

ARTICLE SIX -- PARKS

DIVISION ONE - PARK REGULATIONS

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SECTION 06.01.010 CITING THIS ORDINANCE

This ordinance may be cited as the Coos County Parks Ordinance or as the Coos County Park Rules. [97-08-008L]

SECTION 06.01.020 RESERVED

SECTION 06.01.030 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Division, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Alcoholic liquor" means any alcoholic beverage containing more than 1-1/2 of 1% alcohol by volume and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol and capable of being consumed by a human being.
- (2) "County" means Coos County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon.
- (3) "County Board" means the Board of County Commissioners for Coos County, Oregon.
- (4) "Horse" means a horse, mule, donkey or other animal that can be ridden.
- (5) "Motor Vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle or vehicle designed for self-propulsion, except a vehicle designed for and being used by one disabled person.
- (6) "Park" means an area designated by the County Board as a public park and recreation area pursuant to ORS 275.320. "Park" also means such other property under the control of the County designated by the Board as regulated by this Division, but not designated as an ORS 275.320 park.
- (7) "Park Employee" means an employee of the Coos County Parks and Recreation Department.
- (8) "Parks Department" means the Coos County Department of Parks and Recreation, its Director, employees and agents.
- (9) "Parks Director" means the person appointed by the County Board as Director of the Coos County Parks and Recreation Department.
- (10) "Pets" means any animal kept for domestic purposes.

SECTION 06.01.035

RULES

The Board, in addition to the regulations set forth in this Division, may, by order, adopt such additional rules it believes necessary for the operation, management and protection of parks and persons using the parks. Such rules may be general in nature or directed to a specific park and shall be posted in the specific park areas to which they pertain. Within a park, no person shall violate such rules and such rules shall be enforceable in the same manner as this Division.

SECTION 06.01.040

PARK CLOSURE

- (1) The Parks Director, or designee, is authorized to close to public use any County park or portion thereof, or restrict the times when the same shall be open to such use, or limit or prohibit any recreational use whenever, in the Park Director's judgment, such actions are necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare, or for the protection of the park or any of its facilities.
- (2) Any closure beyond three (3) days shall be authorized by order of the County Board.
- (3) Reasonable cause for closure or restricted use shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) extreme fire hazard;
 - (b) dangerous water or weather conditions;
 - (c) sanitary protection of water shed;
 - (d) Parks Department construction or repairs;
 - (e) conservation of fish and wildlife;
 - (f) excessive boat traffic;
 - (g) unsafe or crowded shoreline, ramps, parking or road conditions;
 - (h) damage to a park or any of its facilities; or
 - (i) any dangerous, unsafe or unhealthful condition.
- (4) Closure time for all day use areas shall be sunset unless otherwise posted.
- (5) A park employee may, as conditions warrant, close the park at any time of the day or night to any new arrivals in order to limit the number of persons using day use and camping facilities on any given day or in any twenty-four (24) hour period. Any such closure to new arrivals will last so long as the park employee believes necessary to prevent overcrowding.

SECTION 06.01.050

FEES AND PERMITS

- (1) All fees and charges, including permits issued by the Parks Department authorizing the use of a park or any of its areas or facilities, shall be in accordance with the schedules adopted from time to time by the County Board.
- (2) No person shall enter or use any park or any of its facilities without first paying the prescribed fee, if any, to the Parks Department.
- (3) No person shall refuse to exhibit to any park employee, upon demand, any permit issued by the Parks Department.

SECTION 06.01.055

SPECIAL EVENTS

The County may, at its sole discretion, authorize the organizer of a special event exclusive use of a park. The organizer may authorize concessions to operate in the park and collect an admission fee for entry into the park. The County shall be paid a percentage of all gross revenues collected from admissions and/or concessions as adopted from time to time by the County Board. The County may impose such conditions as it deems necessary when issuing a Special Use Permit for such events. [97-08-008L]

SECTION 06.01.060

AUTHORITY TO REVOKE PERMITS

- (1) A park employee may revoke any permit issued unlawfully or erroneously or when there is reasonable cause to believe the permit holder has violated any provisions of the permit, this Division or state law. A park employee may also expel such person from the park.
- (2) A park employee may take possession of any revoked or fictitious permit. [Ordinance 94-06-007L]

SECTION 06.01.065

REMOVAL FROM COUNTY PARKS

In addition to the enforcement provisions of Article Eleven, Division One of the Coos County Code, any peace officer or park employee may expel from a County Park any person who violates any provision of this Division or state law and who is damaging park property or disturbing other persons in the park. [Ordinance 94-06-007L]

