ORDINANCE NO. 3158

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to the evening closure of city parks.

WHEREAS, the city code currently establishes certain hours for evening closures of city parks; and

WHEREAS, some of the parks within the City have experienced criminal activity that could be minimized by establishing new closing hours and allowing for flexibility in establishing differing hours which would better match the current uses of each individual park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the city code to allow for the establishment of new closing hours to curb criminal activity in city parks; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 4.01 of the Kent City Code entitled "Parks and Recreation" is hereby amended by amending Section 4.01.160 as follows:

Sec. 4.01.160. Hours.

It is unlawful to remain in any park between 11:00 p.m. dusk and daylight dawn, or during those hours as otherwise posted
by the City, except for activities authorized by the parks and recreation department.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3158, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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