

## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Howard Tipton, Town Manager

**FROM:** Allen Parsons, AICP, Director  
Planning, Zoning and Building Department

**REPORT DATE:** February 22, 2023

**MEETING DATE:** March 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2023-04, Amending Chapter 92, Parks, Public Beaches, Public Beach and Bay Accesses and Public Places to include Town Center Green, 600 Bay Isles Road

### **Recommended Action**

Adopt Ordinance 2023-04.

### **Background**

At their February 6, 2023 Town Commission Regular Meeting, the Town Commission (Commission) held first reading and forwarded Ordinance 2023-04 for second reading, public hearing and adoption. Ordinance 2023-04 is associated with the pending entitlement of plans for the Town Center Green property, located at 600 Bay Isles Road, as an official public park area. Staff is taking the opportunity to add this property to the Town of Longboat Key Town Code that regulates public places in Chapter 92, Parks, Public Beaches, and Public Beach and Bay Accesses.

Chapter 92, contains two Code Subsections where the Town Center Green property is recommended to be inserted into. The first is Sec. 92.02, which regulates hours of use. The Town Center Green's hours are recommended to be from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. similar to Quick Point Nature Preserve, Overlook Park, Bicentennial Park and the Bayfront Park Recreation Center.

The second is Sec. 92.04, which regulates where pets (other than animals certified and utilized for assisting persons with disabilities) are allowed or prohibited. At their February 6, 2023, first reading the Commission provided direction to limit the area where pets may be allowed (on leashes not longer than 8 feet) to areas outside of the oval pathway that encircles the outdoor stage. The Commission wanted to avoid conflicts in this area during special events and wanted to have the central green space be less impacted by animals during non-event times. This change has been incorporated into Sec. 92.04. Staff anticipates providing limited on-site signage noting this restriction to maintain the park as being less visually polluted. Special event organizers will be tasked with providing management of the central green area. Informational materials about the Town Center Green will note this pet locational limitation.

Ordinance 2023-04 is presented for Commission consideration to amend these Code Sections to provide for consistency in enforcement of activities in public places.

**Staff Recommendation**

Adopt Ordinance 2023-04.

**Attachments**

- A. Ordinance 2023-04 (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- B. PowerPoint Presentation (Available in Town Clerk's Office)

**End of Agenda Item**