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ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Amending 5.02 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Parks Regulated) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

On Thursday, February 26, 2026, the Rock County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance O-2026-3. The Resolution may be found at <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/recently-passed-resolutions>. Provisions of the Ordinance that were revised are summarized below:

I. Section 5.02 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows (added text appears as underlined; deleted text appears as ~~struck through~~):

5.02 Parks Regulated

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(5) Noise Regulation

No person shall operate or use any device, included but not limited to, sound equipment, truck, loudspeaker, or microphone, or other mechanical device ~~the primary purpose of which is to~~ for the purpose of amplifying voice, music, or any other sound, in any park without the express written consent of the ~~Supervisor~~ Manager. Nor shall any person use any other equipment, such as a generator or radio, that creates unreasonably loud sounds in any other manner.

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(25) No person shall use a recreational trail, park, or other County property subject to this Ordinance for overnight sleeping, camping, or lodging. Further, the use of equipment typically associated with overnight camping or lodging, including but not limited to, campers, tents, or generators is prohibited without the express written consent of the Manager.

~~(25 26)~~ Penalty for Violating Sections 5.02(1) through (20) and (22) through (24 25)

Any person, firm, or corporation who fails to comply with or violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, thereof, forfeit those amount as established by reference in Resolution O8-8A-054 and any subsequent amendments thereto. Each day a violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense. Community service work shall be considered as an alternative by the court pursuant to Wis. Stats., s. 973.03(3).

(~~26~~ 27) Enforcement

The ~~Supervisor~~ Manager or his/her designees shall enforce all provisions of this ordinance pursuant to sec. 66.0113 Stats. and Rock County Ordinances Chapter 5 ~~XXI~~. The Rock County Sheriff's Office along with the DNR Warden's shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. All parties enforcing this ordinance will use the county ordinance citations.

(~~27~~ 28) Prior Ordinances Repealed

Any and all prior ordinances pertaining to "Parks" as defined by Section 5.01 of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

II. All references to the Rock County Parks Services Supervisor (Supervisor) shall be amended to read Parks Manager (Manager).

III. This amendment shall be effective upon publication.

Please contact the Rock County Parks Department at 608-757-5450 with any questions regarding these Ordinance Revisions.

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