

By John H. Coffey

Providing for the appointment of Park Police, and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. There is created within the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, the Park Police. The Mayor, jointly holding the position of Director of Public Safety, shall be the executive head of the Park Police, and shall make all appointments and removals. The Mayor/Safety Director is hereby authorized to commission such Park Police as he may deem necessary, and all such commissions shall be temporary and may be revoked at any time by the Mayor/Safety Director.

Section 2. The Chief of the Division of Police, with the approval of the Mayor/Safety Director, shall prescribe the rules and regulations, training, administration, control and conduct of the Park Police.

Section 3. The Chief of Police is authorized to prescribe the uniform to be worn and the equipment to be used by members of the Park Police.

Section 4. A Park Policeman is authorized to issue orders, either in person, or by writing, or by means of visible or audible signals for the purpose of controlling the use of city-owned or city controlled parks.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of an officer of the Park Police. No person shall resist, hinder, obstruct or abuse any officer of the Park Police attempting to arrest offenders under any of the provisions applicable on or about city-owned or city controlled parks.

Section 6. Officers of the Park Police shall only have police power to enforce the Bexley City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code within the city-owned or city controlled parks during assigned duty hours. The Park Police shall obey the chain of command of the Division of Police.

Section 7. Members of the Park Police are not eligible for membership in the Police Relief and Pension Fund under Sections 741.31 to 741.54, inclusive, of the Ohio Revised Code. Compensation shall be regulated by the city salary schedule authorized by City Council.

Section 8. Any person failing to comply with a lawful order of a Park Policeman or violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 and shall pay the costs of prosecution.

Section 9. That this ordinance is an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, for the reason that the city has an immediate need for the services of the Park Police during the summer months, wherefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: April 12, 1977

Attest: John J. Schuyler  
Clerk of Council

Richard C. Addison  
President of Council

Approved: April 12, 1977

Donald H. Mahan  
MAYOR

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