

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-057 gives the City Manager, in consultation with the Chief of Police or the Department of Public Health, the authority to change the hours of any public park or playground when warranted by public safety or public health concerns; and

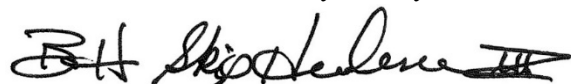
WHEREAS, due to complaints concerning events that are disruptive to the peace of the neighborhood and threatening to the public safety of our citizens are being reported after dark in Carver Park and Rigdon Park, the hours in those Parks were reduced for fall and winter; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested by the district Councilor and agreed to by the Mayor and Police Chief that an order allowing Carver Park and Rigdon Park to remain open during the summer months for a greater period of time each day is consistent with Public Safety interests and the recreational needs of the public.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following parks, operated by the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department will be closed to the public based on the following schedule:
 - Effective May 19, 2026, Carver Park will be closed to the public daily from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am for the season. From the first weekend after the closing of the splash pad, Carver Park will be closed from 7:00pm to 6:00 am until the reopening of the splash pad for the next season. From the date of the opening of the Carver Park Splash Pad in the spring of 2027, the Park will be closed to the public daily from 8:00pm to 6:00 am.
 - Effective May 27, 2026, Rigdon Park will be closed to the public daily from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am from the date of the opening of the pool for the season. From the weekend after the closing of the Rigdon Park Pool for the season, the Park will be closed from 7:00pm to 6:00 am until the reopening of the pool for the next season. From the date of the opening of the Rigdon Park Pool in the spring of 2027, the Park will be closed to the public daily from 8:00pm to 6:00 am.
2. This order shall not apply to organized activities conducted under the supervision of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
3. This order shall remain in effect through the pool season of 2027.
4. Upon expiration of this order, the hours shall return to those provided by Columbus Code Sections 4-2 and 4-41.1 unless this order is extended by the City Manager, or Council chooses to revise the ordinance pertaining to Park and playground operation.

SO ORDERED this 18th day of May 2026:



B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor