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**ORDINANCE: Amend Winnebago County
General Code Section 19.08 Relating to the
Closure of Parks Properties**

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, in the interest of maintaining and protecting Parks properties it is sometimes necessary for Parks Administration to enact measures that effectively eliminate the public's use of certain grounds and/or buildings for an indeterminate period of time; and

WHEREAS, in instances where athletic field turf has been compromised due to saturated soil conditions, it is appropriate for the Parks Administration to attempt to restrict the public's access to such fields as a means of preventing grass damage from occurring as a result of ill-timed use; and,

WHEREAS, as a means of communicating enactment of field closure(s), a series of message boards would be placed at key locations near the athletic fields in order to inform the public regarding said closures; and,

WHEREAS, use of said message boards would also make it possible for both Parks staff and the Oshkosh Police Department to readily enforce Section 19.08 of the General Code and thereby help avert the need to invest resources in repairing field damage brought about by unregulated public activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Parks and Recreation Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the following amendment to Section 19.08 of the General Code of Winnebago County; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Winnebago does ordain as follows:

That Sections 19.08 of the General Code of Winnebago County be amended to read as follows:

19.08 CLOSED AREAS. Any **area or facility within a** County park may be declared **either partially or entirely** closed to the public by the Parks Director or Committee at any time and for any interval of time either temporarily or at regular stated intervals. **Notification of such closures shall be disseminated using press releases or, in the case of athletic field closures, advertised through the posting of announcements on centralized message boards located within view of the sports field(s).**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Winnebago that said amendment to the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Vote:

5-0

Vote Requirement for Passage:

Majority of those present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of May, 2011.

County Executive