

CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCES 001-2015, 004-2009, 107-88, AND 102-80, ALL OF WHICH ESTABLISHED A PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, previously adopted Ordinances 102-80, 107-88, 004-2009, and 001-2015, each of which established, amended, or otherwise governed a Park and Recreation Board for the City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cordova no longer maintains or operates a Park and Recreation Board; and

WHEREAS, The continued existence of these ordinances in the Code of Ordinances is unnecessary and may cause confusion; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to repeal said ordinances in their entirety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES

Ordinances 102-80, 107-88, 004-2009, and 001-2015, and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Any provisions within the repealed ordinances establishing or governing a Park and Recreation Board are hereby nullified, and any such board is formally recognized as abolished.

SECTION 3. CODIFICATION

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to update the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cordova to reflect the repeal of the above-referenced ordinances.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2026.



JEREMY PATE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Mitchell

Robin Mitchell, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)
WALKER COUNTY)

I, Robin Mitchell City Clerk of the City of Cordova, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, on the 14th day of April 2026.

The above and foregoing ordinance was published on the 14th day of April 2026 by posting copies thereof in three public places within the City of Cordova, one of which was the U.S. Post Office or the Mayor's Office in the City of Cordova.

Witness my hand and seal office this 14th day of April 2026.





City of Cordova

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ORDINANCE NO. 001-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, sitting in regular meeting, duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Cordova Park and Recreation Act of 2015"

SECTION 2. Purpose. This ordinance is enacted for the purposes, among others, of promoting the general health, safety, and welfare of the City of Cordova.

SECTION 3. Establishment Of Park and Recreation Board. Pursuant to *Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-86-1*, there is created the Cordova Park and Recreation Board.

SECTION 4. Definitions. For purposes of the this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. *Board.* The Cordova Park and Recreation Board.
- B. *Council.* The City Council of Cordova, Alabama.
- C. *Jurisdiction.* The corporate municipal limits of the City of Cordova, Alabama.

SECTION 5. Board.

- A. The board shall consist of seven (7) members selected by the Council who reside within the municipal limits of the City of Cordova, Alabama.
- B. Members of the Board first shall be appointed as follows: two for a term of one year; two for a term of two years; one for a term of three years; one for a term of four years; and one for a term of five years. As the terms of members expire, their successors shall be selected for terms of five years each.



- C. Vacancies in unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made.
- D. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman and secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary to serve at its pleasure.
- E. The board shall adopt rules and regulations covering the procedures of the board and the use of lands, buildings, equipment, and other facilities under its jurisdiction.
- F. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 6. Powers and duties.

- and A. The recreation board shall be responsible for the direction, supervision and promotion of such recreation programs as will contribute to the general welfare of the residents of the county or municipality.
- B. The board shall have control over all lands, buildings, equipment, and other facilities assigned for recreational purposes to the board by the Council or leased by it from funds provided by the Council.
- recreational C. The board shall cooperate with other local agencies and state and federal agencies for the purpose of maintaining and improving services and facilities for the City of Cordova, Alabama.
- D. The board shall have power to accept financial and other aid and grants from any public or private agency.
- E. The Board shall not appropriate, spend or obligate funds without the express consent of the Council.

SECTION 7. City Director of Parks and Recreation.

- A. The Board, with consent of the Council, may employ a city director of recreation to be its executive officer.
- B. The salaries of the director shall be fixed by the Council.
- C. The tenure of the director and the staff shall be at the pleasure of the Council.

SECTION 8. Appropriations; designation, acquisition, improvement, etc., of lands or buildings for recreational purposes; joint actions by counties and municipalities.



- A. The Council may make appropriations from the municipal general funds to the Board for the support and maintenance of the Board, a recreational program and recreational lands, buildings, equipment, and facilities.
- B. The Council may designate for use as parks, playgrounds and recreation centers and facilities any lands or buildings owned by, leased by, or loaned to the Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama
- C. The Council may improve and equip or appropriate funds to the Board for improving and equipping the lands and buildings for recreational purposes.
- D. The Council of the City of Cordova may acquire lands, buildings, and facilities for recreational purposes by means of purchase, lease, loan, gift, or condemnation procedure and shall have power to accept financial and other aid and grants for recreational purposes from any public or private agency.


