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**2-101. Established, membership, term, and compensation.** There is established in the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, a park and recreation board, which shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be constituted as follows:

(1) One (1) member shall be an elected official of the city. Six (6) members who shall be appointed by the mayor and board of aldermen.

(2) The said members shall serve at the will of the commission and shall, initially, be appointed, two (2) for a term of one (1) year; two (2) for a term of two (2) years; and two (2) for a term of three (3) years; of these one (1) member will be of the mayor and board of aldermen. As each of said terms expires, the re-appointment or successive appointment shall be for three (3) years. This board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the city commission. Its responsibilities shall be to study and evaluate on-going programs in the area of parks and recreation by the City of Ridgetop, and of possible future programs and activities thereof. It shall make recommendations to the city commission within these areas, and shall assist the city commission in promoting such programs and activities as the commission shall espouse. None of the members appointed pursuant to this section shall receive any fee, salary or other emolument for his or her service on this board; provided, however, that, in its discretion, the city commission may reimburse any member for necessary expenses, when such member has secured prior approval of the commission for the outlay.

(3) This board shall respond to the requests of the commission for such projects and studies as the commission shall deem desirable or necessary.

(4) This board shall meet on call of the chairman, or in regularly scheduled meetings as directed by the commission. All meetings of the board shall be subject to the public meetings requirements of the law of the State of Tennessee, familiarly known as the "Sunshine" laws. This section may be amended, from time to time, by the city commission as circumstances dictate, and this board shall have the duty to make recommendations to said commission as to any such changes or amendments. (Ord. #86-4, Sept. 1986, as amended by Ord. #2006-100, Feb. 2006, and Ord. #2007-108, Nov. 2007, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, Ord. #2011-103, Aug. 2011, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-102. Powers and duties of the mayor and board of aldermen.**

(1) The mayor and board of aldermen shall formulate policy and oversee the operation of the park and recreation system of the City of Ridgetop. The mayor and board of aldermen may delegate such duties to the parks advisory board and city employees as they determine to be necessary.

(2) Unless otherwise denoted, the term "park" shall apply to all parks, playgrounds, community centers, and other recreational areas now owned or hereafter acquired or developed by the City of Ridgetop.

(3) All individual citizens, civic clubs, committees, businesses, special interest groups, charitable organizations or any other entity desiring to use park properties or facilities for any purpose shall seek approval through the city prior to beginning the activity or event. This approval process shall also apply to those organizations with existing or continuing programs, activities, or permissible permanent structures within park properties when these organizations develop, expand, modify, discontinue, or otherwise significantly affect the appearance or usage of park property.

(4) The mayor and board of aldermen shall be responsible for the actual employment and supervision of park employees.

(5) The mayor and board of aldermen shall review, approve, reject or amend the annual budget requests compiled by the park advisory board. (Ord. #86-4, Sept. 1986, as replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-103. Powers and duties of the park advisory board.** (1) The park advisory board may recommend to the mayor and board of aldermen the sale or purchase, development and usage of any lands desired to be acquired or disposed of, now owned or used by the City of Ridgetop for the purpose of a city park.

(2) The park advisory board shall have the authority to establish the fees and charges, if any, subject to final approval of the mayor and board of aldermen.

(3) The park advisory board shall be in charge of the management of public parks, playgrounds, and other recreational areas, and of a comprehensive recreational program for the area of the City of Ridgetop. They shall administer the policies of the mayor and board of aldermen, recommend rules and regulations to the mayor and board of aldermen for their consideration, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the mayor and board of aldermen. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-104. Park rules and regulations -- in general.** Copies of park rules and regulations shall be posted in each park location and are presumed to be known and understood by all park users. Also, no person shall in any park disobey the lawful and reasonable order of a police officer or city employee in the discharge of his duties, or disobey or disregard the notices, prohibitions, instructions, or directions posted within the park or park facility. Park rules and regulations contained in this section shall apply as follows:

(1) To anyone performing an act in direct violation of a rule, including anyone who causes, solicits, conspires, or in any way aids in the violation of a rule; or

(2) To anyone who allows or otherwise fails to curtail actions of a minor which violate a rule or regulation; or

(3) To anyone in a supervisory capacity over a group of people who have entered the park premises, with or without proper approval, for any and all actions of the group which violate park rules and regulations. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, May 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-105. Permits.** (1) A "permit" under this section means any authorization issued by, or under the authority of the city, for a specified park privilege permitting the performance of a specified act in the park.

