



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. O
5/21/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Ordinance on final hearing, relating to Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, etc., amending Chapter 38 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, amending Article II – Park Commission, by amending Section 38-50 - Functions; amending Article IV - General Park Regulations, Division 1 - Generally, by amending Sections 38-88 - Changing hours of operation, Section 38-94 - Restrictions on selling and advertising, Section 38-103 - Permits and Section 38-104 - Fees.

Background:

The proposed ordinance amendments would modify Section 38-50 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, (“Code”) to clarify the Park Commission’s role in making recommendations for rules, regulations, and policies governing park lands. The changes would also specify that the Park Commission may provide input on infrastructure improvement plans for parks.

Section 38-88 of the Code would be amended to clarify that the Park Commission recommends changes to park operating hours. Section 38-94 of the Code would be amended to delete references to Park Commission rules or regulations concerning advertising and the sale of goods in parks. Also removed is an unneeded reference to the City’s right to negotiate contracts for concession activities in parks lasting more than seven consecutive days.

Another change, related to permits, is found in Section 38-103. It states that the Parks Director is authorized to issue permits under guidelines recommended by the Park Commission and approved by the City Council. Included in Section 38-104 is an update requiring the Parks Director to deliver to the City Council, at least once annually, any changes made to fees for proprietary events, activities, or programs conducted by OKC Parks. As used in that section, “Proprietary” functions are those that are business-like instead of governmental. On March 20, 2024, the Park Commission recommend approval of the ordinance amendments.

Review:

Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Ordinance be adopted.