



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

May 21, 2024

Ordinance amending Title 10, entitled “Public Ways and Property,” Chapter 9, entitled “Parks and Recreation Regulations,” to adjust park closure hours. (First Consideration)

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Fiscal Impact:	None
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments:	Ordinance

Executive Summary:

Currently, all parks but Chauncy Swan, College Green, and Black Hawk Mini Park are closed from dusk to dawn. Under this ordinance Chauncey Swan and College Green would be closed from midnight to dawn to continue to allow use later into the evening. When parks are closed, persons may still pass through when using trails and sidewalks.

Background / Analysis:

Due to their proximity to downtown and park or adjacent lighting systems, Chauncey Swan and College Green parks are often utilized by the public into the late evening hours, sometimes past the standard dusk closure time for other parks. This ordinance change allows the public use later into the evenings when other parks are closed and closes the two parks from midnight to dawn. For all parks, persons may still pass through during closed times when using trails and sidewalks