

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA
PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE**

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 1. - Hours of operation of public parks.

All public parks owned and operated by the county shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day, unless otherwise posted at the entrances to such parks.

Sec. 2. - Alcoholic beverages prohibited in public parks.

No person shall use, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage within any public park owned and operated by the county. For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverage" means beer, wine, liquor or malt beverage.

Sec. 3. - Violation; penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to penalties and costs as set forth in Section 1-14 of the Code of Montgomery County.

ARTICLE II. - RECREATION BOARD

Sec. 1. - Established.

There is established and created in and for the county, a recreation board which shall consist of seven members who shall serve without pay. The recreation board shall be the "Montgomery County Recreation Board". The terms of the current members of the recreation board shall terminate on December 31, 2016. The members of the recreation board shall be appointed as provided for in the bylaws for the recreation board promulgated by resolution of the board of commissioners for the operation of the recreation board. The members of the recreation board appointed to terms beginning on January 1, 2016, or thereafter shall serve for the terms specified in the bylaws.

Sec. 2. - Vacancies.

Vacancies on the recreation board shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term as provided for in the bylaws of the recreation board.

Sec. 3. - Recreation director.

The recreation director, employed by the board of commissioners, is made the executive secretary of recreation board.

Sec. 4. - Officers.

The officers and their appointment shall be as provided for in the bylaws of the recreation board.

Sec. 5. - Meetings.

Meetings of the recreation board shall be held and conducted as provided for in the bylaws of the recreation board.

Sec. 6. - Reports.

The recreation board shall make reports as provided for in the bylaws of the recreation board.

Sec. 7. - Functions.

- (a) The recreation board shall provide advice and recommendations to the board of commissioners, the county manager and the recreation director as to the improvement of the recreation services then being provided, the addition of new recreation services, the deletion of existing recreation services, ways to raise funds to support recreation services in the county, recreational facilities that are needed and any other matters that bear upon the scope and quality of the county's recreational program. If a vacancy occurs in the position of recreation director, the recreation board may provide advice and recommendations as to candidates to fill such position.
- (b) The recreation board may organize and conduct fundraising events and activities to raise funds for the support and improvement of the recreation program in the county. All funds raised by the recreation board shall be deposited in a special account of the county to be designated as the recreation program enhancement fund (hereinafter referred to as the "fund"). These funds shall not be used to offset funds that would otherwise be spent from the general fund and other sources of county revenues to pay for the operations and capital improvements necessary to conduct the county's recreation program. Money in the fund shall be used for training, equipment, small improvements and other expenses or costs designated to ensure that the recreation program in the county is first class and excels above those of other counties.
- (c) The recreation board shall annually prepare a report of its activities during the preceding year and a proposed budget for the fund, to be presented to the board of commissioners in the fall of each year as part of its budgetary process. Once the budget is approved by the board of commissioners, it shall guide the use of the money in the fund during the ensuing January 1 through December 31 fiscal year. During the fiscal year, the budget may be modified by the board of commissioners as circumstances dictate. The recreation board may submit recommendations to the board of commissioners as to modifications in the approved budget when the recreation board determines such modifications to be desirable.
- (d) The recreation board shall, throughout the fiscal year, submit requisitions to the board of commissioners' office for the disbursement of money in the fund to pay for the projects as designated in the approved budget or approved modifications to the budget. The expenditure of money in the fund shall be administered by the board of commissioners' office, as are other county funds, provided that requests by the recreation board for expenditures from the fund consistent with the approved budget shall require no further action on the

part of the board of commissioners, unless shortfalls in the budgeted revenues shall result in insufficient money in the fund to meet the requested expenditure.

Sec. 8. - Status of recreation director.

Nothing contained in this article shall be construed or interpreted to change, alter or modify the status of the recreation director as an employee of and responsible to the county board of commissioners.

Sec. 9. – Effective date

This ordinance shall go into effect upon adoption.