

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND PART I, CHAPTER 66 “PARKS AND RECREATION”, SECTION 66-1 “DEFINITIONS” AND SECTION 66-7 “HOURS OF OPERATION”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED

**Section 1.** The *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting in its entirety, Part I, Chapter 66 “Parks and Recreation”, Section 66-1 “Definitions”, and replacing it with a new Part I, Chapter 66 “Parks and Recreation”, Section 66-1 “Definitions” to read as follows:

“The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Department* means the county parks and recreation department, a department under the jurisdiction of the board of commissioners.

*Facility* means all recreation areas, buildings, structures or domiciles located in parks, including land, trails, lakes, ponds, streams, swimming pools, sports fields, cemeteries, and all other property and buildings owned, leased, controlled or managed by the county, the county parks and recreation department, the designated agents or departments of the county, and including all recreation areas and parks in the county owned by the state or federal government and managed by the county.

*Park* means all land, trails, lakes, ponds, streams, swimming pools, sports fields, cemeteries, natural areas, and all other property, owned, leased, controlled or managed by the county, the county parks and recreation department, the designated agents or departments of the county, and including all recreation areas and parks in the county owned by the state or federal government and managed by the county.

*Person* means any individual, citizen, group, association, firm, corporation or other legal entity who is authorized to use and enjoy the county's parks and any structure or facility located therein.”

**Section 2.** The *CODE OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting in its entirety, Part I, Chapter 66 “Parks and Recreation”, Section 66-7 “Hours of operation”, and replacing it with a new Part I, Chapter 66 “Parks and Recreation”, Section 66-7 “Hours of operation” to read as follows:

“(a) Facility Hours. Facilities shall be open as designated by the director of the county parks and recreation department. Facility hours shall be posted in appropriate county communication channels.

(b) Park Hours. All parks shall be open daily to the general public between the hours of sunrise to sunset, as designated by the U.S. Weather Service, unless authorized by the board of commissioners on the recommendation of the chief operating officer.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter within a park or facility outside of the posted hours of operation unless such person is participating in authorized and scheduled programs, classes, special events, or meetings. A park, section of a park, facility or section of a facility may be closed to the public by the department at any time and for any length of time, either temporarily or at regular stated intervals.”

**Section 3.** All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective on immediately upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

**SO ORDAINED**, this the 7th day of March, 2017.

[signatures on the following page]

**CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



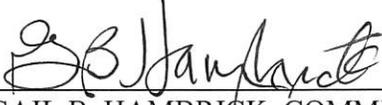
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