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SUMMARY: Regulates use of County Park System facilities.

Bill No. 380

Ordinance No. 229

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF COUNTY PARK SYSTEM FACILITIES; DESIGNATING THE WASHOE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE SYSTEM; PERMITTING PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGU-LATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF FEES; PROVIDING PROHIBITIONS AND A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY DO ORDAIN:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Camping" means erecting a tent or shelter, including an automobile, camper, pickup or motor home, or arranging bedding, or both, for the purposes of or in such a way as will permit remaining

overnight.

"County park" means any area, either undeveloped or developed, which is established by the Board of County Commissioners as a public recreation or historical area, including, but not limited to, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, wayside parks, beaches, golf courses, fairgrounds, historical sites, campgrounds, picnic grounds, boat-launching ramps or trails.

3. "Department" means the Parks and Recreation Department of

Washoe County.

4. "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the department.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties of department.

1. The department shall administer, protect and develop the County

Park System for the use and enjoyment of the public. 2. The department may establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law for the government and administration of the County Park System.

Sec. 3. Fires: Designated areas; regulation.

1. No person shall build, light, use or maintain a fire within any county park except in a camp stove, pit or fireplace provided, maintained or designated for such purposes, or in portable camp stoves

2. No person shall leave a county park before extinguishing any fire which he has built, lighted or maintained in such a park, nor shall any person leave a fire unattended within any county park. Children under the age of 10 years are not qualified to tend a fire.

3. Upon existence of extreme fire danger, the superintendent may prohibit smoking or fires in designated areas within any county park, or may close such areas to the public.

Sec. 4. Leash law; animal control.

1. No person shall:

(a) Bring a dog or any other animal into, permit a dog or other animal to enter or remain in, or possess a dog or other animal in any county park unless such animal is on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length and under the immediate control of a person fined in a vehicle.

(b) Bring a dog into, permit a dog to enter or remain in, or possess a dog on any beach adjacent to any body of water within any county park except in areas designated for dogs. Animals are prohibited in the water in any bathing or swimming area.

(c) Keep a noisy, vicious or dangerous dog or any other animal, or one which is disturbing to other persons, in any county park, or remain therein after he has been asked by a park officer to leave.

(d) Lead or possess a dog, pet or other animal, with or without a leash, while such a person is attending a conducted tour of a historic area or grounds within any county park.

2. The superintendent shall have the authority, upon proper posting, to prohibit animals in certain areas of heavy usage.

- 3. Leader dogs assisting the blind are exempt from the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 5. <u>Horseback riding: Designated areas</u>. No person shall ride, lead or keep a saddle horse or other animal in any county park, except on roads, beaches, trails or areas designated and posted for such purposes.
- Sec. 6. Animal molesting or harming. No person shall molest, hunt, disturb, injure, trap, take, net, poison, harm or kill any king or animal or fish, or attempt to do so; except that fish may be taken other than for commercial purposes in accordance with state fishing laws and regulations.
- Sec. 7. Plant molesting or harming. No person shall willfully or negligently pick, dig up, cut, mutilate, destroy, injure, disturb, move, molest, burn or carry away any tree, plant or portion thereof, including but not limited to foliage, flowers, berries, fruit, grass, turf, humus, shrubs, cones and dead wood, except in specific portions of county parks when authorized by the superintendent.
- Sec. 8. Excavation or disturbing features of historic site. No person shall knowingly and willfully excavate upon, or remove, destroy, injure or deface, any historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, archeological or paleontological site, or inscriptions on such sites, in or on any county park.
- Sec. 9. Landing of aircraft. Except in emergency situations, no person shall land any aircraft on or take any aircraft off any body of water or any area in any county park not specifically designated for landing aircraft without a written permit from the department.
- Sec. 10. Property defacement. No person shall:
- 1. Disturb, destroy, remove, deface or injure any property of the County Park System.
- 2. Cut, carve, paint, mark, paste or fasten on any tree, fence, wall, building, monument or other property in any county park any bill, advertisement or inscription without a written permit from the department.
- Sec. 11. Depositing rubbish; littering. No person shall:
 1. Leave, deposit, drop or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, wastepaper, cans or other rubbish in any county park, except in a
- receptable designated for that purpose.

