information and/or attachments:

a. The name, address, email, and telephone number of the individual or organization making such application.

b. An organization's, proof of comprehensive general liability insurance policy with minimum limits of \$100,000.00 for property damage, per occurrence. Such insurance policy shall be written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the city;

c. A signed statement assuming full responsibility for the proper use of the city's facilities and for payment for any damages to such facility or its surrounding property.

d. A signed statement that the individual or organization making application for a group gathering permit/reservation has been notified of the rules and regulations that can be reviewed on the city website.

e. A signed statement assuming full responsibility and adherence to the law when alcohol is present, via special permit.

*(3) Conditions for use of city-owned recreational facility.*

a. Each individual or organization using the city-owned recreational facility shall be responsible for clean-up and trash removal from the portion of the recreational facility used for any large group gathering. All trash must be collected and placed in the on-site trash receptacle provided for such purpose.

b. The hours for use of the city-owned recreational facility, except for baseball fields, shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., including set-up and take-down of equipment and/or other facilities.

c. Domestic animals shall be allowed within the city-owned recreational facility; however, the city's animal control ordinances will be strictly enforced.

d. One adult chaperone shall be required for every ten people under the age of 17.

e. Large group gatherings of 100 persons or more shall be limited to one event per month.

f. Friday and Saturday nights and holidays may not be reserved on a regular basis. Usage is limited to one Friday and Saturday night or holiday per month per individual or organization. "Reservation" shall be defined as one continuous event of duration of not more than 12 hours.

g. Security is required for large groups gathering of 100 or more. Renter must use Lakeview Police Department off-duty officers. Please call the Lakeview Police Department to schedule security for your event.

*(4) Fees.* The fees for use, deposits, and security fees shall be as established from time to time by city council.

*(5) Restriction on size of gathering.* The total number of persons in the reserved area of the recreational facility property shall be limited to not more than 150 persons per event, due to size of the facilities, use of the facilities by other groups or individuals, and the city's and/or county's health code requirements.

*(6) Cancellation policy.* If an event or reservation for any city-owned recreational facility or area within the recreational facility is canceled, an administrative fee will be withheld.

*(7) Parking and vehicle use.*

a. Due to space limitations, the maximum number of vehicles allowed per large group gathering shall be 75.

b. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking locations and vehicles parked outside such designated parking locations will cause the deposit to be forfeited.

c. The designated entrance to the city-owned recreational facility is on Kirby Boulevard. No entrance or parking shall be permitted via Timber Cove Subdivision.

d. Driving to the pavilion and other areas of the city-owned recreational facility is not permitted. Golf carts or RTV's are permissible for transporting items to the pavilion.

(8) *Camping.* In addition to the following rules and regulations, a separate set of regulations shall apply to camping within the city-owned recreational facility:

a. Camping shall be allowed in designated areas only;

b. One camping event shall be allowed per month;

c. Not more than a total of 50 individuals or 25 tents shall be allowed;

d. Tents shall not be staked into tree roots or in close proximity to any residence or residential fences;

e. Campfires shall be contained to one designated area only;

f. Camping permits shall be issued for one night only; and

g. The city reserves the right to revoke any camping permit at any time for health, safety, welfare considerations or for the failure of any person to abide by the city's camping rules and regulations.

(9) *Use of sports facilities.*

a. A sports organization shall be limited to two reservations per week.

b. Each reservation shall be limited to a maximum of two hours to ensure availability to all groups.

c. Baseball fields shall not be used after 9:00 p.m.

(10) *Prohibited activities.* The following items and/or activities shall be prohibited within the city-owned recreational facility at all times:

a. Weapons;

b. Loud music;

c. Loudspeakers;

d. Fireworks or explosives;

- e. Glass containers;
- f. Off-road vehicles excluding golf carts;
- g. Exceeding the ten-mile per hour maximum speed limit;
- h. Dumping or littering around or in any body of water;
- i. Campfires (unless by special permit);
- j. Archery;
- k. Destruction or misuse of any city-owned facility, structure, or property, including plants and trees;
- l. Digging holes or erecting any structure;
- m. Access from any recreational facility shoreline or pier for swimming;
- n. Swimming in the recreational facility pond;
- o. Rollerblading, skating boarding, or "trick" biking within the pavilion or upon any picnic table within the recreational facility;
- p. Possess or utilize confetti, silly string, glitter, water balloons or any party favors containing these items or other filling which is designed to pop/break/shatter or otherwise burst and litter park grounds. This shall include but is not limited to: poppers, piñatas, confetti eggs and silly string.
- q. Alcohol (unless by special permit)

(c) *Rules and regulations governing use of city hall facilities.* The following rules and regulations are hereby established regarding use of city hall facilities:

- (1) Individuals or organizations must schedule with the city staff prior to use of the facilities.
- (2) Reservations for use of the facilities shall be made in person or by emailing the office of the city secretary of the city; however, reservations shall not be scheduled for times and dates when city activities are scheduled in the adjacent council chambers.
- (3) Exterior doors shall not be propped open in any manner during use of the facilities.
- (4) Individuals or organizations shall be responsible for clean up of and trash removal from the facilities. Trash must be collected and placed in the trash receptacle provided for such purpose.
- (5) A refundable security deposit shall be paid to the city at the time any reservation is made. The amount of such deposit shall be as established from time to time by city council. Organizations that have a standing reservation and use the facility on a monthly basis will need to provide a new deposit check on an annual basis.
- (6) The hours for use of such facility shall be from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and no reservations shall be taken for Sunday or any official city holiday.

- (7) No weddings and/or social events shall be allowed to take place in such facility;
- (8) The total number of persons scheduled to attend any function held within the city hall meeting room shall be limited to 50 per event and the city council chambers to 80 per event.
- (9) One adult chaperone shall be required for every ten individuals 17 years old or younger.
- (10) Meetings and gatherings must be held in a business-like manner. No amplification or loud noise shall be allowed.
- (11) No animals, alcohol, drugs, weapons, loud music shall be allowed within city hall, including any reserved areas.

**Section 2.** Any person who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2000. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 3.** In the event any clause phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Taylor Lake Village, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2022.

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Jon Keeney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stacey Fields , City Secretary