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Huffstetler suspended without pay

Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Director Wixson Huffstetler has been suspended without pay for two weeks because of a racially insensitive “Tweet” sent out on his personal Twitter account, Mayor Harold Perrin announced Wednesday, citing city policy.

The suspension is effective immediately. Huffstetler also will be required to attend sensitivity training classes.

The city’s personal conduct policy prohibits “conduct of any nature adversely affecting the City’s best interests and reputation.”

“We have reviewed, and are continuing to review, this situation,” Perrin said. “As I said yesterday, it contradicts what we stand for, which is a Jonesboro that serves all citizens equally.”

Huffstetler said he accepts the disciplinary measure and apologized again Wednesday.

“I love my job serving all youth in Jonesboro’s parks and rec department,” Huffstetler said. “And I hope to rebuild any lost confidence in me.”

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