 2. Import any rubbish, or import and deposit any rubbish, into or in any county park from other places.

- Sec. 12. Firearms prohibited. No person shall carry or possess a firearm with a cartridge in any portion of the mechanism, nor, except in designated areas, shall any person discharge across, in or into any portion of a county park a firearm of any kind, a bow and arrow, air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any animal or damaging or destroying any public or private property.
- Sec. 13. Firecrackers prohibited. No person shall possess, discharge, set off or cause to be discharged in or into any portion of a county park any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives or any other substance harmful to the life or safety of any person, without a written permit from the department.

Sec. 14. Park closing hours.

- 1. The superintendent may establish closing hours for any unit in the County Park System. Area closing times shall be posted in a conspicuous place.
- 2. No person shall enter or be present in any county park after closing hours or in areas designated as closed, except county employees on official business or peace officers.
- Sec. 15. Peace and quiet. To insure peace and adequate rest for visitors, no person shall conduct himself in a disorderly manner so that he disturbs others in sleeping quarters or in campgrounds between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily.
- Sec. 16. Abusive language; disturbances. No person shall:
 1. Use threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting or indecent
 language or make indecent gestures in any county park.
 2. Conduct or participate in a disorderly assemblage.
- Sec. 17. Nudity and disrobing. No person shall publicly appear nude or disrobe while in any county park, except in authorized areas of buildings set aside for that purpose.
- Sec. 18. Smoking prohibited in designated areas. No person shall smoke in posted areas of any county park where smoking is prohibited.
 - Sec. 19. Sewage dumping; sanitation.
- 1. No waste, water, sewage or effluent from sinks, portable toilets or other plumbing fixtures shall be deposited directly upon or into the surface of the ground or water in any county park facility.
- 2. To maintain the sanitation and orderly appearance and for the protection of the natural resources of a county park, the park supervisor or ranger may specify the size, type and arrangement of camping equipment and the number of persons permitted in an area.
- Sec. 20. Games and playing in certain areas. No person shall play ball games, horseshoes, or participate in other similar activities in picnic areas, campgrounds, beaches or turf areas, except in areas designated for such games and at specified times.
 - Sec. 21. Curfew limitations.
- 1. The superintendent may from time to time, by order, declare curfew for persons under 18 years of age in any county park, upon finding that conditions therein are such as to warrent special measures for the protection of juveniles and others, and for the safety and welfare of the general public.

2. When a curfew has been ordered, no juvenile so prohibited shall during the effective period remain or be in any county park, except one who is:

- (a) Accompanied by a parent or guardian.

 (b) Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and who is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles. 3 (c) Lawfully camping, having furnished to the park officers written consent of the juvenile's parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of such parent or guardian.
- Sec. 22. Vehicle operators. All individuals operating vehicles in units of the County Park System shall be properly licensed to operate such vehicles in accordance with the Nevada Motor Vehicle Code. The superintendent may authorize certain types of vehicles to be operated within a county park by other than licensed operators. Such authorization shall be posted.
- Sec. 23. Registered vehicles required. Only those vehicles properly registered in accordance with the provisions of the Nevada Motor Vehicle Code shall be permitted to be operated in units of the County Park System. However, the superintendent may authorize the use of unregistered vehicles within units of the County Park System when this appears to be in the best interests of the County Park System. The terms and conditions of such authorizations shall be posted.
- Sec. 24. Speed limit. No person shall: 1. Drive a vehicle, motorcycle or motor bike within any county park at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the road. 2. Drive a vehicle in a county park at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour, except where otherwise posted.
- Sec. 25. Roads; parking. No person shall drive, tow, ride or park:
- 1. Any automobile, truck, trailer, bicycle, motor bike or other vehicle in a county park, except on roads and parking areas provided for such purposes.
- 2. A motor vehicle of any type within a county park on any walk, path, trail, service road or other area, except where such areas have been officially designated for use by motor vehicles.
- Sec. 26. Bicycle riding and other operator-propelled vehicles. No person shall operate or ride a bicycle, scooter, skate board or other operator-propelled vehicle or device in any county park when the park supervisor has made a finding that conditions are unsafe for the operation of such vehicles and has issued an order prohibiting such activity.
- Sec. 27. Payment for use of facilities. No person shall be in or use or otherwise occupy facilities for the use of which a fee has been established by the superintendent, unless such person has first paid such use fee.

Sec. 28. Camping fees; vacation of campsites.

