



CITY OF EL PASO

Amendment to Park Ordinance

Municipal Code 13.24.090

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Code was adopted in July 2012, prohibiting any person from driving or riding in or on any motor vehicle in any city park or trail.



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No person shall drive, or ride in or on, any motor vehicle, four-wheeler, all terrain vehicle, motorcycle, go cart, dirt bike, or any other similar motorized device except for a motorized wheelchair, in any city park or trail, except licensed vehicles may drive or travel on streets that are graded or surfaced for vehicular travel and of sufficient width for use by the vehicle. Provided this section shall not apply to the following persons when engaged in the performance of their duties: Peace officers, ambulance operators or attendants, physicians, employees of the city, employees of a public utility company, or persons under contract with the city performing construction, maintenance, or other necessary work in city park or a trail.

Notable Cultural Events at Lincoln Park

- Lowrider events by multiple organizations
- Cesar Chavez Day
- Lincoln Park Day
- Cinco De Mayo
- Dia de Los Muertos
- Dia de La Virgen de Guadalupe

Timeline of Meetings with Event Organizers

2024

- **May 13:** Meeting with Lincoln Park Conservation Committee
- **May 15:** Meeting with Charles Villanueva to discuss Rockabilly Riot
- **August 14:** Meeting with Lincoln Park Conservation Committee
- **August 29:** Meeting with Charles Villanueva to discuss Rockabilly Riot

2025

- **January 10:** Meeting with Lincoln Park Conservation Committee
- **March 17:** Meeting with Barrio Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association - about events and parking on grass
- **June 11:** Meeting with Charles Villanueva on Rockabilly Riot event
- **June 16:** Meeting with Lincoln Park Conservation Committee on parking on grass

Timeline of Meetings with Staff

2024

- **June 5:** Meeting with staff to discuss upcoming Lincoln Park events
- **August 29:** Meeting with staff about Lincoln Park Day event

2025

- **March 11:** Meeting with Richard Bristol and Pablo Caballero on parking on grass
- **March 19:** Meeting with Bristol and Caballero on costs associated with parking on grass
- **March 28:** Meeting at Lincoln Park with Joe Cardoza, Bristol, Caballero, Arthur Alvarado, and many other City staff
- **July 24:** Meeting with Bristol and Caballero
- **August 1:** Meeting with Joe Gaines on Lincoln Park event permitting

Summary of Discussions

After numerous meetings with staff, event organizers, and input from the City Manager and City Attorney, we developed process-driven solutions with an emphasis on:

- Being open and encouraging towards park events
- Maintaining park assets
- Creating a uniform process and platform for residents to hold events
- Allow better community buy-in for major events
- Not impacting access to surrounding businesses.

Highlights of Proposed Amendment

- Allow vehicles to park on grass at Lincoln Park during Cultural Events.
- Create a formalized process that works for all individuals and groups who want to park vehicles on the grass, notifying them that they are liable for costs associated with any damage to the park, grass, trees, or irrigation system.
- Pre-inspection and post-inspection of the park with event organizers.
- Staff should guide organizers to help separate vehicles from irrigation assets on the day of the event.

Proposed Action

Discussion and action to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to amend the parks ordinance to allow for parking at Lincoln Park during Cultural Events and to include provisions that require event organizers to be financially responsible for any and all damage, repair, and necessary maintenance as a result of these events.

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