

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1009

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CITY CODE - REGULATING PARK HOURS IN
THE CITY OF WOOD LAKE**

The City Council of the City of Wood Lake, Minnesota hereby ordains as follows:

2023-1009.01 PURPOSE. *The governing body finds it is in the best interest of the City to regulate hours of use for the parks within the City of Wood Lake. These regulations apply to Freedom Park, Heritage Park, and Memorial Park within the City of Wood Lake. The purpose of these regulations is to provide safety and public enjoyment in a way that will leave the parks unimpaired and minimize conflict among users and residents of the City of Wood Lake.*

2023-1009.02 PENALTIES. *Any person violating the provisions of the regulations will be subject to immediate removal from the park.*

2023-1009.03 DEFINITIONS. *For the purpose of these regulations, the following terms are defined.*

- 1. Person. Defined as any individual, partnership, corporation, or association.*
- 2. Park. Defined as all designated areas having facilities for rest and recreation located within the City of Wood Lake, managed by the City of Wood Lake.*
- 3. Shelter. Defined as equipment used to sleep in or on. Examples are sleeping bags, tents, trailers, pickup campers, buses, motorhomes, vehicles, and the Gazebo itself.*

2023-1009.04 HOURS OF USE. *Unless otherwise posted, no person or vehicle shall be present in or located upon any park, including parking areas appurtenant thereto, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. However, city personnel may enter city parks at any time to perform normal work duties and for emergency purposes of rendering utility services or repairs. All city parks within the city shall be open to the general public between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. The governing body may grant exceptions to the park closing hours for special events. Hours of use are applicable to all facilities and shelters appurtenant thereto parks within the City of Wood Lake.*

The ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 9 day of October, 2023, by the City Council of the City of Wood Lake.



David J. Stelter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ashley VanHecke, City Clerk/Treasurer