

ORDINANCE NO. 543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF PARK RULES REGARDING POSSESSION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING UNIVERSITY PLACE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15.05; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City's Parks Code, at Chapter 15.05.060 (E) (2) and at (F) (2) currently prohibits the possession of firearms of any description; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the University Place Municipal Code Chapter 15.05 in order to comply with State law; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sections 15.05.060 (E) (2) Firearms, and (F) (2) Violence - Amended. Chapter 15.05.060 (E)(2), "Firearms," and (F)(2), "Violence," to the University Place Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

15.05.060 Regulations and prohibited activities.
E. Recreational Activities

2. Firearms. ~~No person shall use, carry, or possess firearms of any description, or air rifles, spring guns, bow and arrows, slings or any other forms of weapons potentially inimical to wildlife and dangerous to human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is forbidden.~~ No person shall use, carry, or possess weapons of any description potentially inimical to wildlife and dangerous to human safety, or any kind of trapping device. PROVIDED, however, that firearms are permitted subject to the following limitations. No person except duly authorized law enforcement personnel and/or persons licensed to carry a concealed weapon shall possess a concealed firearm in a City park. No person shall aim or discharge a firearm in, into, or across any park area.


F. Behavior

2. Violence. ~~No person shall exhibit violence or possess a firearm or weapon.~~ No person shall exhibit violence at any time, whether or not in possession of a weapon pursuant to this Chapter.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

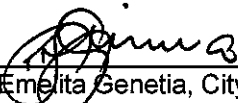
Section 3. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 2, 2009.



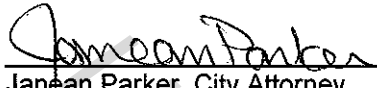
Linda Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emelita Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Janean Parker, City Attorney

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