ORDINANCE NO. 864

AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 62 OF THE CITY OF FORT ATKINSON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARK REGULATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 62-1 of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"62-1. Animals on city park grounds.

It shall be unlawful for any animal to be on city park designated athletic fields, playgrounds, city park grounds if the parks are so posted.

(Code 1969, § 7.06)
Cross reference(s)—Animals generally, ch. 10. "

Section 2. Section 15.10.13(2) of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 62-2. – Operation of vehicles, animals restricted; destruction of property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated any motorcycle, motorbike or motor scooter on the public sidewalks or pedestrian walkways in any of the parks in the city. It shall further be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile on any city-owned or -controlled property or public park without the express approval of the council.

(b) No person, not duly authorized, shall ride, drive or lead any horse or other animal, or drive any motor vehicle, upon or across any public park except upon the driveways, and park except upon the driveways and parking areas specifically provided for such purposes.

(c) No person shall cut, pick, break, dig up, deface or in any manner injure any tree, shrub, plant, flower, grass or other public property in any public park or street. The use of metal detectors, or the placement and retrieval of geocaches or similar items, is prohibited if such activities involve digging, the physical modification of any structure, or any action that causes damage, alteration, or disturbance to city property.

(Code 1969, § 16.01(C))

Cross reference— Animals generally, ch. 10; traffic and vehicles, ch. 94."

Section 3. Section 62-4 of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 62-4. - Possession, consumption of alcohol prohibited; glass containers prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful to possess or consume alcohol or fermented malt beverages or beverages containing hemp-derived THC on the premises known as Memorial Park . It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or possess any alcohol beverages in any city park when said park is closed unless the city council and/or parks and recreation director has approved a later time for an authorized event, in which case the prohibition becomes effective after such later time. The penalty for the violation of this article shall be as specified in section 1-10.
(b) Glass beverage containers of any kind are prohibited in all parks and trails in the city.

(Code 1969, § 7.04; Ord. No. 802, § 1, 7-7-21)

Cross reference— Alcohol and nonintoxicating beverages, ch. 6."

Section 4. Section 62-5 of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

"Section 62-5. – Smoking and vaping prohibited in park property or trails.

Smoking and vaping prohibited in park property or trails. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or vape tobacco, Hemp, or THC products in any park or trail in the city."

Section 5. Section 62-37 of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 62-37. - Hours of operation.

No person shall enter or remain in any public park of the city within the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. without the permission of the parks and recreation director or his/her appointee.

~~(Code 1969, § 7.01)~~"

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage, posting, or publication as provided by law.

Enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Atkinson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, this 15 day of Sept, 2026.

Kyle Jaeckel, President

ATTEST:

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director