



# City Council Agenda Item Report

February 19, 2013

## Agenda Item No.

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**Subject: Approval of the second reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Buda, Texas modifying article 18.02 (“Parks”) of the city’s Code of Ordinances, relating to the permitted uses of the city parks; providing for penalties for violations of these regulations; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.**

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### 1. Background / History

City ordinances regarding public park rules have not been updated in several years. In coming up with proposed changes to park rules and regulations, staff reviewed rules, regulations, and ordinances from area cities and took into account current park activity and use in Buda.

On July 18, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved for City Council consideration modified park rules and regulations. Highlighted in yellow are new proposed park rules and highlighted in red are items that would be deleted along with existing text in black.

From what staff had originally submitted for Parks and Recreation Commission review, Commissioners recommended/approved for City Council consideration the following changes that have been included in the proposed modified parks rules and regulations attachment:

- The rule prohibiting use of opposite sex restrooms should be deleted.
- Language should be added forbidding smoking within 25 feet around city owned athletic fields, skate parks, splash parks, swimming pools, playgrounds, or playground equipment.

### 2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

On January 16, 2013, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the proposed park rules again to ensure that nothing needed to be changed since they had discussed modifying park rules and regulations on July 18, 2012.

On February 5, 2013, a presentation was given to City Council regarding the new proposed park rules. As discussed, new park signage will be installed in parks highlighting certain park rules such as hours of operation, damage/defacement, littering, activity disruption, and tobacco product restrictions noting the ordinance number for Buda Police enforcement of all park rules. The City Council approved the first reading of the ordinance with no changes.

Attached is a clean copy of the ordinance modifying article 18.02 ("Parks") of the city's Code of Ordinances, relating to the permitted uses of the city parks; providing for penalties for violations of these regulations; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

N/A

**4. ACTION OPTIONS/CONSIDERATION**

Approve the first reading or amend as necessary the proposed ordinance modifying article 18.02 ("Parks") of the city's Code of Ordinances, relating to the permitted uses of the city parks; providing for penalties for violations of these regulations; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.