

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-19
ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF
THE NORTH AUGUSTA GREENEWAY TRAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta has developed as part of the City's Park System a system of multi-purpose trails known as the North Augusta Greenway Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Greenway Trail System is to be jointly used by walkers, joggers, skaters, bicyclists, dog walkers, baby strollers, persons in wheelchairs and other non-motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and City Council wish to insure the continued safe and enjoyable use by all users of the North Augusta Trail System and have developed rules to that end.

WHEREAS, Section 17-1 of the City Code titled "Management and Control" states that City Council "shall also provide for the maintenance of order in all public parks, and shall have the power to prescribe by resolution certain rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with the ordinances of the City for the government of said public parks. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with such rules and regulations."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that the following Rules and Regulations governing the use of the North Augusta Greenway Trail System are hereby adopted:

**North Augusta Greenway Trail System
Rules and Regulations**

About the Greenway:

The Greenway Trail System was designed for multi-use recreational purposes. It is a public access trail to be shared and enjoyed by walkers, joggers, skaters, bicyclist, dog walkers, baby strollers, persons in wheelchairs and others.

The North Augusta Greenway Trail System was designed for public recreation use only and is not designed for individual or group speeding, racing or speed-related training. If your individual or group recreational activity poses a safety risk to you or other trail users, please consider an alternative route better suited to your needs and the safety and enjoyment of all.

Limited special purpose activities or events on the Greenway Trail may be granted at the sole discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services. Written requests must be made in writing at least three weeks prior to the proposed activity or event. Written authorization of trail activities or events must be carried by the activity or event agent.

General Greenway Rules:

- Keep right and pass left.
- Announce your intentions before passing.
- Always look before changing positions on the trail.
- Move off the pavement whenever you need to stop.
- Travel in a consistent and predictable manner.
- Pedestrians have the right of way.
- Be respectful of other trail users regardless of their mode, speed or skill level.
- Use of headphones is discouraged. Headphones may limit your ability to hear others approaching or passing.
- Pay attention at all trail markings and safety signs.
- Yield to traffic at cross roads.
- Be respectful of private property.
- Practice 'Leave No Trace' principles
 - Be sensitive to area plants and wildlife.
 - Stay on existing trails.
 - Take out what you take in.
- Unless otherwise posted, use of the Greenway Trail is limited to the hours between DAWN and DUSK.
- Small children must be properly supervised

Greenway Trail Rules for Pedestrians:

- Walk no more than two abreast.
- Walk on the right side of the trail near the outside edge.
- Pass other trail users on their left.
- When passing, give an audible warning such as, "Passing on your left," at least two seconds before passing.
- When passing, leave at least two feet of clearance between yourself and the person(s) you are passing.

Greenway Trail Rules for Joggers, Cyclists and Skaters:

- **Watch your speed!**
- Cyclists **must** ride in single file.

- South Carolina Law requires a bell on bicycles.
- Cyclists should signal with their bell at least two seconds prior to passing.
- South Carolina Law requires the use of Helmets for all bicycle riders 14 years and younger.
- It is recommended that all cyclists and rollerbladers wear a helmet.
- Cyclists, joggers and skaters must yield to pedestrians.
- Cyclists, joggers and skaters should pay particular attention to children and older users on the trail.
- Maintain control of bikes, skates and boards.
- Use of the trail for speed training and or racing is **PROHIBITED**.

Greenway Trail Rules for Pet Owners and Pet Walkers:

- Pets should be on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length.
- Pets must be kept in control at all times.
- Pets should be kept nearby and on the right shoulder of the trail.
- Dog waste must be collected and deposited in an appropriate receptacle.

Additional General Safety Guidelines:

- Know your equipment and carry gear for changing weather conditions.
- Carry a cell phone.
- In case of an emergency, notify Public Safety at 911 or 279-2121.
- Securely lock private vehicles.
- If valuables are left in a vehicle, place them out of sight.
- Walk or jog with a companion.

The Following are Expressly Prohibited on the North Augusta Greenway Trail:

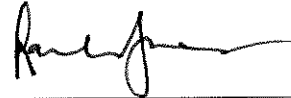
- Littering.
- Destruction, injury or removal of park property, vegetation or wildlife.
- Use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, trail bike, go carts, mopeds, scooters, etc.) Approved North Augusta Public Safety and Parks and Recreation motorized vehicles are permitted for Security and Maintenance.
- Speed Training or Racing.
- Feeding Wildlife.
- Fires.
- Possession or use of fireworks, firearms or other weapons.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Amplification of sound equipment, audible over a distance of 25 feet.
- Unauthorized sale of merchandise, food or services.
- Horseback riding.
- Overnight camping.

Additional Information:

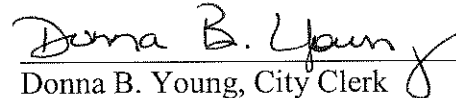
- The Greenway Trail is regularly monitored by Public Safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rules shall become effective immediately upon their adoption.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 19 OF September, 2005.



Lark W. Jones, Mayor



Donna B. Young, City Clerk