



Updating Section 22-28 of City Code and Establishing a Curfew for Hemisfair Park

City Council A Session

Item 14

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Parks and Recreation Department



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

— BACKGROUND

Summary:

Section 22-28 of the City Code establishes public parks hours of operation and curfew

- Vast majority close at 11:00 p.m. and re-open at 5:00 a.m. daily.
- The Parks and Recreation Director may permit the use of parks for special events and/or holiday use or declaration between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Class C Misdemeanor of \$500 if issued a citation for violating park curfew

Exceptions Include:

- Woodlawn Lake Park which closes at midnight and re-opens at 5:00 a.m. daily.
- Alamo Plaza, Hemisfair Park, Market Square, La Villita, and the River Walk between Josephine Street and Eagleland Drive are open 24-hours daily.





— ISSUE

Hemisfair tenants and downtown residents expressed security concerns in the park between late night to predawn hours.

Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation operates the park under a management agreement

- Expressed the need for a curfew subsequent to the daily closing time of businesses

The Public Safety Committee received a briefing on this item June 28, 2024

- Motion was approved to bring this item forward to the full Council for consideration

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was also briefed on this item

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this item
establishing a daily curfew for Hemisfair Park