1. Fees for the use of camping facilities are due and payable daily. The daily fee covers use of facilities until the vacating time of 2:00 p.m. of the following day.

2. Occupants shall vacate the campsites by removing their personal property therefrom prior to 2:00 p.m. if the applicable fee has not been paid, or if the time limit for occupancy has expired.

Sec. 29. Camping: Designated areas; limitations.

1. No person shall camp in any county park except in areas designated and marked for that purpose.

2. No person under the age of 18 years shall camp in any county

park, except one who is:

(a) Accompanied by a parent or guardian.

(b) Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and who is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles.

- (c) Lawfully camping, having furnished to the park officers written consent of the juvenile's parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of such parent or guardian.
- Sec. 30. Number of persons occupying campsites.

 1. The number of persons occupying a campsite shall not exceed

 10, but exceptions may be granted by the park supervisor or ranger.

 2. The number of vehicles occupying a campsite shall not exceed

one, but exceptions may be granted by the park supervisor or ranger.

- Sec. 31. Time limits on camping. In order to afford the general public the greatest possible use of all county parks, continuous occupancy by the same person or persons or any personal property of such a person or persons is limited to 14 consecutive days within any 30-day calendar period.
- Sec. 32. Occupancy right of campsites.

 1. A campsite is considered occupied when it is being used or has been reserved for purposes of camping by a person or persons

who have paid the daily use fee within the applicable time limits.

2. No person shall take possession or maintain possession of a campsite when he has been informed by a county park officer that such site is occupied or reserved for occupancy.

- Sec. 33. Handling objects, displays, historic units. No person other than park officers or employees of the department in the course of regular duty shall touch, handle or move any objects on display or exhibit.
- Sec. 34. Food and beverages at historical units. No person who is a visitor shall possess, carry or consume food or beverages or smoke while attending a conducted tour of any historic exhibit or area.

Sec. 35. Disturbance of conduits. No person shall: 1. Enter into, remain upon or disturb the conduits or artificial or constructed or plastic conduits transporting water to any county park.

2. Swim, wade in or otherwise contaminate waters being so

transported.

Sec. 36. Special events.

1. Special events are activities which are not normally conducted in units of the County Park System. They generally are supervised activities involving a great number of participants or spectators.

2. The superintendent may approve and issue a permit for such a special event when it is found to be in the best interest of the County Park System, and is conducted by an appropriate

sponsoring agency.

- Sec. 37. Concession operation. No person, while in a county park, may operate a concession or vending machine, either fixed or mobile, or engage in the business of soliciting, selling or peddling any food or drink, or distribute circulars, or peddle or vend any goods, wares, merchandise or services, or set up or use a public address system in a county park, without specific written authority from the superintendent.
- Sec. 38. Filming with professional cast. No person shall participate in motion picture filming or photography involving the performance of a professional cast in any county park without specific written authority from the department.
- Sec. 39. Posting of signs and notices: Compliance required; prohibition against posting. No person shall be or remain in any county park unless he complies with all posted signs and notices, nor shall any person create or erect signs or markers of any type without a written permit from the department.
- Sec. 40. Compliance with ordinance, rules and regulations; penalty. No person shall enter, be or remain in any county park unless he complies with the provisions of this ordinance and the rules and regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to section 2. Any person failing to comply with this ordinance or such rules and regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Sec. 41. Effective date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as prescribed by NRS 244.100.

, 1974. Proposed on the 28th day of May Proposed by Commissioners Rusk, Nelson, Pagni, Scott and Grow. Passed on the 5th day of June

Vote:

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Ayes:

Commissioners:

Rusk, Nelson, Pagni, Scott and Grow.

Nays: Absent: Commissioners: Commissioners:

None.

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Chairman of the Board

By Abelloon, Chief Systy

County Clerk

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Ordinance No. 229

Amended by Ordinance No. 305, Bill No. 470, Item No. 76-280 (Section 35,2-11-76)
Amended by Ordinance No. 315, Bill No. 482, Item 76-1099 (Section 28, 6-23-76)
Amended by Ordinance No. 393, Bill No. 561, Item 79-1588
Amended by Ordinance No. 437, Bill No. 608, Item 79-1764 (Section 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12)

13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, November 28, 1979)

Sections 27 and 28 amended by Ord. 512, Bill 683, effective 11-25-81 (changes the method of adopting fees for use of County park facilities)