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Legislation Text

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Background:

This ordinance will amend Section 919.13 of the Columbus City Codes to grant the Director of Recreation and Parks the authority to set policy and guidelines for the sale, service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at select park facilities.

Code changes are necessary to give the Director of Recreation and Parks authority to permit and regulate the legal sale and service of alcoholic beverages at enclosed shelters, to modify the existing conditions of sale and service of alcoholic beverages at the Cultural Arts Center, and to make code consistent with current practice regarding major events that provide significant economic, cultural and recreational benefits for the Columbus Community.

Granting authorization to the Director will enable Recreation and Parks to define related policy and advance the city's goal of developing a vibrant downtown riverfront park system.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

To amend Section 919.13 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, to grant the Director of Recreation and Parks the authority to set policy and guidelines for the sale, service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at select park facilities in downtown parks and various Recreation and Parks' facilities.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Sections of Chapter 919 of the Columbus City Codes to authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to set policy and guidelines for the sale, service and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at select park facilities; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the following Sections of Chapter 919 of the Columbus City Codes be amended to read as follows:

919.13 Alcoholic beverages prohibited

(A) No person shall knowingly possess with the purpose to consume any ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer as defined in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4301 while being in or upon any park.

(B) For the purposes of division (A) of this section, any person found in or upon any park and in possession of any ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer is presumed to knowingly possess the ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer with the purpose to consume such.

(C) Division (A) of this section shall not apply to the following locations:

(1) Municipal golf courses when concessions which include the possession, sale and consumption of ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer are contracted by the ~~R~~recreation and ~~P~~parks ~~D~~department.

- (2) The Columbus Zoo premises when the possession, sale and consumption of ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer is permitted by written authorization from the Columbus Zoological Park Association.
- (3) Franklin Park **Adventure Center** when the possession, sale or consumption of ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer is permitted by written authorization from the **Director of the Recreation and Parks Department**. ~~Such authorization shall only be given for an event sponsored by the recreation and parks department or for a fund-raising event when the proceeds go entirely to the recreation and parks department.~~
- (4) The Cultural Arts Center when the possession, sale or consumption of ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer is permitted by written authorization from the **Director of the Recreation and Parks Department**. ~~Such authorization shall only be given for an event sponsored by the recreation and parks department or for a fund-raising event when the proceeds go entirely to the recreation and parks department.~~
- (5) The Santa Maria replica, moored in Battelle Riverfront Park, when the possession, sale or consumption of ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer is permitted by written authorization from the **Director of the Recreation and Parks Department**. (Ord. 874-97 § 1.)
- (6) Certain enclosed, public rental shelter houses and facilities when the possession, sale or consumption of liquor or beer is permitted by written authorization from the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department.**
- (7) Downtown/Riverfront event facilities when the possession, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted by written authorization from the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department.**
- (D) The possession, sale or consumption of ~~intoxicating~~ liquor, or beer, when permitted by division (C), shall be in compliance with all applicable laws pertaining thereto (Ord. 1648-91), **and with any Recreation and Parks Department administrative rules. Failure to comply with any laws or administrative rules shall be sufficient grounds for immediate revocation of permit.**

SECTION 2 That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.