



**Agenda Item:** Original Ordinance, Second Reading

**Title:** Original Ordinance No. 1995, amending Chapter 12.52 of the Laramie Municipal Code by amending Sections 12.52.010 through 12.52.060. (Second Reading, Introduced by Gabriel)

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move to approve Original Ordinance No. 1995, amending Chapter 12.52 of the Laramie Municipal Code by amending Sections 12.52.010 through 12.52.060, on second reading.

**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

The Parks, Tree & Recreation Advisory Board has recommended these changes for clarity, consistency and public safety.

**Background:**

**First Reading – Information:**

In November and December of 2018, the Parks, Tree & Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and approved proposed park rule changes effective May 31, 2019. Through LMC Chapter 2.28 – 2.28.070.D. *The board shall draft rules and regulations relating to the orderly use of parks recreation and open space and related facilities by the public. The rules and regulations are effective when adopted by the city council by minute action.*

The rules as adopted and approved by the City Council by minute action are below.

Current Park Rules Sign	Proposed Park Rules Sign	Proposed Trail Signs
<p>LARAMIE PARK RULES</p> <p>AUTHORITY: Laramie Municipal Code</p> <p><b><u>DOGS</u></b> MUST BE ON LEASH REMOVE FECES AT ONCE</p> <p><b><u>NO</u></b> GOLFING BIKES ON PATHS ALCOHOL WITHOUT PERMIT OVERNIGHT SLEEPING DAMAGING FACILITIES VENDING WITHOUT LICENSE DAMAGING VEGETATION METAL DETECTORS OR DIGGING</p> <p>*same sign used on trails.</p>	<p>City of Laramie Parks &amp; Recreation Department</p> <p>Park/Open Space Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Hours are 5:00 a.m. to 12:00a.m. Camping or overnight stays are prohibited.</li> <li>• Activities that damage trees, plants, turf or park facilities are prohibited.</li> <li>• Pets must be on a leash unless utilizing a dedicated off leash area or dog park. Owners of pets are required to remove waste.</li> <li>• Fires are only allowed in designated fire pits or grills.</li> <li>• Please place trash in receptacles provided.</li> <li>• Motorized vehicles are not allowed on any park or trail. Maintenance, safety and special event vehicles are exempt.</li> <li>• The consumption of alcoholic beverages or vending in the park system is only allowed with a permit.</li> </ul> <p>Park Rules authorized through the Laramie Municipal Code and the Parks, Tree &amp; Recreation Board. Please call 721-5269 for more information.</p>	<p>City of Laramie Parks &amp; Recreation Department</p> <p>Trail Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping or overnight stays are prohibited.</li> <li>• Activities that damage trees, plants, turf or park facilities are prohibited.</li> <li>• Pets must be on a leash. Owners of pets are required to remove waste.</li> <li>• Fires are only allowed in designated fire pits or grills.</li> <li>• Please place trash in receptacles provided.</li> <li>• Motorized vehicles are not allowed on any trails. Maintenance, safety and special event vehicles are exempt.</li> <li>• Trail courtesy encourages users to stay to the right, pass on the left with an audible sound and to operate at a safe speed.</li> </ul> <p>Rules authorized through the Laramie Municipal Code and the Parks, Tree &amp; Recreation Board. Please call 721-5269 for more information.</p>

Although, these rules are set in place by action of the Parks, Tree & Recreation Advisory Board they are also codified through the Laramie Municipal Code under Chapter 12.52 – 12.52.010 through 12.52.060. The proposed changes are intended to create clarity and consistency between the adopted park rules and the Laramie Municipal Code and generally add to public safety.

**Second Reading – Information**

Neighboring Community Code Information:

Casper, Wyoming - 12.36.010 - Hours of operation. Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, parks shall be open to the public every day of the year between the hours of six a.m. and twelve midnight.

Rock Springs, Wyoming - 4-1201 Hours of City Parks. All City Parks shall be closed to public use daily between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.

Fort Collins, CO - (d) Except as authorized by a permit obtained for such use from the Service Unit, it shall be unlawful to: (1) Enter a recreation area during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Greeley, CO - 13.40.020 - Closed hours. All public parks within the City shall be closed to the public between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Safety Concern: The City of Laramie park playgrounds, amenities and walking paths are not sufficiently lit to provide the adequate lighting necessary to ensure safe use by patrons during night time hours.

Recommendation: Staff recommends amending the park hours section as shown below.

12.52.045 - ~~Overnight sleeping in parks prohibited~~ **Park Hours.**

**Parks hours shall be open between five a.m. and twelve a.m.** No person shall camp, sleep, or park a camper, trailer, or motor home in any city park or park facility between the hours of ~~ten p.m. twelve a.m.~~ and ~~six five a.m.~~ **except** without the advanced written approval of the city manager or his/her designee.

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 12.52 – 12.52.010 through 12.52.060

**Responsible Staff:**

Future dates are subject to change

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Work Session	N/A
Advertised	March 13, 2019
Public Hearing (PH) Held	March 19, 2019
PH Advertised	March 13, 2019
Introduction/1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	March 5, 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	March 19, 2019
3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	April 2, 2019

**Attachments:**

Park Rules Ordinance Revision 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
PH Ord 1995 amending Chapt 12.52 3-19-19