SECTION 9. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance nor render the remaining portions of this ordinance invalid, and to that end the provisions hereof are declared to be severable.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication.

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 2015.


Drew Gilbert, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF WALKER)

ORDINANCE # 004-2009

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA,
ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Section 11-86-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, a Recreation Board is hereby established for the City of Cordova.

SECTION 2. The Recreation Board shall consist of nine (9) members selected by the municipal governing body from residents of the City of Cordova who have recognized interest in recreational activities. Members of the recreation board first shall be appointed as follows: Two for a term of one year; Two for a term of two years; Two for a term of three years; Two for a term of four years; and one for a term of five years. As the terms of members expire, their successors shall be selected for terms of five years each. Vacancies in unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made. The board shall elect from its membership a chairman and secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary to serve at its pleasure. The board shall adopt rules and regulations covering the procedures of the board and the use of lands, buildings, equipment, and other facilities under its jurisdiction. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.


SECTION 3. The Recreation Board may employ a municipal director of recreation to be its executive officer. The director, with the approval of the board, shall employ such staff as may be necessary to effect the recreation program determined by the board. The salaries of the director and the staff shall be fixed by the board. The tenure of the director and the staff shall be at the pleasure of the board. Traveling and other expenses of the director and the staff while in performance of their duties shall be provided for by the board.

SECTION 4. The City of Cordova may make appropriations from municipal general funds to the recreation board for the support and maintenance of the board, a recreational program and recreational lands, buildings, equipment, and facilities. The City of Cordova may designate for use as parks, playgrounds and recreation centers and facilities any lands or buildings owned by, leased by, or loaned to the municipality. The City of Cordova may improve and equip or appropriate funds to the board for improving and equipping the lands and buildings for recreational purposes. The City of Cordova may acquire lands, buildings, and facilities for recreational purposes by means of purchase, lease, loan, gift, or condemnation procedure and shall have power to accept financial and other aid and grants for recreational purposes from any public or private agency. Any county or municipality may join with one or more counties or municipalities in acquiring property for recreational purposes and, through the recreation board, join similarly in the operating and maintaining of playgrounds, parks, and recreation centers and facilities.

Any county or municipality may cooperate with another county or municipality by establishment and maintenance of a joint recreation board.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 26th DAY OF May, 2009.



Mayor Jack Scott

ATTEST:



Elaine Stewart/City Clerk

Elaine Stewart/City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF WALKER)
CITY OF CORDOVA)

107-88

ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE CORDOVA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

SECTION I THE CORDOVA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD:

There is hereby created a Park and Recreation Board which is hereinafter known as The Cordova Park and Recreation Board. This Board is hereby created by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, and is subject to control, management, maintenance, regulation and the conduct of its affairs and business by the City of Cordova, Alabama.

SECTION II THE CORDOVA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS:

The Cordova Park and Recreation Board shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, from persons who are bona fide resident citizens of the City of Cordova, Alabama, and who are known for having a recognized public interest in recreational activities in this particular area.

SECTION III ELECTION AND TERM OF MEMBERS:

The Cordova Park and Recreation Board shall consist of five (5) members. Members shall be appointed by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, as follows:

First member for a term of one (1) year and second member for a term of two (2) years, the third member for a term of three (3) years, the fourth member for a term of four (4) years and the fifth member for a term of five (5) years.

After the expiration of the term of each of the five members, their successors shall be appointed by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, for a term of five (5) years each, and vacancies and unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made by said Governing Body. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman and secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary to serve at its pleasure; all current members of the Park and Recreation Board are to continue to be members of this Board for the original terms for which they were appointed until their successors are appointed and take office.

