

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 154-05 AND SECTION 509.11(a) AND SECTION 509.11(c) OF THE LORAIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES WHICH SETS THE HOURS OF PUBLIC PARKS AND BEACHES IN THE CITY OF LORAIN.

WHEREAS, Lorain City Council has determined that it may be practical to change the hours the public parks are open.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I. That Section 509.11 (a) of the Lorain City Codified Ordinances which sets the hours of public parks and beaches currently reads as follows:

- (a) All public parks and public beaches in the City shall be closed to the general public between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the succeeding day and no person shall be in, remain upon or loiter about any public park or public beach during such hours. The Director of Public Service and Public Safety may establish, on a case by case basis, an earlier closing time of any public park if it is determined that excessive loitering or disturbing of the peace is persistent in that park.

Shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

General Park Hours. All public parks within the City shall be closed to the public between the hours of sunset and sunrise, **except for the following designated areas: the ballfields at Oakwood Park, The Pipeyard at Campana Park and Lakeview South Park tennis courts. These designated areas will remain open until 11:00pm.** No person shall be in, remain upon, or loiter upon any public park during hours when the park is closed. The Director of Public Safety/Service may establish on a case-by-case basis an earlier closing time for any public park if it is determined that excessive loitering or disturbances of the peace are persistent in that park.

SECTION II. That Section 509.11 (c) of the Lorain City Codified Ordinances which sets the hours of public parks and beaches currently reads as follows:

- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

- (c) **Penalty.** Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense and fourth degree for subsequent offenses within one year of the first offense.

SECTION III: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION IV. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, **2026**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____, **CLERK**

APPROVED: _____, **2026**

MAYOR