

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,  
AMENDING RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.22.075  
RELATED TO PARK HOURS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has need, from time to time, to update the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to provide clarity and address emerging issues; and

**WHEREAS**, RMC 9.22.075 provides for park hours that apply to all designated or dedicated park facilities with limited exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, certain parks may benefit from unique park hours to resolve exigent circumstances and improve neighborhood compatibility; and

**WHEREAS**, amendment to RMC 9.22.075 is necessary to afford a measure of flexibility that will allow the City to promptly respond to exigent or unique circumstances and improve neighborhood compatibility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 9.22.075, entitled Park hours, as enacted by Ordinance No. 58-94, and last amended by Ordinance No. 20-11, is hereby amended as follows:

**9.22.075 Park hours**

City property, which consists of dedicated or designated public parks, shall be available for use and activities during the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. unless a more restrictive time period is posted. It shall be unlawful for any person to be present in or use these public facilities after from 11:00 p.m. ~~or prior~~ to 5:00 a.m. or during any posted restricted time period. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, unless such use falls within permitted exceptions as provided herein:

- A. Activities for which a permit is issued by the parks and recreation department of the city.
- B. Fishing during the hours the park is closed so long as the person fishing has the appropriate state licensing.
- C. Putting boats into and taking boats out of the river.
- D. Camping in areas which have been set aside in RMC 9.22.070(D).
- E. Individuals utilizing paved walking trails for walking, jogging, and nonmotorized cycling activities.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

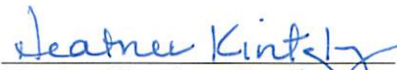
**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

  
Michael Alvarez, Mayor

Attest:

  
Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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