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To amend section 29b of Chapter 62 Department of Public Assembly and Recreation of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances, relative to park closing time, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

<u><b>TITLE</b></u>	<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</b></u>
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 29 b OF CHAPTER 62 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND RECREATION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PARK CLOSING TIME AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.	July 2, 2024	SPAR
		<u><b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b></u>
		District B
		<u><b>SPONSOR</b></u>

**PURPOSE**

To amend Shreveport City Code Chapter 62 Section 29 b and add Caddo Common Park to the list of public parks that open daily at 7:00 a.m. and close daily at 8:00 p.m.

**BACKGROUND**

Caddo Common Park experienced vandalism and other criminal acts in recent months. Currently, the park has no operational hours. Including the park in the ordinance and establishing operational hours will allow police to remove individuals and address criminal concerns in the park when it is closed.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: July 9, 2024  
Final Passage: July 23, 2024

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

N/A

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

[N/A]

**FINANCES**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:** Edward F. Jones, Assistant  
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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2024**

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PARK  
CLOSING TIME AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to maintain clean safe parks for its citizens' use and enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has established operational hours for public parks to ensure a safe environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to include Caddo Common Park in the list of public parks and establish operational hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Chapter 62, Section 29 be amended and read as follows:

(b) The following parks shall open daily at 7:00 a.m. and close daily at 8:00 p.m., except portions thereof designated as closed by the director.

C. Bickham Dickson Park	Charles and Marie Hamels Park
Ford Park	Mount Mariah Park
Municipal Plaza Park	SWEPCO Park
Municipal Pier	Municipal Boat Launch
Greenwood Cemetery	Jewella Cemetery
Oakland Cemetery	Caddo Common Park

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this ordinance or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**City Attorney's Office**