SECTION IV AUTHORITY OF BOARD:

Subject to the Board's regulation and management by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, the said Board shall have the following authority:

1. To adopt and alter Bylaws for the regulation and conduct of its affairs and businesses.
2. To fix and charge fees and to make rules and regulations for the conduct, management and use of parks, play grounds, recreation or athletic areas or facilities as well as the use of all lands, buildings and equipment and other facilities under its jurisdiction.
3. To purchase equipment and supplies necessary or convenient for the exercise of any power of the said Board, all of said equipment and supplies to be purchased by and with the approval of the Board Chairman, Mr. Phil Stover, and the Assistant City Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Black.
4. To make and enter into contracts and agreements subject to the approval of the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, which are incidental to or necessary for the accomplishment of any purposes for which the Board was created.

SECTION V COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS:

The Cordova Park and Recreation Board members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION VI CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

1. That all parks including the swimming pool and all other recreational areas, and all lands, buildings and other facilities assigned to or used for recreational purposes now or hereinafter owned by the City of Cordova, Alabama, inside or outside said City of Cordova, Alabama, are hereby placed under the control and management and authority of the said Cordova Park and Recreation Board subject however also to the maintenance regulation and control by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama.

SECTION VII APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND EMPLOYEES:

The Cordova Park and Recreation board shall have authority to make rules and regulations governing the use of all parks and other such recreational facilities, and to appoint advisory committees and employ certain persons as it may deem necessary or desirable in the conduct an operation of such recreational areas and facilities and to fix the compensation of all employees who are to be paid for their services rendered to said Board, subject to the approval of the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama.

SECTION VIII FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING OF SAID BOARD:

The Park and Recreational Board of the City of Cordova, Alabama, shall have the authority to maintain an account in a bank or other financial institution and any such funds or monies or negotiable instruments of any kind or nature which are maintained in said account shall be used to operate and maintain all the concession stands and for

improvements and management and repair to the parks along with other expenditures which may be deemed necessary by the said Cordova Park and Recreation Board but that all monies paid out of said account for any purpose shall be signed both by the Mayor and the City Clerk of Cordova, Alabama, and once each year during its regular audit the Auditors who audit the City books shall also audit the books of the Cordova Park and Recreation Board and make a verified report of the same to the Governing Body of said City of Cordova, Alabama.

SECTION IX THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA:

That the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, shall not be responsible for nor liable for any expenses of any kind or nature incurred by the said Cordova Park and Recreation Board in excess of annual allotment or budget as set out by the Governing Body for the fiscal year for which the budget is planned and paid to said Board. This Ordinance supersedes the previous ordinance number 102-80 enacted by the City of Cordova, Alabama, on the 25th day of September, 1980, and the amendment thereto on July 2, 1985, or any other Ordinance pertaining to the Cordova Park and Recreation Board except that all members of the previous Cordova Park and Recreation Board automatically become members of this Cordova Park and Recreation Board and will serve as members until their terms expire or until their successors shall be appointed by the Governing Body of the City of Cordova, Alabama, as heretofore set out.

SECTION X SEPARABILITY:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, or may be for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion

shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication and the City Clerk is hereby directed to post same in three public places in the City of Cordova, Alabama.

Adopted this the 19th day or April, 1988.

R. J. (Bo) Richardson
MAYOR

APPROVED:

Louise M. Inayie
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 102-80

Par. 7. Separability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Par. 8. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication and the City Clerk is hereby directed to post same in three (3) public places in the City of Cordova, Alabama.

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 1980.

ATTEST:

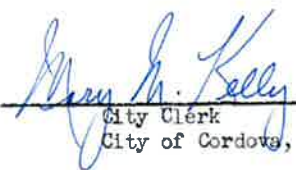
MAYOR

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary M. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Cordova, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance that was duly adopted and enacted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Cordova, Alabama, at a regular meeting in the City Hall of the City of Cordova, Alabama, held on September 25, 1980, and after being duly adopted was posted in three (3) public places in the City of Cordova, Alabama, as required by law.

This the 29th day of September, 1980.



City Clerk
City of Cordova, Alabama

(SEAL)