## ORDINANCE NO 24-

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RECREATION, CREATING SECTION 19-7-714 IN ARTICLE 19-7, CHAPTER 19, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, BY ESTABLISHING A PROVISION PROHIBITING METAL DETECTING AND DIGGING IN CITY PARKS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

# **ORDINANCE**

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED* BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA THAT:

Section 1. Section 19-7-714 is hereby created in Chapter 19 of the Lawton City Code to read as follows:

### <u>19-7-714 – Metal Detecting and Digging Prohibited.</u>

A. Metal detecting and digging within City owned parks is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not affect work authorized by the City or utility work occurring within City easements.

B. Any violation of the provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.

**Section 2. Codification.** Section 19-7-174 shall be codified in Article 19-7, Chapter 19, Lawton City Code, 2015.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of passage of the ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that: SAID ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_2024.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

# DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

TIMOTHY WILSON, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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### BRIEF GIST

This ordinance prohibits metal detecting and digging in City owned parks.

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