

**ORDINANCE NO. 6995**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.15 OF CHAPTER 25, "PARKS AND RECREATION", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 10.05 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS:**

**Section 1**

That Sec. 25.15 of Chapter 25, "Parks and Recreation", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ASec. 25.15 Park hours**

(A) Except as otherwise provided in this Code or other law, parks shall be open to the public from 6:00 a.m. until midnight.

(B) A person commits an offense if the person enters or remains on park property when the park is closed.

(C) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (B) of this section that a person was on park property between midnight and 6:00 a.m.; and

(1) Was attending an event for which a permit extending park hours had been issued by the Parks and Recreation Director or that director's designee; or

(2) A sign had been posted on the park property by the City extending park hours and the person was on park property during the posted, extended park hours.

(D) Windsurf Bay Park shall be closed to the public from July 4, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. until July 5, 2018 at 6:00 a.m.

**Section 2**

That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Sec. 10.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

**Section 3**

That Chapter 25, "Parks and Recreation", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas, as amended, shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

**Section 4**

That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Sec. 10.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, Texas.

**Section 5**

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 19th day of June, 2018.

**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Secretary

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