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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 98-076

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE TITLE 22
RELATING TO PARKING/LAUNCH FEES, CAMPSITE USE,
WATER POLLUTION, FEEDING WILDLIFE, PETS, PROPERTY
DAMAGE, ICE, AND NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 22.04.040 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

22.04.040 Definitions.

In this code, unless the context otherwise requires:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~((7))~~ ~~(8)~~ "Camping area" shall mean designated camping sites designed for the use of tent campers and/or persons with trailers or campers.

~~((8))~~ ~~(9)~~ "Camping" shall mean erecting a tent or other shelter, or arranging bedding, or parking a trailer, camper, or other vehicle, for the purpose of remaining overnight.

~~((9))~~ ~~(10)~~ "Ultralite vehicle" shall mean a single occupant, engine powered, flying machine weighing less than 254 pounds, intended for recreational or sport use, having a maximum fuel capacity of five U.S. gallons, a maximum airspeed at full power in level flight of 55 knots, and a power-off stall airspeed of not more than 24 knots (see Federal Aviation Administration FAR Part 103.1).

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

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 22.04.051 last amended by Amended Ordinance 96-001 on January 24, 1996, is amended to read:

Section 22.04.051 Special fee provisions, limited income senior citizens, disabled persons, and disabled veterans.

(1) Any citizen who obtains a valid limited income senior citizen pass or a disability pass issued by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission shall be entitled to a 50 percent reduction of the normal camping (~~and boat launch~~) fee at all Snohomish county parks.

(2) Any citizen who obtains a veteran's lifetime disability pass issued by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission shall be entitled to camp, launch a boat, or park a vehicle without payment of the usual camping (~~and~~), boat launch and parking fees in any Snohomish County park where camping is allowed (~~and~~), where boat launches are provided or where parking fees are charged.

(3) The following rules and regulations will apply to this section:

(a) A separate pass is required for each site occupied.

(b) The pass holder must be a member of the camping unit.

(c) Pass must be current.

(d) Guests of the pass holder who occupy separate campsites pay the regular full fee.

~~((e) Campers are limited to a 10 day stay in one park between May 1 and September 30 and 15 days between October 1 and April 30.))~~

~~((f))~~ (e) Passes are applicable to campsite, boat launch and parking fees only. They do not provide reduced fees for concessionaire services, or park facilities such as press fuel, shower meters, gas stoves, etc.

(4) Any citizen may purchase an annual parking/boatlaunch permit. The annual permit entitles the holder to park a vehicle or launch a boat an unlimited number of times at any Snohomish County Park where parking and launch fees apply. The annual permit is valid from date of purchase for the current calendar year.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.030 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

22.08.030 Motor vehicles and trailers - Parking.

No person shall park a motor vehicle, trailer, camper, or boat trailer in any county park except in a designated parking area or other area with the permission of a county parks employee. During the period in which the park is closed, no person shall leave parked or abandoned a motor vehicle, trailer, camper, or boat trailer in a county park except when camping in a designated area or with the permission of a county parks employee. Any vehicle found parked or abandoned in violation of this section may be towed away at the owner's or operator's expense.

NEW SECTION Section 4. A new section is added to Chapter 22.08 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.08.040 Non motorized vehicle - Operation

No person shall operate a non motorized vehicle on any trail or area within the boundaries of a county park which has been designated by the parks division and posted to prohibit such operation.

NEW SECTION Section 5. A new section is added to Chapter 22.08 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.08.050 Motor vehicles-Parking Fees.

Fees for a permit to park a motor vehicle at certain Snohomish County Park sites are due and payable daily. The daily fee covers use of parking facilities for the day issued. Parking fees shall be set in accordance with SCC 22.04.050.

Section 6. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.040 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.040))~~ 22.08.060 Motor vehicles - Commercial.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle being used for a commercial purpose into any county park except for emergency road service solicited at the request of an owner of a disabled vehicle, emergency health care service, or action taken in furtherance of SCC 22.08.030 unless written permission for such use has been obtained from the parks division.

Section 7. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.050 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.050))~~ 22.08.070 Water craft - Operation.

No person shall operate a boat, float, raft or other water craft, whether or not powered by motor, in or upon any bay, lake, slough, river or creek within the boundaries of a county park which has been designated by the parks division and posted to prohibit such operation.

Section 8. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.060 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.060))~~ 22.08.080 Water craft - Mooring.

No person shall moor or dock any boat, float, raft or other water craft overnight in a county park except in areas designated and posted by the parks division for such use.

