

ORDINANCE NO. 4636

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 9-0204 OF THE GRAND FORKS CITY CODE RELATING TO AFTER HOURS PRESENCE IN POCKET PARKS

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, THAT:

SECTION I. ADOPTING CLAUSE

Section 9-0204 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to after hours presence in pocket parks is hereby adopted to provide as follows:

9-0204 - After hours presence in pocket parks.

(1) It is unlawful for any person to remain or be present in a pocket park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except as specifically authorized by the city council.

(2) For purposes of this section a "pocket park" includes the area commonly known as Town Square and those areas or parks commonly known as Pillsbury Park, Loon Park, and Centennial Park.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval as provided by law.

Michael R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Storstad, Director
Finance & Administrative Services

Introduction and first reading: 09/18/2017

Public Hearing: 10/02/2017

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Approved: 10/02/2017

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ORDINANCE NO. 4637

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 9-0205 OF THE GRAND FORKS CITY CODE RELATING TO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED IN POCKET PARKS

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, THAT:

SECTION I. ADOPTING CLAUSE.

Section 9-0205 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited in pocket parks is hereby adopted to provide as follows:

9-0205 - Consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited in pocket parks.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverages, or to serve, sell or possess an open container which contains alcoholic beverages in or upon any pocket park except as specifically authorized by the city council.
- (2) For purposes of this section a "pocket park" includes the area commonly known as Town Square and those areas or parks commonly known as Pillsbury Park, Loon Park, and Centennial Park.

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Agenda Item: Ordinance amending Section 9-0204 and 9-0205 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to after hour presence in downtown pocket parks and the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages in downtown pocket parks

Submitted by: Ryan Brooks, Deputy City Planner

Staff Recommended Action: Preliminary approval, introduction and final approval of ordinance

Committee Recommended Action: Refer to City Council with Recommendation to Approve.

Council Action:

BACKGROUND: The Police Department has contacted the Community Development office regarding concerns at Town Square and the other downtown pocket parks. We conveyed these concerns to the City Attorney’s office and Mr. Swanson drafted the attached ordinances.

The ordinances will be in effect for Town Square, Loon Park, Pillsbury Park and Centennial Park. The first ordinance limits the hours that the park is open to 6:00 am to 11:00 pm. The second ordinance prohibits alcoholic beverages in the park unless specifically authorized by the city council (e.g. Special Events).

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Some concerns have been brought regarding activity in the downtown parks

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Draft Ordinance 9-0204
- Draft Ordinance 9-0205