SECTION 06.01.070

MOTOR VEHICLES

- (1) Within a park no persons shall:
 - (a) Drive a motor vehicle at a speed greater than

- 10 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- (b) Drive a motor vehicle on other than established vehicular roads, parking areas or boat ramps, except those areas specifically designated for such use.
 - (c) Park or leave unattended any motor vehicle and/or trailer in any area or in any manner not designated by the Parks Department for parking.
 - (d) Park or leave unattended any motor vehicle and/or trailer on any boat launching facility.
 - (e) Drive an unlicensed motor vehicle, nor drive a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license.
 - (f) Drive any motor vehicle in a reckless manner, or in wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.
 - (g) Drive a motorcycle that is not licensed for street use in a park, except where expressly permitted.
- (2) The Parks Department may, at the owner's expense, move or remove any motor vehicle or trailer which is parked in violation of this Division.
 - (3) Within a park no person shall park or leave a boat or boat trailer in other than areas clearly designated for such purpose or as otherwise authorized by a park employee.

SECTION 06.01.080

ANIMALS

- (1) Pets are permitted in County Parks except in areas specifically designated as closed to pets.
- (2) A park employee may refuse to admit to a park or expel from a park any pet or other animal that is or appears in the judgment of the park employee to be dangerous or likely to disturb other persons in the park.
- (3) In those parks or park areas where pets are permitted, the following regulations shall apply:
 - (a) No person shall allow any pet to run unrestrained without prior permission from the Parks Department. Pets shall be restrained by a secure leash not over ten (10) feet long.
 - (b) No person shall allow any pet in the person's custody to annoy or molest any person.
 - (c) Reserved.
 - (d) No persons shall tie, secure or hobble a horse, dog or other animal in a manner which injures any tree, shrub or park property.
 - (e) Except for peace officers, no person shall drive, ride, lead or keep a horse in any park, except in areas designated for that

- purpose.
- (f) No person shall bring any animal, other than a seeing-eye dog, into any park building.
 - (4) No person shall pursue, kill, injure, hunt, molest or in any manner disturb any bird or animal within a park, except as may be permitted by resolution of the County Board.
 - (5) In addition to any other means of enforcing this section, any peace officer, animal control officer, or park employee may impound any pet or other animal in the custody of a person who is in violation of subsections 1 or 3 of this section or is dangerous or disturbing other persons in the park. [Ordinance 94-06-007L]

SECTION 06.01.085

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- (1) No persons shall operate or use any noise producing machine, vehicle, device or instrument in such a manner that is disturbing to other park visitors.
- (2) No unauthorized person shall enter or remain in a park between the daily closing time and daily opening time established by the Parks Department and posted at the entrance to each park.

SECTION 06.01.090

FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND
EXPLOSIVES

- (1) Within a park no person shall:
 - (a) Discharge any firearm, pellet gun, wrist rocket, bow and arrow, slingshot or any other missile launching device, except in those areas designated by the Parks Department for such use.
 - (b) Possess any loaded firearm, unless authorized by the County Board or state law.
 - (c) Possess or use any fireworks or other explosives without prior written permission from the Parks Department.

SECTION 06.01.095

FIRES

- (1) Fires in park areas shall be confined to:
 - (a) Park camp stoves or fireplaces provided for such purposes.
 - (b) Portions of beach areas designated as permissible for fires.
 - (c) Portable stoves in established campsites, park picnic areas, and designated beaches where fires are permitted.
- (2) No fire shall be left unattended or be permitted

to cause damage to park facilities or areas. Every fire shall be extinguished before its users leave the park area.

- (3) At the discretion of the park manager, fires normally permitted in park areas may be restricted or prohibited due to high fire hazard conditions.

SECTION 06.01.100

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

- (1) No persons shall camp in any park without a valid camping permit. Camping shall be confined to areas specifically designated for such use. A park employee may revoke a camping permit if the permit holder does not maintain the campsite in a reasonably clean, sanitary and safe manner.
- (2) No persons shall remove, vandalize or destroy any valid permit displayed at a campsite.
- (3) A camping permit will expire after a minimum of fourteen (14) days, unless the Parks Director or designee extends the time limit, provided that such extension shall not be unfair to other persons desiring to use the camping facility. Any permit extended beyond the time specified by this Division shall be considered a new permit for which all fees and charges must be paid. When the fourteen (14) day camping limit is reached, the permit holder must vacate the park for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours, unless an extension is granted. Notwithstanding the above, the Parks Department is authorized to issue monthly camping permits from November 1st up to but not including Memorial Day weekend. [97-08-008L]
- (4) All camping permits expire at 2:30 p.m. on the expiration date.
- (5) Overnight campers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- (6) No persons shall reserve or attempt to reserve a campsite without prior written consent from the Parks Department.
- (7) Each individual campsite shall be used by no more than one family unit at any one time, except that a park employee may allow more than one family unit to occupy a campsite when, in the employee's opinion, such use will not unnecessarily impair the health, safety or enjoyment of other park visitors or be detrimental to park resources.

