

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 03-08; GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PUBLIC PARKS OR OTHER LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE FOR CERTAIN CHARITABLE OR BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO REVIEW SUCH APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR SUCH ORGANIZATIONS TO FOLLOW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there are located within the City of Okeechobee certain public parks and other areas owned by the City of Okeechobee that are intended for, and open for use by, the general public, with certain restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, these uses change from time to time, and problems arise by certain uses that are not anticipated, but should be the subject of regulation and control by the City of Okeechobee for the safety and welfare of its citizens, and which requires supplementing existing rules as necessary;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is resolved before the City Council for the City of Okeechobee, Florida; presented at a duly advertised public meeting; and passed by majority vote of the City Council; and properly executed by the Mayor or designee, as Chief presiding Officer for the City:

1. THAT permission for charitable or benevolent organizations, or non-profit groups, to engage in certain activities in City parks or on City lands, is governed by Article IV, Sections 14-141 to 14-149 of the City Code of Ordinances, which regulations and restrictions shall be considered by General Services whenever an application or request for use of public areas is made, and followed accordingly.
2. THAT for any authorized use of the public parks or rights-of-way within the City, the following regulations shall be followed, as applicable:
  - a. The organization or permit holder, or their designee, shall be responsible to completely clean up the public area used by the permit, within two days of completion of the event, unless otherwise designated in the permit.
  - b. No trailers unattached to a motor vehicle shall be parked along any street or avenue or public right-of-way, or in a marked parking spot, unless the right-of-way is closed for the event, not otherwise blocked off by the City. No other motor vehicles or trailers will be allowed to park or remain on the Park grounds unless prior written approval is obtained from the City Public Works Director or their designee, or such vehicle or trailer is participating in an event such as a permitted activity or car show. Any motor vehicle or trailer parked in violation of this section may be towed by the City at the owner's expense, who shall be liable for all towing and storage fees.
  - c. Golf carts, 4-wheelers or other vehicles not licensed for use on public rights-of-way, will not be permitted on the Park grounds without prior written approval of the City Public Works Director or their designee.
  - d. Certain events, such as but not limited to parades, or those which draw a large number of people, require significant incurring of costs

by the City, for traffic control, crowd control, fire safety, paramedic service, or general policing, which often requires adding personnel, and incurring overtime labor expense. For any such event, the City may require the organization or permit holder to be responsible for these additional costs, including property or personal injury damages that may occur during the event. There will be a mandatory inspection meeting between the Public Works Director or their designee and a representative from the permit holder prior to and after each event. Any additional expenses as stated above, will be billed to the organization or permit holder, who shall pay such sum to the City.

- e. For activities in Flagler Park, the use of generators for power is encouraged, as electric outlets are limited and subject to the right of the City to deny their use. When generators or extension cords are used, the applicant shall cause a U.L. approved extension cord of proper gauge to be safely attached, and routed so as to not interfere with any pedestrian path, or in such area as may pose a risk of harm to the public or other participants.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2004.



ATTEST:

Larfe Gamiotea  
Larfe Gamiotea, City Clerk

James E. Kirk  
James. E. Kirk, Mayor

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