

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07 AMENDS THE MATHEWS COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF PARKS; THE ORDINANCE REVISES THE RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF PARKS GENERALLY AND MAKES CHANGES SUCH AS THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND UPDATES DEFINITIONS.

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ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 - Short Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Mathews County Park Ordinance."

1.2 - Separability.

Should the courts declare any section or provision of this ordinance to be unconstitutional or invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

1.3 - Applicability.

This Ordinance applies to park and recreational properties owned, maintained and/or operated by Mathews County.

1.4 - Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after a majority vote of the Mathews County Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

The following terms, when used in this ordinance, shall have the following meanings, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning, or there is an expressed provision to the contrary:

Park: Public parks and recreation facilities means any and all buildings, lands, and public access waters, including roadways, recreation equipment, structures owned, leased, or operated under the jurisdiction of the county as a park or recreation area and open to the general public for park or recreation purposes.

County: means Mathews County

Visitor: Any person who comes into a park.

permission from the County Administrator.

Any fire within the confines of the park shall be continuously under the care and supervision of a competent person sixteen (16) years of age or older from the time such fire is kindled until the time it is extinguished.

No person shall throw or discard a lighted match, cigarette, cigar, or other burning object in the park, without first extinguishing it and discarding it in proper container.

3.13 - Sports and games.

Sports and games. Athletic fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, basketball courts, and horseback trails shall be determined by future BOS approvals. USA pickleball rules apply at the Pickleball Courts at Port Fun.

3.14 - Applicability of Ordinance to certain persons.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this ordinance-to the contrary, it shall not be a violation of this ordinance if a person engaging in any otherwise prohibited activity is either an employee of the County acting within the scope of his employment, or if the person engaging in the otherwise prohibited activity is an agent or an independent contractor to the County acting within and pursuant to the scope of his duties.

3.15 - Penalty.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined, and/or prosecuted to the maximum extent allowed by law.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

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