Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 12, 2025	**Staff Contact:**	Jaycob Kirkpatrick, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events
Item Number:	2025-409-AR	**Phone:**	817-598-4248

SUBJECT: Consider approval of Ordinance O2025-28 amending Title IX, Chapter 11, section 9-11-1 park general regulations.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Staff recommends amending the City's Park Ordinances to include a combination of existing regulations—currently published under the Police Department section of the municipal code—and newly proposed park-specific rules. The goal of this update is to enhance public awareness, promote a safe and respectful environment in city parks, and consolidate relevant regulations into one clearly accessible section of the code.

The proposed updates will formally add the following provisions to the Park Ordinances:

1. Prohibiting abusive or offensive language, gestures, or unreasonable noise that causes distress or disorderly conduct, in accordance with Texas Penal Code §42.01.
2. Prohibiting littering in any city park.
3. Protecting park property, vegetation, and facilities from destruction, damage, or defacement.
4. Requiring prior written consent for use of sound amplification systems in city parks.
5. Requiring children age 10 and under to be accompanied by an adult at all times while in a park.
6. Prohibiting loitering in city parks.
7. Prohibiting smoking in city parks, except in designated areas.
8. Prohibiting the presence of individuals under the influence of intoxicants in any city park.

By codifying these regulations within the Park Ordinances, the City aims to improve compliance, support enforcement efforts, and ensure parks remain clean, safe, and enjoyable for all visitors. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance amendments as presented.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

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