

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE 2020-02 AND ESTABLISHING A NEW ORDINANCE REGULATING COUNTY PARKS BY PROHIBITING USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, AND PROHIBITING THE VIOLATION OF POSTED NOTICES OR REMAINING IN ANY AREA AFTER HOURS OR CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

Ordinance No. 2020-02 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF NEW ORDINANCE (new text **bold and underlined**):

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COUNTY PARKS

Sec. 1. - Definitions.

County Parks shall mean all property owned by Liberty County, Florida within the unincorporated area of Liberty County that is designated as a County park.

Tobacco Product shall mean and include without limitation any product containing tobacco, tobacco-derived substances, cigarettes, pipes, electronic cigarettes, vaping pens, liquid nicotine and any other liquid nicotine delivery system.

Sec. 2. – Rules of conduct for members of the public in County parks, generally.

- (a) **No person shall consume alcohol.**
- (b) **No person shall consume or use any tobacco product.**
- (c) **No person shall enter or remain in any area of a County park after hours or designated as being closed to the public, nor shall any person use any area of the park in violation of posted notices.**

Sec. 3 – Penalties and Enforcement

Any violation of this article may be enforced in accordance with the county's code enforcement process by a code enforcement officer or by law enforcement. Fines for violations shall be established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. If no fines are established, violations may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or incarceration in the county jail for not more than 60 days.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THIS 07th DAY OF April, 2023.

ATTEST:

Daniel Stanley
DANIEL STANLEY, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Hannah Causseaux
HANNAH CAUSSEAUX, CHAIR

Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Skuler
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