

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 -

THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS SECTION 16-13 AND SECTION 19-38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA, AND DECLARES THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE TO BE A PUBLIC PARK SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC HOURS OF ACCESS AND DECLARES THAT PARKING LOTS OWNED BY THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA SHALL BE CLOSED DURING SPECIFIC HOURS AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, desires to improve the quality of life for all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, littering, vandalism, and damage to public and private property have become a problem in certain areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the patrolling of such areas to discourage littering, vandalism, and damage to public and private property creates a burden on the Andalusia Police Department and diverts its resources from other public safety needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia desires to take steps to reduce littering, vandalism, and damage to public and private property and to reduce the burden on the Andalusia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia finds that these amendments will improve the safety and quality of life of the citizens of Andalusia and visitors to the City and will result in a general public benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that Section 16-13 and Section 19-38 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Andalusia, Alabama, be amended as follows:

Section 16-13. Park hours; permits for events; Court Square declared public park.

- (a) *Park hours.* All city parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities shall be closed to the public between sunset and sunrise unless otherwise designated. Provided, however, that for programs or events sponsored or approved by the city, or for which a city permit has been issued, said hours of operation may be extended during any such program or event for a period of thirty (30) minutes following the conclusion of such program or event.
- (b) *Permits for events.* Permits for special programs or events will be issued at the discretion of the director of parks and recreation.

- (c) *Court Square is a public park.* The interior of Court Square, being the parking spaces, sidewalk, and the area surrounded by the sidewalk on the left side of the traffic flow around Court Square is hereby declared a public park subject to special closing hours. The interior of Court Square shall be closed to the public between 11 PM and sunrise on weekdays and from 12 o'clock midnight until sunrise on weekends. Signs shall be posted on the square, giving notice of the times that it is closed to the public.
- (d) Any person entering into a city park, playground, recreational facility, or the interior of Court Square during hours of closure shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense. Subsequent offenses shall be punished as criminal trespass in the third degree.

Section 19-38. Parking as indicated.

- (a) The parking of all vehicles shall be in the manner and within spaces designated by official signs or markings placed under the direction of the city council. It shall be unlawful to stop or park a vehicle in violation of such signs or markings.
- (b) All city-owned parking lots shall be closed between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM. Stopping, standing, and parking on city-owned parking lots during closed hours is prohibited. Signs shall be placed on each city-owned parking lot giving notice of the closed hours. The driver of any vehicle found to be stopped, standing, or parked in a city-owned parking lot during closed hours shall be fined five dollars (\$5.00) and such vehicle shall also be subject to being towed, and any towing fee shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 201__.

EARL V. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOHN THOMPSON,
CITY CLERK AND TREASURER