

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA**  
**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR INDIAN HEAD**  
**MILL PARK**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish reasonable hours of operation for Indian Head Mill Park in order to promote public safety, protect public property, reduce vandalism, and ensure the park remains a safe and welcoming recreational space for residents and visitors.

**SECTION 2. PARK IDENTIFICATION**

This Ordinance applies to Indian Head Mill Park, a public park owned by the Cordova Economic and Industrial Development Authority and operated by the City of Cordova, located within the municipal limits of the City of Cordova in Walker County.

**SECTION 3. HOURS OF OPERATION**

- A. Indian Head Mill Park shall be open to the public daily from sunrise until dark.
- B. The park shall be closed to the public from dark until sunrise.
- C. For purposes of this Ordinance, "dark" shall mean thirty (30) minutes after official sunset as determined by recognized local time standards.

**SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS**

- A. The park may remain open after dark when a pre-scheduled event has been approved by the City of Cordova.
- B. Pre-scheduled events may include, but are not limited to:
  - City-sponsored events
  - Permitted community events
  - Organized athletic events
  - Festivals or public gatherings
  - Council-approved rentals or reservations
- C. Any such event must receive prior approval from the Mayor or his/her designee and comply with all applicable city regulations and permit requirements.

**SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT**

- A. Any person remaining in Indian Head Mill Park after hours without authorization shall be considered in violation of this Ordinance.
- B. Violations may result in:
  - Verbal warning
  - Citation
  - Removal from the premises
  - Any other lawful enforcement action permitted under municipal authority

**SECTION 6. SIGNAGE**

The City shall post signage at visible locations within Indian Head Mill Park indicating the established hours of operation and applicable restrictions.

**SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY**

If any section or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE**


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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2026.



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JEREMY PATE, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

The above and foregoing ordinance was published on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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Robin Mitchell, City Clerk