

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, held on the 5th day of December, 2023, the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 667

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach often hosts or conducts events in its parks, such as the Sea Santa Sail-a-Bration and Finally First Friday, it often becomes needed or necessary for the City to modify such hours of operation with respect to the parks that are affected thereby; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the matters, facts, and things recited in the Preamble hereto are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. Closing Hours of City of Long Beach Parks/Recreational Areas

- (a) No person shall be in any park/recreational area during the hours the park/recreational area is closed.
- (b) Lighted parks/recreational areas are closed from 10:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. daily.
- (c) Unlighted (i.e., not lighted by permanently affixed artificial illumination) parks/recreational areas shall close from dusk to dawn daily. Where a lighted parking lot/area serves an unlighted park/recreational area, that parking lot/area shall, likewise, close from dusk to dawn daily.
- (d) The director may allow scheduled and/or sanctioned recreation events or related activities to begin prior to opening time or continue past closing time to a reasonable hour as determined by the director. Further, the director may allow the park to be open prior to opening time or to remain open past closing time by consent or implied consent associated with City sponsored or approved events.
- (e) With respect to events that are City sponsored or approved and held in a "city" owned park, the director may determine that it is in the best interest of the City for a park, or parts thereof, to be closed for unrestricted access during the event and the period of time before and after the event, as needed for event set up and breakdown or to otherwise safeguard equipment or materials utilized as part of or for the event.

SECTION 3. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Aldermen hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsection, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. The Governing Authority further finds that the following shall serve as an explanatory statement of this Ordinance for purposes of publication pertaining to the hours of City parks. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance is available to municipal residents upon request to the City Clerk.

SECTION 5: To provide for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health and safety associated with the use of parks, this Ordinance shall be in full force and become effective immediately upon its passage by unanimous vote and enactment according to law and shall be spread on the minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The Ordinance shall be published according to law and for failure to pass unanimously, shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of passage.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Alderman Brown seconded by Alderman Parker and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Alderman Donald Frazer	voted	Aye
Alderman Patrick Bennett	voted	Aye
Alderman Bernie Parker	voted	Aye
Alderman Angie Johnson	voted	Aye
Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Mike Brown	voted	Aye
Alderman Pete McGoey	voted	Aye

WHEREUPON, the mayor declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted, this the 5th day of December, 2023.



ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

Stacey Dahl
 Stacey Dahl, City Clerk

George L. Bass
 George L. Bass, Mayor

C E R T I F I C A T E

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON
CITY OF LONG BEACH**

I, the undersigned, Stacey Dahl, City Clerk within and for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance #667 of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting duly held and convened on the 5th day of December, 2023, as the same appears of record in Ordinance Book #9, pages 243-245, inclusive, in my office at the City Hall in said City.

Given under my hand and the official seal of my office this the 7th day of December, 2023.



Stacey Dahl
Stacey Dahl, City Clerk