

ORDINANCE NO. 46, 4th SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 90: BY ADDING SECTION 90.20 THROUGH 90.28 CONCERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS WITHIN THE EAST GRAND FORKS CITY LIMITS AND BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 AND SECTION 10.99 WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS.

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The East Grand Forks City Code is amended to include the following:

Sec. 90.20 – PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS.

A. Findings. The city council has determined that regulation of the use of public park property is necessary to protect health and safety of persons and property within the city.

B. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Public place of interest: means any parcel of land in the city now or hereafter owned or controlled by the city, including public parks

Public park: means any public land provided by the city for the purposes of public recreation, play, enjoyment or assembly including any structures located therein.

Sec.90.21-Linmitation of hours of use. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person or organization to use or occupy any public place of interest in the city between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. or as further restricted by section 90.22.

Sec. 90.22 Posting of hours. Hours as posted. The failure to post, or the failure to replace defaced or damaged postings, shall not limit the applicability of this chapter. Where hours are not posted, all public places of interest shall be closed to public use between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Sec. 90.23 Special Permit. Events in the park that require application for a special permit

1. Any event that serves alcohol.
2. Any event that expects over 100 people.
3. Any event that extends after normal park hours.
4. Any event that includes erecting temporary structures.
5. Any event that affects traffic or parking.

Sec. 90.24 Reservation of park shelters. Park shelters shall be available to all people on a first come, first served basis except when a permit has been granted by the city.

Sec 90.25 Fires in public places of interest. All fires are prohibited except for recreational firers in:

1. City designated fire rings.
2. Grills.

Sec. 90.26 Motor Vehicles. No Person shall operate a motor vehicle except on designated park roads and in parking lots.

Sec. 90.27 Leashing of dogs. Refer to Chapter 95 Animals 95.01 Running at large prohibited.

Sec.90.28 Penalty. Any person or organization that violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor offense and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days or by both.

SECTION 2. City Code Chapter 10 entitled "General Provisions" applicable to entire city code including penalty for violation and Section 10.99 entitled "General Penalty" are hereby adopted in their entirety, by reference, as though repeated verbatim herein.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication and be given the Number 46, 4th Series.

Voting Aye: Schumacher, Pokrzywinski, Riopelle, Helms, Casmey, Larson, and Peterson.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

ATTEST:

PASSED:

June 17, 2025

City Administrator

President of Council

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance this 17th day of June, 2025.

Mayor