SECTION 06.01.105

BOATS AND MOORAGE

- (1) Boaters must comply with park regulatory signs posted in boat launching, moorage and beach areas.
- (2) Boats moored shall be secured in manner that will not cause personal injury or damage to private

- property or park resources.
- (3) There shall be no swimming or water skiing in the immediate area of or from boat moorage docks or facilities.
 - (4) Fishing from boat moorage docks may be permitted at the discretion of the park manager.

SECTION 06.01.110

SPECIAL EVENTS OR GROUP ACTIVITIES

Persons intending to conduct special events or group activities, including, but not limited to, weddings, receptions, club meetings, company picnics and parties, shall obtain a permit from the Parks Department at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the activity or event to be conducted. All activities must comply with state laws. The permit holder shall pay, in advance, any clean up fee or deposit established by the Board under Section 06.01.050.

SECTION 06.01.115

SIGNS AND CONCESSIONS

- (1) Except in designated areas, no sign, marker, or inscription of any kind shall be placed within a park area without written permission from the park manager.
- (2) No person may distribute circulars, notices, leaflets, pamphlets, or written or printed information of any kind within a park area unless they have first reported their name, address and the number of leaflets to be distributed to the park manager.
- (3) The following activities are prohibited in a park area without prior authorization from the park director.
 - (a) Operating concessions, soliciting, selling, or offering for sale, peddling, hawking, or vending any goods, wares, merchandise, food, liquids, or services.
 - (b) Advertising any goods or services by any means whatsoever.

SECTION 06.01.120

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- (1) The Parks Director shall adopt a schedule specifying the amounts and types of alcoholic beverages which may be brought into any park.
- (2) The Parks Director shall have authority to revise this schedule. The schedule may contain provisions requiring that a written permit be obtained prior to bringing certain types or quantities of alcoholic beverages into a park.
- (3) No person shall provide alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person. [Ordinance 94-06-007L]

SECTION 06.01.130

REFUSE

Within a park no persons shall:

- (1) Throw, dump or deposit any trash, refuse, garbage, litter or waste material, except in receptacles designated by the Parks Department for that purpose.
- (2) Bring into a park any trash, refuse, garbage, litter, waste material or vehicle for the purpose of leaving it herein.
- (3) Throw, dump or deposit into the water of a lake or stream, or the banks thereof, any trash, refuse, garbage, litter, waste material or any other polluting products of any kind.
- (4) Clean any fish, except at places designated by the Parks Department for this purpose, or dispose of any fish or fish wastes except in an appropriate garbage container.

SECTION 06.01.135

LOST ARTICLES

All lost articles found in park areas must be turned over to a park employee. If the article is not claimed by the owner within one year, the article may be returned to the finder pursuant to applicable state law and procedures.

SECTION 06.01.140

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

No persons shall set up or use a public address system in a park without the written permission of the Parks Department.

SECTION 06.01.145

DISCRIMINATION

Within a park, no person shall engage in any activity or use of facilities that discriminates on the basis of race, sex, color, age, creed or national origin.

SECTION 06.01.150

DAMAGE, DISPLACEMENT OR REMOVAL OF
PARK PROPERTY

- (1) Except for picking mushrooms or edible fruits for personal consumption, no persons shall, within a County park:
 - (a) Pick, cut, mutilate or remove flowers, shrubs, foliage, trees or plant life without written permission from the Parks Department.
 - (b) Mutilate, deface, damage move or remove any park equipment, including but not limited to tables, benches, buildings, signs, markers,

plaques, barriers, fountains, faucets, traffic recorders or other structures or facilities.

- (c) Dig, dredge, deface or remove any dirt, stones, rocks, artifacts or other substances, make any excavation, quarry stones or other objects, or cause or assist in doing any of the things except with written permission from the Parks Department.
- (2) As a means of deterring vandalism and theft of County property in the Coos County Parks, the Board of Commissioners, in their discretion, may offer a reward of up to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to persons who supply information which leads to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for vandalism and/or theft of County property in the Coos County Parks. The details of any such offer of reward shall be set forth in the order or resolution offering such reward.

