

RESOLUTION 03-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 (“PARKS AND RECREATION”) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF CARROLLTON, GEORGIA TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IV (“RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CARROLLTON GREENBELT”) AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CARROLLTON GREENBELT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found and continue to find it in the public interest to promote recreation, physical activity, and alternative means of transportation by the citizens of the City of Carrollton; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these objectives – during or about 2002 – the City of Carrollton partnered with a small group of citizens to create a greenspace program for the City; and

WHEREAS, the greenspace program includes a plan to create a greenbelt (or multi-use path) around the City (now commonly referred to as the “Greenbelt Program”) to be used for recreation and non-motorized transportation and to connect various schools, commercial areas, and existing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have this day passed a resolution adopting and approving a Master Plan for the Greenbelt Program; and

WHEREAS, at least a portion of the Greenbelt has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it in the public interest to adopt certain rules and regulations for the use of the Greenbelt.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Carrollton do hereby amend Chapter 70 (“Parks and Recreation”) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Carrollton, Georgia to add a new Article IV (“Rules and Regulations for the Carrollton Greenbelt”) as follows:

Chapter 70

PARKS AND RECREATION

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ARTICLE IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CARROLLTON GREENBELT

Sec. 70-70. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Greenbelt Trail means that certain trail or path, or any portion thereof, designated by the mayor and city council for pleasure or for use as an alternative mode of transportation within the city and includes uses for walking, jogging, running, bicycling, or horseback riding (in designated areas).

Sec. 70-71. Motorized vehicles prohibited.

With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, no person shall operate a motorized vehicle in, over, through or upon the Greenbelt Trail or any portion thereof, except when specifically authorized by law.

Sec. 70-72. Horseback riding prohibited, except in designated areas.

No person shall ride a horse in, over, through or upon the Greenbelt Trail, except in areas designated for such use, and where permitted, no person shall ride a horse in a reckless manner or in any other manner which endangers other users of the Greenbelt Trail.

Sec. 70-73. Operation of bicycles.

No person shall operate a bicycle on the Greenbelt Trail in a reckless manner or in any other manner which endangers other users of the Greenbelt Trail.

Sec. 70-74. Animals.

No person shall bring any animal on the Greenbelt Trail, except when such animal is under the direction and control of its owner and is secured by a leash, chain, or lead of sufficient strength to prevent it from escaping from its owner. As used in this section, the term “animal” shall include any type of animal, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, and horses.

Sec. 70-75. Climbing bridges, trestles, etc.

No person shall climb the exterior of, repel from, or jump from any bridge, trestle, overpass, wall, cliff, embankment, building, or monument which is located on or adjacent to the Greenbelt Trail.

Sec. 70-76. Hours of operation.

The Greenbelt Trail is open from dawn until dusk each day, and it shall be unlawful for any person to be on the Greenbelt Trail before sunrise or after sunset, unless otherwise and specifically authorized by law.

Sec. 70-77. Alcoholic beverages, drugs, and non-permitted firearms prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to possess any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or non-permitted firearms on the Greenbelt Trail.

Sec. 70-78. Vandalism or theft of trail amenities.

It shall be unlawful to vandalize, mutilate, deface, or steal any portion of the Greenbelt Trail or any amenities thereto.

Sec. 70-79. Penalty for violations.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided in section 1-11.

Secs. 70-80 – 70-90. Reserved.

ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2012.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CARROLLTON

Mayor, City of Carrollton

Clerk, City of Carrollton