Town of Welaka Special Called Town Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, December 29, 2022

6:00 P.M.

This Meeting will be held at the Honorable Willie Washington Town of Council Room 400 4th Ave., Welaka Fl. 32193

This meeting will be broadcast, for view only, on the Town of Welaka's Facebook page.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- 3. Roll Call of Town Council
- 4. Parks Ordinance 2022-06 discussion for the Town of Welaka
- 5. Adjourn

DRAFT 1 2 3 **ORDINANCE 2022-06** 4 5 **Town of Welaka Park Regulations** 6 7 **SECTION 1** Damaging, Injuring or Removing Items from Park and Recreational 8 **Facilities is Unlawful** 9 10 General Disfiguration and Removal – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to (a) mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove, any buildings; bridges; tables; 11 12 benches; fireplaces; railings; paving or paving materials; water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof; signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent; 13 14 monuments; stakes; posts; or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities 15 or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal. 16 17 (b) **Injury or Removal of Natural Features** 18 19 (1) Trees, shrubbery, lawns. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to damage, 20 cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree or plant, or injure the bark, or pick the 21 flowers or seeds of any tree or plant. Nor shall any person attach any rope, wire, 22 or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise 23 disturb grass areas, wetlands, or in any other way injure or impair the natural 24 beauty or usefulness of any area. 25 26 (2) Removal, excavation of natural resources. It shall be unlawful for any person in a 27 park to dig or remove any beach sand, whether submerged or not, or any soil, 28 rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down timber or other wood or materials, or 29 make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting, or other means or agency, 30 except by specified written permit issued hereunder. 31 32 Climbing Trees, Monuments, Fences, etc. – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park 33 to climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railings, fences or gun 34 carriages or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes. 35 Restrooms and Washrooms - It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to fail to 36 37 cooperate in maintaining park restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.

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(e) **Discarding Refuse and Trash** – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to bring, or have brought in, or to dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse, or other trash on park property. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

(f) **Water Pollution and Contamination** – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution, discoloration or contamination of said waters.

SECTION 2 Vehicle Usage and Parking

(a) **Vehicle Operation Confined to Designated Roads and Parking Areas** – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to drive any vehicle on any area except on designated park roads or parking areas.

(b) **Parking**

(1) Parking in Designated Lots Only. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to park a vehicle in other than a designated parking area, and such use shall be in accordance with the posted directions.

(2) Parking Areas for Loading and Unloading Only. It shall be unlawful to gather or loiter in a designated parking area except for purposes of loading and unloading the vehicle.

(3) Parking After Hours Prohibited. Parking, stopping, or standing in a vehicle either in a designated off-street parking area for the park or in the right-of-way abutting the park boundaries after established park hours is prohibited, unless approved under a special written permit issued under this Article.

SECTION 3 Proper Usage and Activities in Public Parks and Recreational Facilities

(a) **Erection of Structures** – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon, or across park lands, except for special written permit issued under this Article.

(b) Swimming and Bathing

(1) Designated areas. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to swim, bathe or wade in any waters or waterways in or adjacent to any park, except in such waters and at such places as are provided therefore, and in compliance with such regulations as are herein set forth or may be hereafter adopted. Nor shall any person frequent any waters or places customarily designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate thereat, when such activity is prohibited by the Mayor upon finding that such use of the water would be dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.

(2) Certain hours. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to frequent any waters or places designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing or congregate thereat, except between such hours of the day as shall be designated for such purposes.

96 97 (c) **Fishing**98 99 (1) <u>Fishing</u> 100 ss 101 102 (2) <u>C</u> 103 104

- (1) <u>Fishing Defined</u>. In addition to the activity of catching fish, either for food or as a sport, fishing as used here shall include catching crab or shrimp for food or sport.
- (2) <u>Commerce prohibited</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to engage in commercial fishing, or the buying or selling of fish caught in any waters inside the Town limits.
- (3) <u>Fishing Prohibited in Boat Ramps</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to fish in areas designated for boat ramps.
- (4) <u>Fishing Prohibited in Designated Swimming Areas</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to fish offshore from the beaches designated for swimming or bathing.
- (5) <u>Fishing Prohibited Outside of Established Park Hours</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish from the shore of any park, including any public Town pier or dock facility, except during established hours of operation under Section 4 below.

