

ORDINANCE #204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON REGULATING VEHICULAR ACCESS TO ALL CITY PARKS, HOUSTON, MINNESOTA AND PROVIDED FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has constructed a recreational bike trail which runs through the City of Houston including Trailhead Park where a parking lot has been constructed has the starting point of the bike trail. Bike Trail and Park users have access not only to the recreational trail but also to primitive campsites and park shelters from that parking lot. It is the requirement of the MnDNR that no motorized vehicular traffic be allowed on the recreational trail because it was not built with that type of traffic and weight in mind. The City of Houston also requires that persons using THP do not drive on the trail and the City of Houston provides carts to transport their camping and picnicking gear into the park. This ordinance shall apply to all city parks.

The City Council of the City of Houston does hereby ordain:

Section 1: No motorized vehicle shall be allowed at any time on the bike trail or in Trailhead Park or in any City Park, without the express written permission of the City Administrator and/or the Houston City Council. A \$10 fee must accompany a park access permit, which will only be given in case of hardship or unique circumstances. The park access permit must be prominently displayed in the vehicle while in any city park.

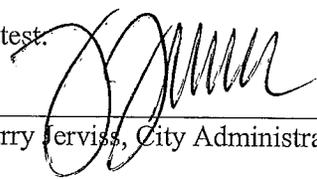
Section 2: This ordinance shall not apply to employees of the city of Houston or its agents while they are in performance of their duties. This ordinance also shall not apply to emergency vehicles while they are in performance of their duties.

Section 3: Any person violating the conditions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be subject to the fines thereof.

Passed, Adopted and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Connie Krenzke, Mayor

Attest.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Jerviss, City Administrator

(Seal)