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ORDINANCE NO. 12-02-11

ORDINANCE NO. 12-02-11 AMENDS THE BOWLING GREEN TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT," ARTICLE IV, "TOWN DEPARTMENTS," SECTION 2-401, "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES," TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON FIREARMS IN PARKS CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW. ORDINANCE NO. 12-02-11 IS CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN VA CODE SECTION 15.2-915.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bowling Green Town Council that the Bowling Green Town Code, Chapter 2, "Administration of Government," Article IV, "Town Departments," Section 2-401, "Rules and Regulations for Use of Parks, Recreation Facilities" be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Section 2-401. Rules and Regulations for Use of Parks, Recreation Facilities.

(a) No person, except an employee in the performance of his or her assigned duties, shall in any manner pick, pull, pull up, tear, tear up, dig, dig up, cut down, break, burn, injure, deface, disturb, destroy, mutilate, disfigure, remove, scar, take or gather, in whole or in part, any part of any park, building, sign, equipment or other property, including but not limited to any tree, flower, fern, shrub, vine, turf, plant, rock, artifact, fossil or mineral found growing or being a part of the land of any park, recreation facility or Town Hall. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section to the contrary, the Town Manager may issue permits, in writing, to permit collecting, for scientific and/or educational purposes, trees, flowers, ferns, shrubs, vines, turf, plants, rocks, artifacts, fossils or minerals or any part thereof in any park.

(b) No person, except an employee in the performance of his or her assigned duties, shall deposit, dump, place or abandon any garbage, refuse or trash not generated in a park in any park refuse container.

(c) No person, other than any law enforcement officer, emergency service person or Town employee in the course of his respective employment, shall have in his possession in any park or Town facility any , slingshot, bow and arrow, crossbow, dart device, boomerang or any other like device , except in areas designated and posted by the Town as areas in which one or more of these devices are permitted for recreational use.

(d) No person, except an employee in the performance of his or her assigned duties, shall erect or post within any park any sign, notice or advertisement of any nature, nor shall any person operate any musical instrument, radio, talking device, phonograph, tape recorder or drum or make any noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any exhibition of any kind within a park without prior written permission from the Town Manager.

(e) No person, except a law enforcement officer or Town employee in the course of his

respective employment, shall enter or remain in any park except during such hours as designated and posted by the county as hours of operation. Those hours of operation will be dawn to dusk, unless it is an event scheduled by the Town Manager. All activity must be completed by 12:00 midnight. This may be waived if conditions warrant and written permission is given by the Town Manager.

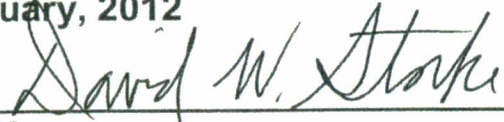
(f) No person, except an employee in the performance of his or her assigned duties, shall kindle, build, maintain or use a fire other than in grills and in places provided and/or designated by the county for such purpose, except by prior written permission from the Town Manager.

(g) No person, except an employee in the performance of his or her assigned duties, shall sell or offer for sale, hire, lease or let out any object or merchandise, property, privilege, service or any other structure whatsoever without prior written permission from the Town Manager.

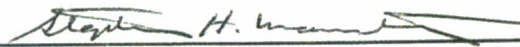
(h) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for a term not to exceed 12 months."

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Adopted this 5th day of January, 2012

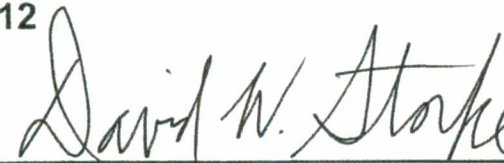


Mayor



Clerk

Approved this 5th Day of January, 2012



Mayor