(d) Picnic Areas

- (1) <u>Availability</u>. Individual picnic amenities such as tables, benches, follows the general rule of "first-come, first-served," except in those cases where prior reservations have been made pursuant to a permit issued under Section 5 below.
- (2) Non-exclusivity. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to use any portion of the picnic areas or any of the buildings or structures therein for the purpose of holding picnics to the exclusion of other persons, or to use such area and facilities for an unreasonable time if the facilities are crowded, except in those cases where prior reservations have been made pursuant to a permit issued under Section 5 below.
- (e) Camping –No person shall be allowed in the parks after the established hours for public access provided for under Section 4 below. Thise shall be interpreted to mean that, in addition to being unlawful to be present in a park after established hours, is shall be unlawful to set up sleeping bags, hammocks, tents, shacks or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping in any parks, right of ways or other public spaces, nor shall any person leave any movable structure or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purpose, such as a house-trailer, camptrailer, RV camper, camp-wagon or the like, except by as expressly provided under a permit issued by the Town Council under Section 5, below, and then only in specified areas that must be specifically designated in the permit.
- (f) **Use of Weapons.** All parks, recreational facilities, or other properties owned by the Town of Welaka are public places within the meaning of section 790.15, Florida Statutes, as amended.
 - (1) No person shall carry a firearm on such properties unless properly licensed or authorized to carry firearms under Chapter 790, Florida Statutes.

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- (2) It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm in or into public places except for lawful purposes as defined by Chapter 790, Florida Statutes.
- (3) Air rifles, spring-guns, bow and arrows, slings, or any other forms of weapons potentially inimical to wildlife and dangerous to human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device. except a person lawfully defending life or property.
- (g) Fireworks and Explosives – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to bring, or have in his possession, or set off, or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any firecrackers, torpedo, rocket, or other fireworks or explosives of inflammable material, or discharge them or throw them into any park area from land or a highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture, or article that, in conjunction with any substance or compound, would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints, except under the sponsorship of organized groups and with the permission of the Town Council after application to and a public hearing before the Town Council.
- (h) Fires – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to build or attempt to build a fire except in areas designated for outdoor grilling, and then only in a proper grilling apparatus. Open fire pits or trash barrel fires are prohibited. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other flammable material, within any park area or on any highway, road, or street abutting or contiguous thereto.
- **Loitering, Disorderly Conduct** It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to sleep or protractedly lounge on seats, on benches, in vehicles or in other areas; or to engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting, or indecent language; or to engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to a breach of the public peace.
- **Restricted Areas** It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to enter an area posted as (j) "Closed to the Public"; nor shall any person use or abet the use of any area in violation of posted notices. Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Mayor at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and either entirely or merely to certain uses, as the Mayor shall find reasonably necessary.
- **Intoxicating Substances Prohibited** It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any (k) beer, wine, or liquor, as defined in the beverage law of the State of Florida, or any in any park, boat ramp, or recreation area owned or maintained by the Town, except for a special event authorized and permitted by the Town Council pursuant to the Town's special event policies and procedures.
- **Gambling** It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to gamble or participate in or abet (1) any game of chance. A raffle conducted in Town parks pursuant to a permit issued hereunder that serves as a legitimate fund-raising event for civic and religious organizations located in Town, where all the proceeds are used to support the civic and religious organization are not considered gambling under this section.

(n) **Vending and Peddling** – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to expose or offer for sale any article or thing, or to station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing, or to engage in any commercial business activity. An exception is made as to any regularly licensed concessionaire acting by and under the authority and regulation of a special permit issued hereunder.

(o) Dogs and other pets in parks.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping, harboring, owning or responsible for a dog or other pet to permit the dog to be in a public park unless the dog is held, by a competent person, on a leash that is no more than eight [8] feet in length.

(2) Exceptions.

(a) It is a defense to a charge of violating this section that the dog involved is a working dog trained to assist disabled individuals and that the dog is under the control of a competent person and obedient to the command of such person.

(b) It is a defense to a charge of violating this section that the dog involved was participating in an organized competition or that the dog involved was engaged in an organized training exercise under the supervision of a person competent to provide such training.

(c) It is a defense to a charge of violating this section that the dog involved is a trained police dog and that the dog is under the control of a competent person and obedient to the command of such person.