SECTION 06.01.160

TENMILE LAKES

- (1) The County park located on Tenmile Lake in the community of Lakeside shall be known as Tenmile Lake County Park.
- (2) USE OF DOCKS
 - (a) The easternmost dock at the park is hereby designated Boarding Dock #1. The center-east dock is hereby designated Boarding Dock #2. The center-west dock is hereby designated Transient Dock #3. The westernmost dock is hereby designated Fishing Dock #4. Swimming from these docks is prohibited at all times.
 - (b) Boarding Dock #1 is hereby designated as a boat moorage dock. Two hour moorage is permitted as posted. Fishing and swimming from Boarding Dock #1 are prohibited at all times.
 - (c) Boarding Dock #2 and Transient Dock #3 are hereby designated as boat moorage docks only. Fishing and swimming from Boarding Dock #2 and Transient Dock #3 are prohibited at all times.
 - (i) Two hour moorage is permitted on both sides of Boarding Dock #2 beginning at the southern (lake) end of the dock and extending to the points posted, as designated by the Parks Director. Moorage is prohibited between those points and shore.
 - (ii) Temporary moorage for loading and unloading is permitted only on Transient Dock #3. Temporary boat moorage is permitted on both sides of Transient

Dock #3 beginning at the southern (lake) end of the dock and extending to the points posted, as designated by the Parks Director. Moorage is prohibited between those points and the shore.

- (d) Fishing Dock #4 is hereby designated a fishing dock only. Boat moorage is prohibited at all times on Fishing Dock #4 except that emergency boat moorage is allowed. In such cases, the moorage shall not exceed the duration of the emergency period. Swimming from Fishing Dock #4 is prohibited at all times. [Ordinance 94-06-007L]
 - (e) Signs shall be posted on all docks indicating the place and type of moorage allowed.
 - (f) Overnight moorage is prohibited on any of the docks.
 - (g) Motorized and non-motorized vehicles are prohibited on any of the docks.
- (3) CAMPING PROHIBITED. Overnight camping is prohibited within the premises of the park. Notwithstanding the above, during special events when overnight camping is desired for security purposes, application for overnight camping may be made to the Parks Department. The Parks Director shall have sole discretion, subject to review by the Board of Commissioners, to grant a permit for overnight camping in such circumstances.
- (4) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES PROHIBITED. No commercial enterprise shall be conducted within the park or within one hundred (100) yards of the service docks or the designated swimming areas. This prohibition on commercial activity includes charter boats and houseboats mooring on the County docks or anchoring within one hundred (100) yards of the docks, swimming area, launching ramp or the park it self. No commercial or non-commercial woodcutting or log hauling shall be conducted within the park. Notwithstanding the above, application for a permit to allow an activity prohibited by this Section may be made to the Parks Department. The Parks Director shall have sole discretion, subject to review by the Board of Commissioners, to grant a permit for commercial activity in such circumstances.
- (5) PARKING. Except for vehicles with boat trailers parked in areas specifically designated by the Parks Director for long term parking, vehicles and boat trailers may be parked for a seventy-two (72) hour time limit only. In areas designated by the Parks Director for long term parking of vehicles with trailers, parking shall be allowed for a maximum of fourteen (14) days. The areas for long term parking shall be posted by the Parks

Director. Owners and/or users of vehicles and boat trailers left longer than the designated time limit or otherwise in violation of this Division may be cited by an employee of the Coos County Parks Department and/or by a deputy of the Coos County Sheriff's Department. Citation may be made by leaving a copy of the citation affixed to the vehicle or boat trailer, by personal delivery to the person in possession of the vehicle or boat trailer or by personal delivery to the owner of the vehicle or boat trailer.

- (6) TIE DOWN AREA. No vehicle shall stop in the area immediately in front of the boat ramps, as designated by the Parks Director, for the purpose of securing boats. Park users may stop vehicles for the purpose of securing boats to trailers only in the area designated as the "tie down area". The Parks Director shall clearly post the "tie down area".
- (7) POSTING. A summary of the regulations contained in this Division shall be posted at the main entrance to Tenmile Lake County Park. It may be posted at any other convenient place of posting within the premises of the park. Notwithstanding this section, such posting shall not be considered an element of any proceeding brought to enforce this Division, and failure to post and/or lack of knowledge of the terms of this Division shall not be a defense in any such proceeding.

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