



CITY OF OWENS CROSS ROADS

ORDINANCE NO. 25-012

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF RICHARD AND FRANCES BURKE PARK IN THE CITY OF OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the City of Owens Cross Roads desires to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of its public parks and recreational facilities for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary to establish rules and regulations for the use of Richard and Frances Burke Park to protect park resources, promote public safety, and provide for the orderly use of the park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Name of Park

This ordinance shall apply to all areas within the boundaries of Richard and Frances Burke Park, hereinafter referred to as "the Park."

Section 2. Hours of Operation

Unless otherwise posted, the Park shall be open to the public from sunrise to sunset.

Section 3. Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited within the Park:

- Swimming or wading in any bodies of water.
- Littering or dumping of any trash, debris, or other materials, except in designated receptacles.

Section 4. Permitted Activities and Regulations

The following activities are permitted within the Park, subject to the specified regulations:

- Fishing: Fishing is permitted from sunrise to sunset in designated areas, subject to all applicable state fishing regulations.
- Picnicking: Picnicking is permitted from sunrise to sunset in designated areas.
- Pet Control:
 - All pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
 - Owners are responsible for immediately removing and properly disposing of any waste deposited by pets.

Section 5. Use at Own Risk

Park users shall use the Park and its facilities at their own risk. The City of Owens Cross Roads shall not be liable for any injury or damage sustained by any person while using the Park or its facilities, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 6. Enforcement

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department of the City of Owens Cross Roads and other authorized personnel.

Section 7. Violations and Penalties

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the following penalties:

- For a first offense, a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- For a second offense, a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).
- For a third or any subsequent offense, a fine of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, together with court costs.

Section 8. Severability

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, provisions, or portions of this ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF MAY 2025.

Approved By:

Attest By:



Tony Craig, Mayor



Christie D. Eason, City Clerk/Treasurer



City of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, certificate of publication.

This is to certify that Ordinance No. 25-012, City of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, was published by posting on the City website, and on at least four (4) bulletin boards within the City.