

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
ORDINANCE 08-14-2025-A  
AN ORDINANCE SETTING CLOSURE TIME FOR CITY PARKS

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that establishing a closing time for the parks and the cemetery in the City is needed to limit the opportunity for vandalism, or other criminal behavior occurring in those areas after dark,

AND WHEREAS, establishing a closing time for certain public areas in the city keyed to sunrise and sunset allows the city's police to have a necessary tool to keep activity limited to daylight hours when there is less opportunity for vandalism, or other criminal behavior,

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN,  
KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1:

City of Middletown Park/Cemetery Closing Hours:

- (A) No person shall be in any park or cemetery during the hours the park or cemetery is closed. No person shall park, nor shall any owner of a vehicle allow a vehicle they own to be parked in any city park or the cemetery during the hours when closed. Alcohol is not allowed to be possessed by any person in any city park or the cemetery, with the exception of city-approved events at which serving alcohol has been specifically approved and permitted by the city.
- (B) All parks and cemeteries in the city are closed from sunset to sunrise, except for scheduled events, including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Wetherby Park.
  - (2) Crosby Park.
  - (3) Middletown Historic Cemetery.
  - (4) Cross Creek Park.
  - (5) Marcella Wilhite Park.
- (C) Criminal or civil penalty. Pursuant to the city's prosecutorial discretion, the city may enforce this ordinance through its police or its Code Enforcement Officer as criminal, civil or abatement actions as follows:
  - (1) Misdemeanor. Any person who is violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$500. Each day during which any such offense is committed, continued, or allowed shall be a separate offense.

- (2) Civil fine. Fine in an amount of no less than \$100 per day and no more than \$500 per day. Each day of non-compliance shall constitute the imposition of a per day fine.
- (3) Abatement. Any vehicle or other personal property abandoned or illegally parked anywhere on any public area designated in this ordinance may be removed at the direction of the city to a tow lot or storage area designated by the city. Vehicles may be reclaimed by the owner at the owner's expense including all towing and storage charges and payment of all fines imposed by the city. The impoundment of the vehicles shall be subject to the notice and sale provisions set out Ordinances 72.25, 72.26 and 72.27. The City shall hold any other abandoned personal property for 30 days before disposal.

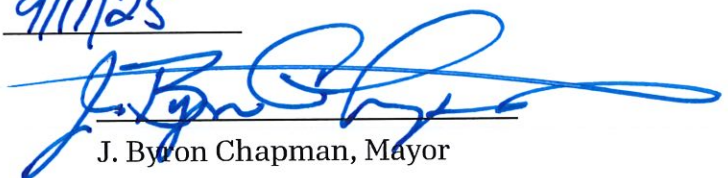
SECTION 2:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its reading, passage, approval, and publication according to law.


First reading: 08-14-2025

Second Reading: 09-11-2025

Passed and Approved:

9/11/25  
  
J. Byron Chapman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Brittany Veto, City Clerk

"Aye" Votes 5

"Nay" Votes 0