(2) Any activity or use regulated by these rules § 2-107 may be performed under a permit obtained from the city.

(3) Any activity or use which is specifically prohibited by these rules pursuant to § 2-106 may be performed under a permit obtained from the city after the city has determined that there is an obvious or beneficial community purpose in allowing the activity or use. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, May 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-106. Prohibited uses.** The following are prohibited:

- (1) Vandalism of any park structure or grounds;
- (2) Littering, including placing household garbage in park receptacles;
- (3) Sound truck advertising;
- (4) Disorderly conduct;

- (5) Fireworks and firearms;
- (6) Injuring, harassing, or feeding animals;
- (7) Consuming alcoholic beverages and possession of illegal drugs;
- (8) No piloted aircraft;
- (9) No pets on trails;
- (10) No bikes or motor vehicles on trails. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, May 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-107. Regulated uses.** The following areas are subject to permit or other restriction:

- (1) Permits must be obtained to reserve park facilities, use park property for any prohibited use, or when otherwise required by this subsection.
- (2) Placing posters and signs is not allowed except by permit.
- (3) Selling of any merchandise is not allowed except by permit.
- (4) Building of fires is not allowed except in grills and by permit.
- (5) Camping is not allowed except by permit.
- (6) Horses are not allowed.
- (7) All pets must be kept on a leash. Any pet found at large may be seized and impounded by the Health Department of Davidson or Robertson Counties.
- (8) No person will be allowed to remain in the park after posted park hours without a permit. Persons will be allowed to enter the park after sunrise and before the park opens either by permit or by entering on foot.
- (9) Open forums may be held either by permit or only at designated areas within the park. Places for open forum: at or near the pavilions at Pioneer Park and Ridgetop Station Park. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, May 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-108. Regulation of vehicles.** The following regulations apply to vehicle use in park area:

- (1) Regulatory signs must be observed unless directed otherwise by a police officer or park employee.
- (2) No person shall drive a vehicle on a street within any park at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances. However, the maximum speed limit in all parks is fifteen (15) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- (3) Reckless driving is prohibited.
- (4) Motorized vehicles are confined to the roads and parking areas and are not to be driven on any turf or trail unless so directed by a police officer or park employee.
- (5) Only licensed drivers are to operate motorized vehicles inside the park. Driving lessons are prohibited.

(6) Maintenance of vehicles such as changing oil is prohibited within any park. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, May 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-109. Enforcement of park rules and regulations.** Compliance with the rules and regulations of this section may be enforced by police officers of the City of Ridgetop and park employees so authorized by the city. However, the enforcement power of authorized park employees will be limited to the issuance of citations, and park employees will not detain or pursue any person suspected of violating a rule or regulation in the event that such person attempts to resist or flee. (as added by Ord. #2008-102, May 2008, and replaced by Ord. #2009-100, May 2009, Ord. #2009-106, Oct. 2009, and Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)

**2-110. Meeting times.** (1) The City of Ridgetop and recreation advisory board shall determine the time and place for its meeting and shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of their affairs.

(2) The first regular meeting of March shall include on the agenda the election and appointment of officers for the current year.

(3) Special meeting may be called by the chairman or upon the request of three (3) members.

(4) All meetings are to be open to the public. Individuals or groups desiring to petition the board for some specific action should present their request to the chairman no later than one (1) week prior to the meeting.

(5) The petitioning individual or group may also appear in person at the meeting to make an oral presentation to the group.

(6) Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters of procedure concerning the actions of this board. (as added by Ord. #2012-106, Oct. 2012)