

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-_____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Parks and Playgrounds; amending the City of Yakima Municipal Code for the purpose of regulating structures in parks.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

Section 1. A new section, 13.16.055, of the City of Yakima Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

13.16.055 No Structures in Parks—Exceptions.

A. It is unlawful to erect, install, or place any structure within a park, except as provided herein.

B. “Structure” means any structure or shelter, including but not limited to any temporary makeshift dwelling units, tents, lean-tos, shacks and/or trailers, comprised of tree branches, wood, plastic, metal, nylon, tarp or any other materials.

C. This section shall not apply to:

1. Any duly authorized structure erected, installed, or placed within a park by city staff or their authorized designees or any structure erected, installed, or placed within a park as expressly authorized by the Manager under a parks use permit.

2. A temporary structure that has only a roof and no walls.

D. In addition to other remedies provided by law, including, but not limited to, the penalty provision of this chapter, any structure not allowed under this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The code enforcement officer or his or her designee may summarily abate any such structure, or the structure may be abated as prescribed in Chapter 6.56 YMC.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law and by the City Charter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, signed and approved this 19th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

Kathy Coffey, Mayor

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk

Publication Date: _____

Effective Date: _____