

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE amending Section 12.08.070 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to
2 revise the hours of operation of City parks and park facilities; and repealing Section 12.08.070 of
3 the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

4 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

5 Section 1. That Section 12.08.070 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read
6 as follows:

7 **12.08.070 Unlawful to Be in Park After Hours; Closing Hours; Entering a Closed Area.**

8 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy or be present in any park or park facility
9 during any hours during which said park or park facility is not open to the public.

10 (b) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this section, all
11 parks shall be opened daily to the public during the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., except
12 Wilderness Park which shall be open from sunrise to sunset, Pioneers Park which shall be open from
13 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. during daylight savings time and from 7:00 a.m. to sunset during the
14 remainder of the year, and Bill Harris Iron Horse Park and Lincoln Community Foundation Tower
15 Square which shall be open ~~twenty-four hours a day~~ from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

16 (c) Organized events and activities authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation,
17 such as outdoor athletic competitions, may extend beyond regular park closing hours but shall not
18 extend beyond 12:00 midnight.

19 (d) Multi-use trails and the sidewalks on Centennial Mall shall be open twenty-four hours
20 a day. Hiker-biker trails within parks shall be open the same hours as the associated park area.

21 (e) The Director of Parks and Recreation may temporarily authorize an extension of the
22 hours during which a park shall be open to the public. Such authorization shall be in writing and
23 shall specify the extended hours, the dates during which such extended hours shall be in effect, and
24 the specific park or parks to which such temporarily extended hours shall apply.

1 (f) Any park may be declared closed to the public by the Mayor or Director of Parks and
2 Recreation at any time or at regular or stated intervals when necessary for:

3 (1) the care and maintenance of the park; or

4 (2) the health, safety and welfare of the public; or

5 (3) the protection or preservation of park property. When so closed, the Director
6 shall cause notice to be posted at the entrance to said park to notify the public that the park is closed,
7 and when so posted it shall be unlawful for any person to enter said park; and it shall be unlawful
8 for any person to remain in said park after oral notice by the Director, or any law enforcement officer
9 or other duly authorized representative of the Director that said park is closed, regardless of whether
10 or not the notice has been posted. Such authorization for the closing shall be in writing.

11 (g) Any extension or reduction of park hours by the Director of Parks and Recreation
12 shall be reported to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their next regularly scheduled
13 meeting.

14 Section 2. That Section 12.08.070 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing
15 be and the same is hereby repealed.

16 Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage
17 and publication in one issue of a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the City,
18 according to law.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2014:

Mayor