

ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED "SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PARK REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION 1. Title 20, Chapter 5, of the Signal Mountain Municipal Code, entitled "Signal Mountain Park Regulations and Guidelines" is amended by deleting Sections 20-501 and 20-502 in their entirety and substituting new Sections 20-501 and 20-502 in lieu thereof as follows:

20-501. Park use guidelines. The following general parks guidelines are applicable to all parks within the Town, unless otherwise posted, and supplement other laws, ordinances and codes to insure the safety of park visitors and the preservation of park lands. Trails are designed and designated for foot traffic only. Wheelchairs, strollers, maintenance and emergency response vehicles are the only wheeled vehicles allowed on park trails. Owners must clean up after their pets and remove all pet waste upon exiting the park. Horses are not allowed on any Town trails.

20-502. Park regulations. In accordance with Tennessee law (TCA) and/or Town code (TC) the following regulations shall be strictly enforced in all Town parks. Violations are punishable by fine or other applicable court action for the following offenses:

1. Littering, including the dumping of debris, refuse or waste of any type is prohibited. (TCA 39-14-502) (TC 11-1101)
2. Pets must be leashed. Allowing an animal to run at large is prohibited. (TCA 44-8-408) (TC 10-204)
3. Removal of natural material – native plants, wood, rocks, artifacts, etc. – is prohibited. Violations may be enforced as acts of theft or vandalism. (TCA 39-14-103) (TC 11-806)
4. Graffiti or any other type of defacing of property is prohibited. Violations may be enforced as acts of vandalism or theft. (TCA 39-14-408) (TC 11-101)
5. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all Town parks (TC 11-201)

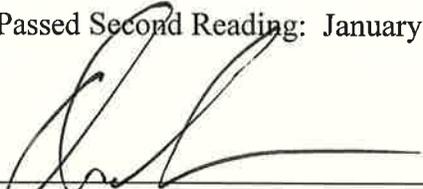
6. The use or possession of illicit drugs is prohibited in all Town parks. (TCA 39-17-401 - 454)
7. In general, possession of a firearm will be allowed by a person who is authorized to carry the firearm pursuant to TCA 39-17-1351, while within or on a public park, natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, waterway, or other similar public place that is owned or operated by the Town of Signal Mountain.
8. A handgun carry permit holder shall be prohibited from carrying a handgun in any similar public place owned by a local government within the immediate vicinity of a school where one (1) or more students are physically present on the premises where a reasonable person knows or should know is an athletic event or school-related activity. (TC 11-503)
9. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge firearms within the corporate limits of the Town of Signal Mountain, except when and where the discharge of a firearm is expressly authorized or permitted by state law and/or the regulations of the Tennessee Wildlife Commission. It shall be unlawful to hunt on any property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Town of Signal Mountain. (TC 11-501, 11-502)
10. Camping and open fires are not permitted in any Town park.

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SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage as provided by law.

Passed First Reading: January 14, 2019

Passed Second Reading: January 25, 2019



Dan Landrum, Mayor



Recorder

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