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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 12-029

RELATING TO ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ON COUNTY PROPERTY,
PROHIBITING CAMPING AND FIRES, PROVIDING FOR
POSTING, ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 10.24 SCC,
AMENDING SCC 10.24.040 AND 22.04.040, AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. A new section is added to Chapter 10.24 of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

10.24.035 Unlawful camping.

(1) It is unlawful for any person to camp on county property, except on:

(a) a designated camping area of a county park;

(b) the Evergreen State Fairgrounds where authorized pursuant to rules or regulations adopted by the fairgrounds manager;

(c) county airport property at Paine Field where authorized pursuant to rules or regulations adopted by the airport director; or

(d) other county property located outside the boundaries of a city or town where authorized by a license or permit issued by the county.

(2) In this section,

(a) "camp" means to pitch, use, park, or occupy camp facilities for the purpose of habitation, as evidenced by the use of camp paraphernalia;

(b) "camp facilities" include but are not limited to tents, huts, temporary shelters, or vehicles if the vehicle is being used as a living quarters;

(c) "camp paraphernalia" includes but is not limited to tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, hammocks, or cooking facilities or equipment;

(d) "camping area" has the meaning given in SCC 22.04.040;

(e) "county park" has the meaning given in SCC 22.04.040; and

(f) "county property" means real property owned or managed by the county and used for county purposes, including but not limited to county roads, rights-of-way, offices, buildings, courtyards, open spaces, and parks, wherever located within the county.

Section 2. A new section is added to Chapter 10.24 of the Snohomish County
Code to read:

1 **10.24.037 Unlawful fires.**

2 It is unlawful for any person to build or set a fire on county property,
3 except in a county park pursuant to SCC 22.12.070 or where authorized by a
4 license or permit issued by the county.

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6 Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 10.24.040, adopted by Resolution
7 No. 79-252 on August 27, 1979, is amended to read:

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9 **10.24.040 Authority to post.**

10 The director of the ~~((Snohomish county))~~ department of parks and
11 recreation ~~((department))~~, with respect to county park and recreation property;
12 the county engineer, with respect to property under the control of the Snohomish
13 county department of public works; the airport director, with respect to county
14 airport property; and the ~~((board of county commissioners))~~ director of the
15 department of facilities management, with respect to other property; shall have
16 the power to ~~((determine that certain county property under their respective~~
17 ~~controls is deemed hazardous to persons or property and to))~~ cause ~~((such))~~
18 property under their respective controls to be posted ~~((as provided above))~~
19 consistent with this chapter.

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21 Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 22.04.040, last amended by
22 Amended Ordinance No. 98-076 on August 19, 1998, is amended to read:

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24 **22.04.040 Definitions.**

25 In this code, unless the context otherwise requires:

26 (1) "Parks division" shall mean the Snohomish county parks division of the
27 department of parks and recreation.

28 (2) "County park" shall mean any area designated by the parks division for
29 use by the public under the management or control of the parks division, and
30 shall include all parks, squares, drives, parkways, trails, golf courses, museums,
31 zoos, beaches, playgrounds, and other recreational areas or facilities designated
32 for public use and comprising the parks and recreation system of Snohomish
33 county under chapter 2.16 SCC.

34 (3) "County parks employee" shall include any Snohomish county
35 employee while performing duties in a county park.

36 (4) "Person" shall mean any natural person, firm, partnership, corporation,
37 club or association; but the term "person" shall not include county parks
38 employees.

39 (5) "Motor vehicle" shall mean any self-propelled device capable of being
40 moved upon a road and transporting persons or property, and shall include, but
41 not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, buses, campers, motorcycles, motorbikes,
42 motor scooters, jeeps, off-road vehicles, and snowmobiles, whether or not they
43 can legally be operated upon the public highways.

1 (6) "Non-motorized vehicle" shall mean any wheeled operator propelled
2 equipment which transports the operator on land except all wheelchairs to
3 include but not be limited to unicycles, bicycles, tricycles, quadcycles, strollers,
4 scooters, skateboards, rollerblades and rollerskates.

5 (7) "Trail" shall mean any path or track designed for use by pedestrians or
6 equestrians and which is not of sufficient width or grading to permit its use by
7 standard passenger automobiles; or any other right-of-way specifically
8 designated and posted for non-vehicular use.

9 (8) "Camping area" shall mean designated camping sites designed for the
10 use of tent campers and/or persons with trailers or ~~((campers))~~ recreational
11 vehicles.

12 (9) "Camping" shall mean ~~((erecting a tent or other shelter, or arranging~~
13 ~~bedding, or parking a trailer, camper, or other vehicle, for the purpose of~~
14 ~~remaining overnight))~~ pitching, using, parking, or occupying camp facilities for the
15 purpose of habitation, as evidenced by the use of camp paraphernalia.

16 (10) "Ultralite vehicle" shall mean a single occupant, engine powered,
17 flying machine weighing less than 254 pounds, intended for recreational or sport
18 use, having a maximum fuel capacity of five U.S. gallons, a maximum airspeed at
19 full power in level flight of 55 knots, and a power-off stall airspeed of not more
20 than 24 knots (see Federal Aviation Administration FAR Part 103.1).

21 (11) "Dusk" shall mean the time at 1/2 hour after sunset.


22 (12) "Camp facilities" include but are not limited to tents, huts, temporary
23 shelters, or vehicles if the vehicle is being used as a living quarters.

24 (13) "Camp paraphernalia" includes but is not limited to tarpaulins, cots,
25 beds, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, hammocks, or cooking facilities or
26 equipment.

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28 Section 5. **Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect August 1, 2012.

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30 PASSED this 20th day of June, 2012.

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32 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
33 Snohomish County, Washington

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37 Chairperson

38 ATTEST:

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42 Clerk of the Council

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44 (V) APPROVED

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