

ORDINANCE

97-P-01

**ORDINANCE REGARDING PARK HOURS AND
THE USE OF ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS**

WHEREAS, the Town of LaPaz wishes to provide for the orderly operation of the parks within the town limits of the Town of LaPaz; and

WHEREAS, currently, the absence of any law regulating the hours during which the parks within the town limits are to be open has encouraged loitering, and other public nuisances, vandalism to both public and private property, and criminal mischief;

WHEREAS, currently, the absence of any law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol and/or illegal drugs in any park within the town limits has encouraged loitering and other public nuisances, vandalism to both public and private property, and criminal mischief; and

WHEREAS, the Town of LaPaz recognizes that it is the best interest of the Town of LaPaz and the citizens of the Town of LaPaz to regulate the hours during which the town parks are open.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Lapaz, Lapaz, Marshall County, Indiana, that:

1. All parks within the town limits of the Town of LaPaz shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30p.m. daily;

2. All parks within the town limits of the Town of LaPaz shall be deemed closed to the public at all other times not authorized by this ordinance as times at which the parks are deemed open to the public;

5. It shall be a violation of this ordinance to consume alcohol, or illegal drugs, within any park within the town limits of the Town of Lapaz:

6. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person from the ages of 0 to 13 to be within any park within the town limits of LaPaz without one adult for supervision purposes.

7. A violation of this ordinance will subject the violator to a fine of \$25.00 for the first violation, a fine of \$50.00 for the second violation and a fine of \$100.00 for the third violation.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect immediately from the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 1 day of July, ¹⁹⁹⁷~~1998~~.

ATTEST

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