

CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING USAGE FEES, CHARGES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF THE CITY PARKS WITHIN THE CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, Fees for use of Park Facilities shall be as followed:

Section 1. Reservations for Pavilion, Gazebo and Ballfield located in Big Springs Park shall be made through Cotter City Hall. Use of the Pavilion, Gazebo and Ballfield and other parks in the city shall be by reservation only. A signed rental agreement shall be required to rent space in any city parks.

Section 2. For the use of the Jere Reagan Ballfield for ball practice a fee of \$25.00 per four (4) hours shall be a charged.

For the use of the Jere Reagan Ballfield for Tournaments, a fee of \$50.00 per Team shall be charged to defray the costs of maintenance, scoreboard use, water and electrical outlets. An added fee of \$25 per hour for nighttime games to use the Ballfield Lights.

All personnel required to manage the event shall be furnished by the renter of the facility. The renter shall restore the field to the same condition as prior to the tournament.

A refundable clean-up deposit of \$100 by Event Organizer is required for Tournaments.

Section 3. For the use of the Pavilion by families, groups and businesses for meetings, picnics, reunions, weddings, music events and other non-commercial purposes, a fee of \$50.00 per four (4) hours shall be charged to defray the cost of maintenance, trash container use, lights, tables, water and electricity. A refundable clean-up deposit of \$25.00 is required.

Section 4. For the use of Gazebo by families for wedding, meetings, other approved events, not exceeding four (4) hours in length, a fee of \$50.00 shall be charged to defray the cost of maintenance, use of water, lights and electricity. A refundable clean-up deposit of \$25.00 is required for the Gazebo.

Section 5. For the use of specific area of the Park or the entire park for event, festival, music festival, rally or other approved events, a fee of \$250.00 per day shall be charged to defray the cost of maintenance, trash containers, equipment use, water, and electricity.

Fees to reserve other city parks, i.e. Warrior Park, Stone Family Park, Bynum Roadside Park, and Roundhouse Shoals Picnic Area shall be determined by the Mayor on a case by case basis.

Section 6. The use of covered Cabanas and/or individual tables (Outside Pavilion), and any other recreational facilities will generally follow the rule of "first come, first served" at no charge to the Public. Unless the entire Park is rented.

Section 7. Before a reservation is confirmed by the City of Cotter, the rental fee as well as a clean-up deposit shall be required. A rental agreement shall be signed at the time payment

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is received by the City of Cotter for reservation confirmation. Deposits are refundable with advance notice or canceled due to inclement weather.

Section 8. Responsibilities of Persons Using Park Facilities: No person in a park shall leave an occupied area he occupied before all trash in the nature of boxes, cans, garbage and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. Where no such receptacles are available, the refuse and trash shall be carried away from the park area to be properly disposed of elsewhere.

Section 9. Approved Charitable Organization: An organization enjoying Non-Profit status as set out in current Internal Revenue Service Codes or dedicated solely to the betterment of others and approved by the City Council to hold fund raising events in a park. The approved Charitable Organizations located in Cotter allowed to use the Big Spring Park Facilities at no charge are the Saturday Club of Cotter, Cotter School Activities, Cotter-Gassville Chamber of Commerce, North Arkansas Youth Center Organization, Cotter VFW, Cotter Fire Department and Auxiliary, and all churches operating in the City of Cotter.

Section 10. Cotter residents and the public are allowed to use the park facilities for free on a first come first serve basis unless there are reservations reserving any portion of a facility in the Parks. However, a usage fee and clean-up deposit are required to make a reservation.

For the welfare and protection of the citizens of Cotter, Arkansas an emergency exists, and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval.

PASS AND APPROVED this 25th Day of February, 2021,


McGeorge Caradine, Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea Kray, Recorder/Treasurer

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