(d) It is a defense to a charge of violating this section that the dog is located inside an established dog park where dogs have been expressly permitted or required by the Town to be off their leash while in the designated dog park.

(3) No person owning or responsible for a dog shall permit the dog to defecate on any public property or right of way. It is a specific defense to a charge of violating this section that the person keeping, harboring, owning or responsible for the dog or other pet has and makes use of equipment to remove animal waste and dispose of it in a sanitary and lawful manner or that the dog involved is a certified working dog trained to assist disabled individuals and that the person charged has a disability which prevents the individual from removing the excrement and properly disposing of it in a sanitary manner.

(p) **Posting Signs** – It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever, or to erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park. A

temporary sign posted to advertise a special event at the park approved by a permit issued hereunder may be posted on the day of the event at or near the area to be occupied by the event.

(q) Extinguish Grills and Remove Trash. It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to leave the park area before any grill fire is completely extinguished or before all his or her trash, garbage or other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are available, then the person shall be responsible for carrying away all his or her refuse and trash away from the park area to be properly disposed of elsewhere.

(r) **Use of Vehicles.** It shall be unlawful to operate motorized vehicles of any kind inside a public park except in designated parking areas, unless expressly permitted pursuant to a special event permit under Section 5, below, or such vehicle is being operated by a Town employee or authorized contractors in the normal course of their official duties for the Town. This includes but shall not be limited to cars, trucks, golf carts, and off-road vehicles of any size or type.

(s) **Mooring.** It shall be unlawful to moor any motorized or non-motorized watercraft over night at a public dock or pier owned and maintained by the Town except when expressly authorized by the Town. The Town may, in its discretion, establish additional rules and regulations concerning the use of its docks and piers.

SECTION 4 Hours of Operation

(a) **Establishing the Hours of Operation**. The Town Council may set and establish from time to time by Resolution the permissible times or hours in which the various Town parks or other recreational facilities may be used. Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, parks shall be open to the public every day of the year during the designated hours. The opening and closing hours for each individual park shall be posted at Town Hall for public information. Absent a resolution and a posting of specific hours that a park will be open to the public, the default designated hours for all city-Town parks shall be sunrise to sunset.

(b) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance to be in a Town park or recreational facility outside of the established hours.

(c) The Mayor or the Chief of Police are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to close a park or parks or reduce the hours of said park or parks based on a determination that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the public. Valid purposes for closure or reduced hours may include but are not limited to:

(1) Over-crowding, excessive traffic and/or noise.

(2) Damage to support facilities such bathrooms, parking areas, playground equipment, etc.

(3) Unsafe conditions due to current or impending weather events.

(4) Person or persons violating the provisions of this Ordinance in blatant disregard to direction given by the Mayor, the Chief of Police or such other person authorized by the Mayor or the Chief of Police to provide such direction.

SECTION 5 Park Permits

- (a) **Permit Required** A permit shall be obtained before holding or participating in any special event or activity in a park. A special event or activity as used in this section shall mean a gathering of more than 20 people for a single purpose or event such as a birthday party, wedding, family reunion, organized sporting event, rally, festival, etc. The Mayor, or the Chief of Police upon the request of the Mayor, may review and determine whether to issue a permit under this Section; except that events that are expected to exceed 50 participants or will otherwise make use of the full capacity of the park so that members of the public who are not part of the event or activity will be excluded from the park, then the application must be approved by the Town Council. Copies of park permits issued pursuant to this Section, whether issued by the Mayor or the Town Council, will be provided to the Chief of Police; and any event expected to exceed 50 participants shall be subject to review by the Chief of Police to determine whether additional public safety measures are necessary, including but not limited to traffic control and the provision of additional law enforcement.
- (b) **Application** A person seeking issuance of a permit hereunder shall submit an application to the Mayor on a form provided by Town Hall. The application shall include, at a minimum:
 - (1) The name and address of the applicant.
 - (2) The name and address of the person sponsoring the activity, if any.
 - (3) The day and hours for which the permit is desired.
 - (4) The park or portion thereof for which such permit is desired.
 - (5) An estimate of the anticipated attendance.
 - (6) The nature of the activity and whether there will be amplified sound.
 - (7) Any other information which the <u>Mayor permit issuer</u> shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued hereunder.
- (c) **Standards for issuance** The Mayor <u>or the Town Council</u> may issue a permit hereunder when they <u>he</u>-finds:
 - (1) That the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the public enjoyment of the park.
 - (2) That the proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety, and recreation.
 - (3) That the proposed activity or use is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct.

