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ORDINANCE NO. 3809

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE 4 OF THE CODE FOR THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS REGARDING CAMPING IN JOHN BROWN PARK AND DURATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Article 4, relates to the usage of John Brown Park and the rules and regulations for its use and specifically in Section 12-416 regulating the duration of camping permits in John Brown Park; and

WHEREAS, current code allows for a seven (7) consecutive day duration for camping provided a permit is obtained from the city; and

WHEREAS, city staff has received requests to amend this duration to fourteen (14) consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, city staff believes this request to be a benefit to the city and will help with achieving more than one of its goals of increasing visitors to the city in general as well as the Cabin and the Flint Hills Trail.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 12-416 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

12-416: CAMPING. Camping at John Brown Memorial Park shall be limited to fourteen (14) days per camping site, per reservation. ~~and~~ All other designated areas in the city are permitted providing that a camping limit of seven (7) consecutive days be imposed. Residents must obtain a permit prior to camping at City Hall or the Osawatomie Police Department for a fee established by the annual fee schedule. To provide for a cleanup period, campers must vacate their equipment from the park premises for not less than seven (7) days before returning after being on the park premises for the maximum time allowed. All campers, tent or travel trailer, must camp in the designated camping areas at the park, if available. Each overnight camping permit shall be valid only for the state park for which the permit is purchased and shall expire at 12:00 p.m. on the day following its effective date.

(a) With the exception of John Brown Park, all campers shall be limited to a stay of not more than seven consecutive days in any city campground unless otherwise established by posted notice or as otherwise authorized by the city.

(b) Upon completing seven consecutive days in a campground, each person and all property of each person shall be absent from all city campgrounds for at least seven days.

(c) All campers must camp within only the designated camping areas of the John Brown Park, if available.

(d) Each overnight camping permit shall be valid only for the city park for which the permit is purchased and shall expire at 12:00 p.m. on the day following its effective date.

(e) Unless authorized by the city, camping units or personal property shall not be left unoccupied in a campground for more than 24 hours.

(f) Except as authorized by the city, any property unoccupied or unattended for more than 48 hours, shall be subject to removal by the city and may be reclaimed by the owner upon contacting the city hall.

Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

Section 3. Modification to Fee Resolution. City staff is hereby directed to modify the fee schedule so as to reflect the distinction between permitted camping durations at John Brown Park versus permitted camping durations at all other designated camp sites on public property only. Camping fees, as listed in the fee resolution shall remain unchanged.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the governing body of the City and publication (or publication of a summary thereof) in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City on May 26, 2022 and signed and **APPROVED** by the Mayor.

(SEAL)

Nick Hampson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Seamands, City Clerk