

Ordinance Prohibiting Sex Offenders From Entering Parks and Recreational Facilities

WHEREAS, the Town of Whitsett parks and recreational facilities are meant for the peaceful enjoyment of its citizens and are in desirable and well utilized locations for such enjoyment;

WHEREAS, the Town of Whitsett parks and recreational facilities are public spaces wherein sexual offenders may sometimes attempt to find victims; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina, the Mayor, Town Council members and Staff recognize that protection of the public is of paramount governmental interest; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of promoting the general welfare and safety of the people of the Town of Whitsett to reduce opportunities for sexual offenders to make use of public spaces for criminal intent; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council members and Staff find it in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Town of Whitsett to prohibit and ban Registered Sex Offenders from the Town of Whitsett parks and other recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-174 states that a town may by ordinance define, prohibit, regulate, or abate acts, omissions, or conditions, detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the town, and may define and abate nuisances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Whitsett hereby enacts Ordinance Number 46 Prohibiting Sex Offenders From Entering Parks and Recreational Facilities.

Adopted this 9th day of June , 2009.

/s/

Richard A. Fennell, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

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Joanne M. Hesson, Town Clerk

W. B. Trevorrow, Town Attorney