

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STRONG-THOMPSON AND MOTIONED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER LANE SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DISCON.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE TO AMEND SECTION 13-16 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS PARK AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Section. 13-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mandeville presently establishes rules and regulations governing the use of the Neighborwoods Park, including restrictions on certain activities;

WHEREAS, the City of Mandeville is committed to ensuring the safety and tranquility of all visitors to Neighborwoods Park, maintaining its primary use as a natural woodland retreat; and

WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence and technological advancement of electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters, and other motorized personal conveyances have led to higher speeds and greater weights than traditional human-powered equipment; and

WHEREAS, the mix of high-speed motorized devices with pedestrians, pets, and non-motorized cyclists on narrow park trails creates significant safety hazards and potential for collisions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to preserve the ecological sensitivity of Neighborwoods by limiting trail use to low-impact, non-motorized activities; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that motorized vehicles are occasionally required for official public safety patrols, emergency response, and municipal maintenance, and that such use must be clearly defined to avoid public confusion regarding general trail regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clarify and refine the existing rules governing for the Neighborwoods park area in order to promote public safety and preserve public woodland area and facilities;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Section 13-16 regarding the rules and regulations governing the Mandeville Trailhead and corresponding signage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Mandeville that Section 13-16 be amended as follows:

Section 13-16: Rules and regulations governing the use of Neighborwoods.

Rules and regulations governing the use of Neighborwoods are outlined as follows:

(1) Hours of Public Use: Sunrise to Sunset.

(2) Rules:

- a. In order to preserve and protect the sensitive nature of this woodland area and its inhabitants, and for your own personal safety, please stay on designated trails.
- b. Trails are open to day hikers, pets, non-motorized bicycles, and wheeled conveyances necessary for handicapped persons. All other vehicles must use provided parking.
- c. Non-motorized bicycles must yield to pedestrian traffic.
- d. It shall be unlawful for any person to:
 1. Use or operate any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to: electric bicycles (E-bikes) of any class, electric or gasoline-powered motorcycles and mopeds, electric scooters (E-scooters), and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and golf carts within the boundaries of Neighborwoods Park, including trailways and pathways.
 2. Any other act that violates any federal, state, or local law or ordinance.
- e. The use of motorized vehicles operated by the Police Department, Public Works, or other city emergency services in the performance of official duties is permitted within the Neighborwoods Park.

3) The following signage with these rules shall be prominently posted in the Neighborwoods park area:

NEIGHBORWOODS

The City of Mandeville welcomes you to Neighborwoods.

We hope you enjoy your visit!

HOURS OF PUBLIC USE:

Sunrise to Sunset

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Trails are open to day hikers, pets, non-motorized bicycles, and wheeled conveyances used by handicapped persons. Non-motorized bicycles must yield to pedestrians. All other vehicles must use the provided parking.

To ensure everyone's visit is pleasant, all City, Parish, and State laws and regulations must be followed.

NO E-Bikes, E-Scooters, or other motorized recreational vehicles are allowed on trails and pathways.

"Take nothing but pictures, and leave nothing but footprints"

In case of emergency please call 911

All other calls: (985) 626-9711

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Mandeville hereby adopts and amends the provisions of this Ordinance to be effective upon the Mayor's signature.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Clerk of this Council be and is hereby and is hereby authorized and empowered to take any and all actions which she, in the exercise of her discretion, deems necessary to promulgate the provisions of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mandeville Police Department and the Department of Public Works be authorized and empowered to create, install, and maintain necessary and proper signage in furtherance of this Ordinance.

The ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Strong-Thompson, Vogeltanz, Lane, Discon, Zuckerman

NAY: 0

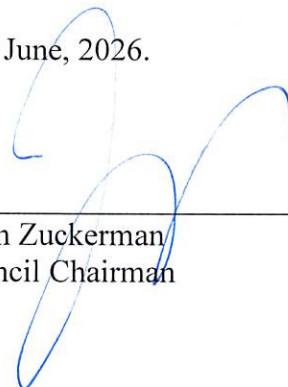
ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 11th day of June, 2026.



Alicia Watts
Clerk of Council



Jason Zuckerman
Council Chairman