

TITLE 12

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CHAPTER 12.04

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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12.04.01 Creation There is hereby created the city of Ward Parks and Recreation Department. The Department shall be overseen administratively by the Mayor and subject to the controls of the Ward City Council as with any other general fund department of the city. (Ord. No. 2012-3, Sec. 1.)

12.04.02 Facilities The Department shall maintain an efficient parks and recreation system which includes parks, open spaces, athletic fields, fishing lakes, recreational programs and other facilities which will enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors of the city. (Ord. No. 2012-3, Sec. 2.)

12.04.03 Budget Pending further review by the City Council and in order to continue the necessary operations of the Department, the City Council does hereby adopt the 2012 Parks and Recreation Department budget which has been previously adopted by the Parks Commission. A copy of this budget is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated now by reference as if stated word for word. All items contained therein shall be deemed an appropriation by the City Council for operations of the Department. All park funds shall continue to be held in separate bank account(s). (Ord. No. 2012-3, Sec. 3.)

CHAPTER 12.08**WILLOW LAKE****Sections:**

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12.08.01 Purpose The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the fishing activities and uses in, around and on Willow Lake and its control strip. (Ord. No. 2012-4, Sec. 1.)

12.08.02 General regulations

- A. This section is subject to all other applicable local, state and federal rules, regulations and statutes. If any provision of this section is in conflict with another applicable state law, rule or regulations, the latter shall control.
- B. In and on the lake and control strip, it shall be unlawful for any person to:
1. Engage in any recreational or other activity not expressly permitted by this section in accordance with the conditions or restrictions placed on such activities by this section.
 2. Consume or be under the influence of any impairing substance, drug or narcotic, or any intoxicating beverage including wine or malt beverage.
 3. Engage in any nuisance or act which would tend to adversely affect water quality or disrupt the peaceable use and enjoyment of the lake and control strip by those persons using the lake and control strip for the lawful purposes permitted by this section.
 4. Possess or discharge any fireworks.
 5. Possess or discharge any firearm, unless the person is a law enforcement officer.
 6. Engage in hunting or trapping in any manner.
 7. Cause any effluent from a sewage disposal system to enter into the lake or onto the control strip.

8. Use, place or erect any tent, camper, motor home, vehicle, headwall or structure of any temporary or permanent habitation.
 9. Engage in any business or commercial activity, whether for profit or not.
 10. Cause or allow any food products, trash, petroleum products or any pollutants or contaminants to be discharged into the lake or upon the control strip.
 11. Withdraw any water from the lake for irrigation or any other purpose.
 12. Place any fill material, sand, rip-rap or similar substance on the city-owned property without the permission of the city.
 13. Alter the shoreline in any way without the permission of the city
- C. All local and state law enforcement officers, including Game and Fish Officers, shall have the authority to exclude from the lake or control strip any person known to be violating any provision of this section, and shall have the authority to require any such person to leave the lake or control strip. (Ord. No. 2012-4, Sec. 2.)

12.08.03 Permitted activities

A. In general

1. All activities permitted by this ordinance may be engaged in only from the official sunrise to official sunset, and any recreational or other activities or uses in or on the lake or control strip that are not expressly permitted by this ordinance are prohibited.
2. All persons engaging in any recreational activities permitted by this ordinance do so at their own risk, and the city will not provide any safety supervision, lifeguards, wardens or safety equipment for user of the lake or control strip.
3. All recreational activities permitted by this ordinance shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the state of Arkansas and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, in addition to the provisions of this ordinance.

B. Fishing

1. Fishing in and on the lake is permitted during the time restrictions established herein.
2. Restrictions on the taking of fish, such as size limit and daily number limit may be established by the city and its authorized representatives. Any limitations on size and number shall be properly disclosed and published by either signage on site at the lake or by postings in and around the city, to include a posting upon the city website. It is the responsibility of the users of Lake Willow to know and verify any such restrictions.
3. It shall be unlawful and punishable as a violation of this ordinance for any person:
 - a. To use a bow to obtain fish.
 - b. To use, operate, install or to possess with the intent to use, operate or install any trot line, set line, float, bank or limb line on the lake.
 - c. To fish in Lake Willow at a time when fishing is prohibited, or to fish in violation of any restrictions established for the lake.

C. Boating No boating, motorized or otherwise, shall be allowed on Willow Lake.

D. Other recreational activities The recreational uses of Lake Willow shall be limited to those authorized by this ordinance and there shall be no hunting, camping, open fires, sail boating, wind surfing, water skiing swimming, wading, ice skating, ice fishing, or any entry onto the ice on Willow Lake. These activities are strictly forbidden, and the commission of any of the above acts shall be considered as a violation of this ordinance. In addition, no motorized vehicles shall be permitted beyond designated areas in or around the lake and its control strip. (Ord. No. 2012-4, Sec. 3.)

12.08.04 Fine Any violation of the terms of this ordinance shall result in the issuance of a citation and upon conviction, a fine, not less than Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), plus court costs and not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus court costs, as determined by the city of Ward District Court. Furthermore, any unlawful device used in or as an aid facilitating the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be contraband, and may be seized and confiscated and may, upon order of the District Court, be destroyed. (Ord. No. 2012-4, Sec. 4.)