

ORDINANCE NO. 3423

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 12.24.030, 12.24.040
AND 12.24.060 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING PROHIBITED CONDUCT IN PARKS AND
RECREATION AREAS**

WHEREAS, Article XI, § 7 of the California Constitution authorizes cities to make and enforce within their limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”) Chapter 12.24 establishes rules and regulations for use of public parks, recreation buildings/facilities, amenities and equipment in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend certain sections of CMC Chapter 12.24 to clarify the enforcement of its provisions and rules and regulations established by the city for the use of public parks, recreation buildings/facilities, and amenities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporates the Recitals herein.

SECTION 2. CEQA Findings. This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action simply makes minor text amendments to the CMC, and there is no possibility that adopting this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

SECTION 3. Section 12.24.030(DD). Subsection (DD) is hereby added to Section 12.24.030 (Prohibited Conduct) of Chapter 12.24 (Parks and Recreation Areas) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) to read as follows:

“(DD) **Violation of rules and regulations:** Violation of any rules and regulations established by the city for the use of public parks, recreation buildings/facilities, and amenities provided they meet the following: (1) the rules and regulations are established in writing as

an administrative policy; (2) the administrative policy is posted on the city's website; and (3) the rules and regulations are referenced in signs posted pursuant to section 12.24.060."

SECTION 4. Section 12.24.040. Section 12.24.040 (Enforcement) of Chapter 12.24 (Parks and Recreation Areas) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"12.24.040 Enforcement.

The City Manager and Enforcement Officers (as defined in § 1.08.120) shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Such enforcement efforts include the authority to eject and expel from any public park, recreation building/facility or amenity any person in violation of this chapter. Failure to expeditiously leave the park, building, facility, or amenity after being so directed by the City Manager or an Enforcement Officer, and following a reasonable amount of time to gather personal belongings, shall be a violation of this section."

SECTION 5. Section 12.24.060. Section 12.24.060 (Signs posted in public parks, recreation buildings/facilities and amenities) of Chapter 12.24 (Parks and Recreation Areas) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"12.24.060 Signs posted in public parks, recreation buildings/facilities and amenities.

(A) The City Manager is authorized to post in prominent places in parks signs which shall state as follows:

"\$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person damaging, stealing or defacing city property."

(B) In order to provide reasonable notice to the public, the City Manager shall post signs in one or more conspicuous and visible area(s) of any public park, specifying the requirements of § 12.24.030(X) and § 12.24.030(CC). The City Manager may post signs specifying the requirements of any other prohibited activities described in this chapter. The signs required or authorized pursuant to this section shall cite the respective code section and, if applicable, administrative policy number being invoked, and shall state that any person failing to comply with such code section or administrative policy number shall be subject to citation or other enforcement tools or actions available to the city."

(C) The City Manager may post other signs as deemed necessary for operation of the public parks, recreation buildings/facilities, and amenities, such as signs that provide contact information for city staff, special events, or other purposes.”

SECTION 6. Severability. If any provision or clause of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, firm, organization, partnership or corporation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. Conflicting Ordinances. This Ordinance shall supersede all other previous City Council resolutions and ordinances that may conflict with, or be contrary to, this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a genal circulation newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the 30th day after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held on the 3rd day of December 2025, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of January 2026, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: CASILLAS, DADDARIO, RICHINS, SPEAKE, STEINER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 7th day of January 2026.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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