

**ORDINANCE 2007-17**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR USE OF CANTON CITY PARKS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Canton is a growing city with an ever increasing number of public parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be beneficial for the general health, welfare, and safety, and morals of the City to establish hours for the use of the City Parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the establishment of park hours will promote not only the general health, welfare, safety and morals of the Community, but will also promote, preserve, and protect the quality of Canton City Parks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. General

City Parks are owned and operated by the City. The Council retains overall control of the Parks and park policies, but the Council may delegate the implementation of Parks Policy to the City Manager. The Canton Parks are intended for the general public use.

SECTION 2. Hours for City of Canton Parks and Recreation Facilities

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter into or upon any of the parks and recreation facilities designated below between the following hours:

10:00 p.m. and dawn	Cherry Creek Park on Cherry Creek Road
10:00 p.m. and dawn	New City Lake on Arnold Paul Road (except lake fishing)
10:00 p.m. and dawn	First Monday Park on Groves Street (except as reserved for First Monday and special events)
12:00 a.m. and dawn	Old City Lake Park on Old Kaufman Road

SECTION 3. Severability

Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance, as amended hereby, be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof, other than the part decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

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SECTION 4. Penalties

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section, or who shall fail to comply herewith, or with any of the requirements hereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$200.00 per offense upon conviction.

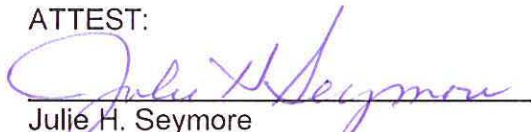
SECTION 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption as the law in such cases provides.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Canton, Texas, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

  
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R.C. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Julie H. Seymore  
City Secretary