

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLES, INCLUDING GOLF CARTS, WITHIN CITY PARK PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Keiser owns and maintains a public park for the enjoyment, safety, and well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the operation of all motorized vehicles, including golf carts, within the park poses a risk to pedestrians, children, and other park users, and may cause damage to park grounds, trails, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to preserve the safety, appearance, and integrity of the City Park by restricting unauthorized motorized vehicle use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEISER, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, “motorized vehicle” shall include any self-propelled vehicle, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility task vehicles (UTVs), dirt bikes, golf carts, scooters, go-carts, and any other similar powered device, regardless of fuel type.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, drive, or otherwise use any motorized vehicle, including golf carts, within the boundaries of the City of Keiser Park.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to:

- A. Vehicles operated by authorized City personnel or contractors for the purpose of park maintenance, construction, repair, or improvements.
- B. Emergency vehicles, including police, fire, and medical services, when responding to an emergency or conducting official duties.
- C. Any other vehicle specifically authorized by the City of Keiser for park-related enhancements or official functions.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Any person found in violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars

(\$250.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. Each occurrence shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Keiser Police Department and any other authorized officials of the City of Keiser.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE

It is hereby found and determined by the City Council of the City of Keiser, Arkansas, that the operation of motorized vehicles, including golf carts, within the City Park creates an immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare, particularly to children and pedestrians utilizing the park facilities; therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.


SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April 2026.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Rick Creecy, Mayor


City Clerk