



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: JUNE 18, 2018**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION OF RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE 9.08.110 PARK HOURS AND CLOSURE TO STATE CLOSING TIME IS 10 P.M. TO 5 A.M.

ISSUE:

Review proposed revision of Riverside Municipal Code section 9.08.110 Park Hours and Park Closure.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission provide feedback and recommend the City Council amend Riverside Municipal Code section 9.08.110 Park Hours and Closure to state closing time is 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) notified the Park and Recreation Commission of a comprehensive Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) update on February 8, 2016. Director Cruz gave the Commission a copy of the proposed changes to be made to the RMC as it relates to Parks, Recreation and Community Services. The RMC was updated and approved by the City Council on December 20, 2016. The update to the RMC included section 9.08.110 and revised closure times of parks from “thirty minutes after sunset of one day and thirty minutes before sunrise of the next day” to “10 p.m. to 6 a.m.”

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends an additional update to amend RMC Section 9.08.110 Park Hours and Closure to adjust closing times to 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for developed parks and a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise for undeveloped and natural parks. Counters at Mt. Rubidoux indicate that on average there are 50 individuals accessing the trails as early as 5 a.m. on a daily basis. The parking for Mt. Rubidoux is located at Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo. Also, recent Police observations have indicated park patrons utilizing other parks for early morning exercise before 6 a.m. Due to this observed increase in positive use of parks, such as for exercise during early morning hours, staff recommends amending park closure times to allow for citizens to utilize parks earlier without violating the RMC.

Staff recently updated the survey of park closure times for ten cities in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. While results vary, 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for developed parks and half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise for undeveloped and natural parks appear to be reasonable closing times and similar to other cities' regulations. See a summary of survey results below:

City	Park Closure Times
Anaheim	10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
Corona	10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
Fontana	10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
Irvine	10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Moreno Valley	10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Murrieta	Sunset to Sunrise
Orange	11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
Rancho Cucamonga	10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
San Bernardino	10:00 pm to 6:00 am
Temecula	Dusk to Dawn

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fees associated with new signage will be covered in the Department's current operating budget.

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Attachment: Redlined R.M.C. 9.08.110