



# Park Hours

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## *Why consider instituting parks hours?*

*Parks have experienced:*

- *Increased vandalism*
- *Increased damage to public property*
- *Public safety concerns*

*Many of these incidents occur during nighttime hours.*

*Mandating hours of parks closure can potentially improve public safety and reduce the financial and maintenance burden associated with vandalism and damage.*



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## ***What is the current situation?***

*Currently, the Ashland Municipal Code 10.68.380 provides a “curfew” for Lithia park ONLY from 11:30PM to 5:30AM.*

***Staff proposes amending AMC 10.68.380 to establish hours of parks closure in all city parks between the hours of 12:00AM (midnight) and 5:00AM.***



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## 10.68.380 ~~Curfew~~ Hours of Parks Closure

A. ~~Except for City officials or their designees on official business, no one shall be in Lithia Park between the hours of 11:30 P.M. and 5:30 A.M.~~ No person shall remain in any City park, as defined in AMC 10.68.010, between the hours 12:00 AM (midnight) and 5:00 AM, except authorized city personnel or as authorized by the Ashland Parks and Recreation Director or designee consistent with established parks rules and regulations.

B. ~~Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter is subject to Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Any violation of this section is a Class IV violation. (Ord. 3137, amended, 2017; Ord. 3026, amended, 08/03/2010).~~ Any violation of this section is a Class IV violation subject to the penalties and procedures in AMC 1.08.030.



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## **AMC 10.68.010**

### *10.68.010 Parks-Defined*

*Unless some other meaning clearly appears, the words “park” and “parks” means the lands dedicated for park purposes under and by virtue of that certain charter amendment adopted by a vote of the people of the City at the annual city election held on December 15, 1908, and proclaimed by the mayor December 17, 1908, together with all other lands since acquired or that may hereafter be acquired, or may have been dedicated, or may hereafter be dedicated, for park and recreation purposes, either by the City, by corporations, or by individuals. (Ord. 626 § 1, amended, 1916)*



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## Possible Motion:

*I move to recommend Ordinance 3226 to establish parks hours for all city parks go to City Council for consideration.*