



# City of Yuma

## Legislation Text

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<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Parks & Recreation	<b>STRATEGIC OUTCOMES</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe & Prosperous <input type="checkbox"/> Active & Appealing <input type="checkbox"/> Respected & Responsible <input type="checkbox"/> Connected & Engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Unique & Creative	<b>ACTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance - Introduction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance - Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
<b>DIVISION:</b> Administration		

### TITLE:

**Amend Yuma City Code: Regulating Parks Within the City**

### SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a City ordinance to update current park operations and address ongoing issues in the parks.  
(Parks and Recreation) (Eric Urfer)

### STRATEGIC OUTCOME:

Safe and Prosperous: This update provides for easier enforcement of violations, and further provides the Director of Parks and Recreation the authority and flexibility to adopt or modify rules necessary for the daily operations and maintenance of City parks.

### REPORT:

[Clerk's note: Proposed ordinance changes since the June 5, 2024 City Council meeting concerning Unauthorized Vehicles (§ 170-06 in Section 1) are shown in red].

City ordinances pertaining to Parks and Recreation have not been modified since the 1990s and an update is warranted to reflect current park operations and address ongoing issues in the parks.

The City recently implemented a Park Patrol Program to help reduce vandalism and deter crime in City parks. The program has reinforced the need to adjust the current park ordinance and adjust park operations to assist in reaching the goals of the Park Patrol Program and better serve the community.

The City is also in the process of replacing and updating park playgrounds, restrooms, ramadas, picnic tables, benches, grills, and other amenities as called for in the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and has an interest in ensuring this equipment remains intact and safe for the public.

The proposed amendment eliminates outdated sections of the current ordinance, adds a definition section to clarify terms used throughout the ordinance, adds sections for Lakes, Ponds and Unauthorized Vehicles and amends Park Hours. For Park hours, the current City ordinance permits the use of City parks until 11:00 P.M. It is dark, or near dark, by 9:00 P.M. year-round in Yuma, Arizona. Many City parks do not have lighting appropriate or sufficient for safe nighttime use of City parks after dark. This condition provides an environment for criminal activity, resulting in damage to City property, graffiti, exposure to drugs and drug paraphernalia and potential unsafe conditions. The proposed ordinance allows flexibility for City parks frequented after 9:00 P.M.

for programs and events, or due to extreme heat during daytime hours.

The proposed update to the ordinance provides for easier enforcement of violations, updates department information, and further provides the Director of Parks and Recreation the authority to adopt and/or modify rules necessary for the daily operations and maintenance of City parks.

**FISCAL REQUIREMENTS:**

CITY FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	BUDGETED:	\$ 0.00
STATE FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$ 0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$ 0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$ 0.00
OTHER SOURCES:	\$ 0.00	FUNDING: ACCOUNT/FUND #/CIP	

TOTAL\$ 0.00

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

NONE

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

NONE

IF CITY COUNCIL ACTION INCLUDES A CONTRACT, LEASE OR AGREEMENT, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING THE DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AFTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL?

- ☐ Department
- ☐ City Clerk's Office
- ☐ Document to be recorded
- ☐ Document to be codified

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