

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.1.5(C) NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10 (PARKS AND RECREATION) REGARDING WEAPONS IN CITY PARKS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock regulates its parts through North Little Rock Municipal Code (“NLRMC”) Chapter 10, adopted March 12, 2012 (Ord. No. 8420), as amended by Ordinance Nos. 8629 and 8807; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.1.5(C) of Chapter 10 regarding possession of weapons in a city park is not consistent with State law and needs to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 4.1.5(C) of the North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 10 (Parks and Recreation) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**4.1.5 Unlawful Contraband in City Parks.**

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(C) Weapons.

- (1) No person shall possess a weapon of any kind in a City Park ~~except for those persons possessing a weapon in accordance with a valid concealed weapons permit and the requirements of~~ as permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 5-73-306122.
- (2) ~~No person shall possess a weapon of any kind in an area or facility where signs are posted prohibiting weapons.~~

*Editor’s Note:* Added text denoted by underline; deleted text by ~~strikethrough~~.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are not severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall void the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that there is a need to amend Section 4.1.5 of NLRMC Chapter 10 – Parks and Recreation to accurately state and clarify the rules on the possession of weapons in city parks, and the passage of this

Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the proper and orderly growth of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

Joe A. Smith  
Mayor Joe A. Smith *m-sm*

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter  
C. Jason Carter, City Attorney *m-sm*

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

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