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381 382	-F		Use of Sport <u>Public</u> Facilities
383 384	Special Sport	ting Events:	\$ per team per day, or \$ per day, whichever is greater, plus a deposit of \$ per day
385 386 387	Seasonal Spo	orting Clubs	\$ per team, or \$ per month, whichever is greater, plus a deposit of \$ per day

389	Special Event – 100+ people	<pre>\$ per hour or \$ per day, plus \$ deposit</pre>
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395	Special Event - 20 to 50 people	Resident: \$ deposit only, no usage
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397		Non-Resident: \$ per hour, or \$ per day,
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399		Insurance may still be required by Mayor depending
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The Mayor shall have the authority to reduce the fee or deposit requirement for Town sponsored or charitable events. Any other request to reduce or waive fees as provided for in this Section shall require approval of the Town Council.

SECTION 7 Insurance

For special events over fifty [50] people, or for use of sporting facilities for organized sports camps or leagues, or at the discretion of the Mayor due to the nature of the proposed use, the host organization or person shall be required to carry a occurrence form general liability policy that shall name the Town as an additional insured with a right of defense, with minimum coverage protection of sufficient to cover the maximum liability of the Town under state law*200,000 per claim/\$300,000 per event. Special events, or use of sporting facilities involving more than 1,000 persons, the limits will be no less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000. Any request to waive or reduce the amount of insurance coverage shall require the approval of the Town Council.

SECTION 8 Security and traffic control

The Chief of Police shall determine whether security and traffic control devices may be mandated due to the size and nature of the proposed event. Unless expressly waived by the Town Council, the costs associated with any additional security and traffic control shall be borne by the festival organizers and shall be paid prior to the event with the standard permit fee and deposit.

SECTION 9 Application required, minimum time to review, and right to refuse.

Subject to the discretion of the Mayor or the Town Council to increase the time frames described herein, applications that require only mayoral or Chief of Police approval shall be submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the proposed event. For events or activities where Town Council approval is required, application must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to date of the Town Council meeting where such application will be reviewed.

Any proposed use of the Town park or public facilities for events that will draw more than 100 persons, or involve bringing in elements not already provided at the park or public facilities (i.e. staging, booths, bounce houses, amplification devices, etc.) shall be required to obtain a permit from the Town Council as provided in section 5 above. Such permit application shall be submitted,

and all necessary fees, documentation and insurance provided at least 30 days prior to the proposed event or usage date.

The Mayor or the Town Council shall have the discretion to refuse or deny the use of Town parks, or other public facilities, if he or they determine that the proposed use is inappropriate for the facilities such that it has the potential to damage the facilities and prevent normal use thereof; or if there is a conflict with events or uses already permitted for that same date or dates; or if the person(s) using or proposing to use the facilities have demonstrated improper use of the facilities in the past; or if the person(s) proposing to use the facilities is unable to provide the required fee, deposit or insurance in a timely fashion.

SECTION 10 Penalties.

(a) A violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by any enforcement action or legal remedy permitted by law including, but not limited, to (i) prosecution as a misdemeanor with imposition of a fine not to exceed \$500.00, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 60 days, or by both fine and imprisonment; (ii) imposition of civil fines or penalties; and (iii) pursuit of injunctive relief or declaratory relief from a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing stated in this paragraph shall prevent the Town from taking any lawful action that may be necessary for it to enforce or to remedy any violation of this Ordinance.

(b) Each violation of the ordinance is a separate infraction for which a separate penalty may be imposed. Violations of a continuing nature shall constitute a separate violation for each day such violation continues and a separate fine whether imposed pursuant to a misdemeanor prosecution, civil penalty, or otherwise, may be imposed for each day such violation continues or occurs.

(c) The Town's law enforcement officers, or if Town law enforcement is unavailable, any on duty law enforcement officer responding to a situation at any of the Town parks or recreational facilities are authorized to remove an ordinance violator and their personal property from any Town park or recreational area. The enforcement officer(s) shall first warn the violator and request that the violator immediately leave the area with their personal property. A violator's failure to timely comply with the request shall constitute a trespass after warning which may be prosecuted in accordance with applicable criminal sanctions.

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SIGNED:
Jamie D. Watts, Mayor
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