

To: Mayor Harris and City Council
Fr: Ron Chandler
Dt: September 18, 2012
Re: Sunday Park Use

Section 8-6 of the City Code regulates the hours of operations and permitting for the parks.

“Section 8-6-2: **HOURS DESIGNATED:** It is unlawful for any person, other than a peace officer on duty, or a public employee or officer in the discharge of his official duties, to be in or about any park within the corporate limits of the city after the hour of ten o'clock (10:00) P.M., and before the hour of six o'clock (6:00) A.M. of the following day, except in connection with an organized and authorized sporting event or other city sponsored activity. . . .”

“Section 8-6-4: **MEETINGS, PICNICS OR ENTERTAINMENT; PERMIT REQUIRED:** It shall be unlawful for any person to hold a meeting, gathering, picnic, musical, theatrical or other entertainment in any park without first obtaining a permit therefor which shall set forth the name, address, telephone number of the person responsible therefor, the time, date, location, length of the proposed event and such other information and uniform regulation as the city shall from time to time prescribe.”

The consolidated fee schedule establishes the price for using the City's athletic field.

Athletic Fields:

- No field preparation, lights or scoreboards are available on Sundays.
- Charges for field reservation are billed at \$10 Per Hour.
- Field Preparation Fee - \$30.00
- Organized Sport Group - \$1 per participant per season or \$400.00 per season.

The City's parks and pavilions can be reserved seven days per week. The reservations can be made in person at the Community Services Building, by phone with a City employee, or online.

The City operates 10 pavilions, the amphitheater and fifteen fields. Since April 1, 2012 we have rented a pavilion on Sunday eighteen times. Nine rentals were for family gatherings. I could not determine the purpose of seven of the rentals, but two were rented by Churches/Wards.

The fields at Orton Park were recently reserved for soccer play on Sundays through October 20th. The City will close the restrooms on October 20th and stop reserving the fields and pavilions.