

**2016-0342**

**INTRODUCED BY: LARRY COCHRAN, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES)**

An ordinance to supplement the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Parks and Recreation to prohibit the carrying and possessing of concealed and open firearms upon any public or recreational park located within St. Charles Parish, Louisiana based on La. R.S. 40:1379.3(O). Section O of La. R.S. 40:1379.3 provides that a property owner, lessee, or other lawful custodian has the right to prohibit or restrict access of those persons possessing a concealed handgun from entering the premises for which the owner, lessee, or lawful custodian occupies. This provision shall not apply to commissioned law enforcement officers.

**WHEREAS**, the prohibition of concealed and open weapons upon any public or recreational park located within St. Charles Parish, Louisiana is in furtherance of the public's best interest and purpose, and is in satisfaction of a public need.

**THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.** That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Parks and Recreation, Article I. In General, Section 17-13. shall be supplemented as follows:

**Sec. 17-13. Weapons**

- (a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section a weapon shall consist of loaded or unloaded firearms, ammunition, loaded or unloaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other dangerous weapons.
- (b) The possession or concealment of a firearm or any other weapon upon any public or recreational park located within St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, is prohibited, whether or not permitted by a concealed carry permit.
- (c) This provision shall not apply to commissioned law enforcement officers in the course and scope of their employment.

**SECTION II.** That St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Parks and Recreation Sections 17-14 through 17-15 will remain reserved.

The foregoing proposed ordinance was postponed indefinitely on October 3, 2016, by the following vote:

YEAS:           BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF,  
                    BELLOCK, FISHER-PERRIER

NAYS:           NONE

ABSENT:        FLETCHER