

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 14, 2024

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74 of the Town Code, Relative to Parks and Recreation, to Modify Closures of Recreational Areas – Lake Trail  
**Ordinance No. 014-2024**

Date: May 2, 2024

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

During the regular Town Council Meeting on April 9, 2024, the Police Department brought forth Ordinance 013-2024 modifying closure hours for Town parks as a proactive measure to increase community safety through crime prevention efforts. The Town Council approved this ordinance with closure times from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and asked that these closure hours be mirrored for Lake Trail as well. Ordinance 019-2024 is now being presented and will modify the relevant section of the Town Code of Ordinances to adjust the closure hours to be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Exceptions will continue to exist for deeded property owners on Lake Trail immediately adjacent to their properties.

Previous amendments have been successfully used by the Police Department as a proactive measure to deter criminal activity in these locations during the overnight hours.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Town Council approve Ordinance 014-2024, amending Chapter 74 of the Town Code, relative to Parks and Recreation, to change the hours of closure of Lake Trail to 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

The Town Attorney has reviewed this ordinance and approved for legal form and sufficiency.

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cc: Joanne O'Connor, Town Attorney  
Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager  
Robert Miracle, Deputy Town Manager  
Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works