



**CITY of CALABASAS**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE:** JULY 29, 2024

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM:** ERICA GREEN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-405, AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 8.24 OF THE CALABASAS MUNICIPAL CODE (PARK REGULATIONS) TO CENTRALIZE AND CODIFY CITY RULES CONCERNING THE USE OF CITY PARKS

**MEETING DATE:** AUGUST 14, 2024

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2024-405 to amend and restate Chapter 8.24 of the Calabasas Municipal Code to centralize and codify City regulations regarding the use of City parks.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Calabasas has implemented several rules and regulations over the years with the goal of providing safe, clean, and well-maintained parks to its residents and visitors. Some of these rules and regulations have become outdated or irrelevant, and the dispersed nature of these rules and regulations have caused confusion for residents and visitors to City parks. In addition, several emerging issues have not yet been addressed by the existing City rules and regulations.

Ordinance No. 2024-405 was introduced for a first reading at the June 26, 2024 meeting.

## DISCUSSION:

Ordinance No. 2024-405 centralizes and harmonizes the existing park rules and regulations into a single, cohesive chapter within the Calabasas Municipal Code. This amendment and restatement will improve accessibility and clarity for residents and visitors, ensuring they are well-informed about rules governing the use of City parks. Ordinance No. 2024-405 also codifies new rules on Park uses.

The major changes to the Calabasas Municipal Code Chapter 8.24 for review of the City Council include:

1. **Consolidation of Regulations:** All existing park rules and regulations will be compiled, amended, and harmonized in Chapter 8.24, eliminating the need for residents to consult multiple sources. These rules and regulations include those related to:
  - A. Section 8.24.040 – Park regulations: Hours of operation for City parks.
  - B. Section 8.24.050 – Permits, and Section 8.24.060 – Revocation or suspension of permits: Facility rentals and Park permit applications, and revocation or suspension of Park permits.
  - C. Section 8.24.080 – Dogs and animals: Animals in City parks.
  - D. Section 8.24.070 – Prohibited activities: Skateboards and roller skating; and fires, grilling and barbecuing.
2. **Codification of New Rules:** The ordinance will implement new regulations that address emerging issues. These issues include:
  - A. Section 8.24.040 – Park regulations, and Section 8.24.070 – Prohibited activities: Closure of City parks and adjacent parking lots to the public during times outside park hours of operation, including prohibition on camping in City parks.
  - B. Section 8.24.070 – Prohibited activities: Permitted and prohibited activities in City parks, including as related to alcohol consumption in City parks; commercial activity and commercial instruction; glass containers; vandalism, park damage, and littering; limitations on the use of public restrooms; interference with park use or activities and events; amplified noise; and bounce houses and other inflatable devices.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-405 is not expected to have any significant fiscal impact on the City's budget. Any costs associated with the implementation and enforcement of the new regulations will be absorbed within the existing budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-405, which amends and restates Chapter 8.24 of the Calabasas Municipal Code to centralize and codify the City's regulations regarding the use of City parks.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Ordinance No. 2024-405