

ORDINANCE NO. 1669

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93 OF TITLE IX OF THE 2015 ORDINANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF OWATONNA, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "GENERAL REGULATIONS" PERTAINING TO NOISE IN PUBLIC PARKS.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OWATONNA, MINNESOTA, DO ORDAIN:

Section 1. § 93.029 "Noise in Public Parks" of Chapter 93 of Title IX of the 2015 Ordinance Code of the City of Owatonna entitled "General Regulations" is hereby amended by amending § 93.029 to read as follows:

(A) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(1) Park means and includes: Archery Range on Elm, Kriesel's Woods Park, Brooktree Golf Course, Lake Chase/Dog Park, Bown Park, Lake Kohlmier/Beach House, Buecksler Park, Leo Rudolph Nature Reserve, Cashman Park, Manthey Park, Central Park, Maple Creek, Country View Park, Mineral Springs Park, Crocus Park, Morehouse Park, Daikin Soccer Complex, Nass Woods Darts Park, North Bluff Park, Fairgrounds Park, North Straight River Parkway, Falkland Meadows, River Springs Water Park, Fremont Park, Sid Kinyon Courts, Hammann Park, Summer Park, Hazel Park, Walter H. Gainey Park, Jaycee Park, West Hills, Kaplan's Woods Park, Willow Park, Kaplan's Woods Parkway, City Parkland, Kriesel's Park and any other parks or trails hereafter established.

(2) Person means and includes an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, trustee, association, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, or any body of persons whether incorporated or not.

(B) *General prohibition.* No person shall in any public park or trail or within 150 feet of any park or trail boundary make or cause to be made any loud or distinctly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety or welfare of any person or precludes their enjoyment of property or affects their property's value. This general prohibition is not limited by the specific restrictions of the following divisions.

(C) *Horns, audible signaling devices and the like.* No person in any public park or trail shall sound any audible signaling device on any vehicle, except as a warning of danger. (Minn. Stat. § 169.69, as it may be amended from time to time).

(D) *Exhaust.* No person in any public park shall discharge the exhaust or permit the discharge of the exhaust of any stationary internal combustion engine, motorboat, motor vehicle including all-Terrain vehicles (ATV) or any other motorized vehicle of any kind or description, or snowmobile except through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom and complies with all applicable state laws and regulations.

(E) *Defective vehicles or loads.* No person in any public park shall use any vehicle so out of repair or so loaded as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.

(F) *Loudspeakers, megaphones, bullhorns, public address systems, radios, CD players or other sound amplification system.*

(1) No person in any public park or trail or within 150 feet of any park or trail boundary shall use or operate or permit the use or operation of any loudspeakers, megaphones, bullhorns, public address systems, radios, CD players or other sound amplification system of any kind or description for the production, or reproduction, or amplification of sound causing loud or distinct audible noise as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of any person nearby.

(G) *Exceptions.* This Ordinance provision does not prohibit the use of the sound amplification systems in subsection F(1) above by

- (i) the city, or
- (ii) a person who has obtained a permit from the city as provided in subsection (I) of this Ordinance.

(H) *Nuisance.* No person shall make, continue, permit or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any other noise within any public park or trail or within 150 feet of any part or trail boundary which creates a Public Nuisance as defined in Chapter 95 "Noise Control" of this Ordinance Code.

(I) *Participation in noisy parties or gatherings.* No person in any public park or on a public trail shall participate in any party or other gathering of people giving rise to noise, disturbing the peace, quiet or repose of another person. When a police officer determines that a gathering is creating such a noise disturbance, the officer may order all persons present where the disturbance is occurring, to disperse immediately. No person shall refuse to leave after being ordered by a police officer to do so.

(J) *Permit application.* Every person desiring such a permit shall submit an application form available at the City Clerk's office and pay in advance the required permit

fee as duly established by the Council from time to time.

Section 2. Effective date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

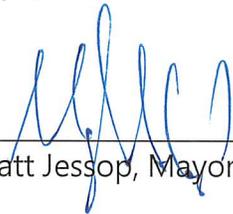
Passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 with the following roll call vote:

Aye – Voss, Dotson, Burbank, Boeke, McCann, Svenby, and Raney

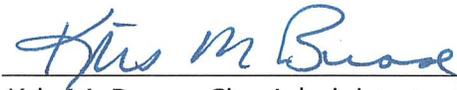
No - None

Absent - None

Approved and signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

  
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Matt Jessop, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kris M. Busse, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer