

ORDINANCE NO. 3480

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 6-1-1 (PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS -- CLOSING HOURS), of Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Title 6 (PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 6-1-1 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 6-1-1 Public parks and playgrounds -- closing hours.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon or remain upon the lands or premises of any public park or public playground within the city between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., eastern standard time or daylight saving time, whichever time is in effect; except as follows:

(1) public officials or employees in the performance of their duties;

(2) persons participating in or witnessing events where specific permission has been given by public authorities to exceed the above-stated time limits;

(3) persons authorized to use the City of Alexandria marina facilities while en route to boarding or disembarking from their vessels.

(b) Notwithstanding the contrary provisions in subsection (a), the city manager may, by regulation, amend the hours of operation of any public park or public playground upon a finding that such amendment is necessary (1) to protect or promote the health, safety or welfare of the users of or neighbors to the park or playground, or (2) to promote the efficient operation of the park or playground. If any such regulation is adopted, signs indicating the hours of operation shall be posted upon the lands or premises of the public park or playground whose hours have been amended by the manager.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class 4 misdemeanor.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: October 13, 1990