NEW SECTION Section 9. A new section is added to Chapter 22.08 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.08.090 Watercraft- Launch Fees.

Fees for a permit to launch a watercraft are due and payable daily. The launch permit fee covers use of all launch facilities for the day issued. Boat launch fees shall be set in accordance with SCC 22.04.050.

Section 10. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.070 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.070))~~ 22.08.100 Water craft - Commercial vessels.

Use of county park dockage or moorage facilities by commercial marine vessels is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the parks division manager.

Section 11. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.080 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.080))~~ 22.08.110 Horseback riding - Arcas.

No horses shall be permitted in any county park except such areas or trails as have been designated by the parks division and posted to permit equestrian activities. In no event shall horses be permitted on beaches or in designated swimming, camping or picnicking areas.

Section 12. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.090 adopted by Resolution dated April 22, 1974, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.090))~~ 22.08.120 Horseback riding - Safety.

No person shall ride a horse or other animal in a manner which might endanger the life or limb of any person or animal; nor shall any person allow a horse or other animal to stand unattended unless securely tethered.

Section 13. Snohomish County Code Section 22.08.100 last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.08.100))~~ 22.08.130 Ultralite vehicles - Operation.

No ultralite vehicle shall be operated in, upon, or within 200 feet above any county park or county property under management of the parks division unless a specified area for such use is designated by the parks division upon recommendation of the parks advisory board, subject to approval by the county council.

Section 14. Snohomish County Code Section 22.12.030 adopted by Resolution dated April 22, 1974, is amended to read:

22.12.030 Camping - Fees.

Fees for the use of campsites are due and payable daily. The daily fee covers use of the facilities until the vacating time of the following day. Camping fees shall be set in accordance with SCC 22.04.050.

Section 15. Snohomish County Code Section 22.12.050, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

22.12.050 Camping - Continuous occupancy.

Continuous ~~((occupancy of a campsite))~~ camping by the same person or persons shall be limited to 14 days in any thirty (30) day period for the park in which camping is taking place. The parks division, upon finding that conditions so warrant, may establish shorter or longer continuous occupancy limits for particular parks or park areas.

NEW SECTION Section 16. A new section is added to Chapter 22.12 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.12.060 Camping - Number of occupants.

The maximum number of occupants allowed in a designated campsite shall be limited to eight (8) persons between the hours of 10pm to 6am.

Section 17. Snohomish County Code Section 22.12.060, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.12.060))~~ 22.12.070 Fires.

No person shall build a fire in any county park except in areas specifically designated by the parks division and posted for such use; nor, within such permitted areas, shall any person build a fire except in a device provided by the parks division for such purpose or in a stove, charcoal brazier, or other device brought by such person which is reasonably capable of containing such fire.

Section 18. Snohomish County Code Section 22.12.070, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.12.070))~~ 22.12.080 Park periods.

The parks division may establish for each county park times and periods when it will be open or closed to the public, which times or periods as so established shall be posted at the entrance to such park. Where not so established, county parks shall be open daily from 6:00 a.m. until dusk. No person shall enter into or be present within any county park during the time it is closed except when camping in a designated campsite after having paid the applicable use fee.

Section 19. Snohomish County Code Section 22.12.080, adopted by Resolution on April 22, 1974, is amended to read:

~~((22.12.080))~~ 22.12.090 Rubbish.

No person shall leave, deposit, drop or scatter any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, cans or other rubbish, litter or refuse in any county park except in a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes; nor shall any person deposit household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or rubbish, which is brought as such from any private property, in any garbage can or other receptacle located within a county park.

Section 20. Snohomish County Code Section 22.12.090, adopted by Resolution on April 22, 1974, is amended to read:

~~((22.12.090))~~ 22.12.100 Sanitation.

No person shall in any county park, drain, or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper or motor vehicle, except in designated disposal areas or receptacles.

Section 21. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.010, adopted by Resolution on April 22, 1974, is amended to read:

22.16.010 Pets - Leashes.

All dogs or other pets must be physically controlled at all times by a leash no greater than eight (8) feet in length while in a county park, except in areas designated and posted by the parks division as "off leash pet areas". ~~((kept on leash and under control at all times while in a county park.))~~

NEW SECTION Section 22. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.030 Pets - Pet waste

Any person with a dog or other pet in his or her possession in any park shall carry equipment for removing feces, and shall immediately place feces deposited by such animal in an appropriate receptacle.

NEW SECTION Section 23. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.040 Pets prohibited

Dogs or other pets shall be prohibited from entering a park, trail, or any area of a park that has been designated and posted by the parks division as prohibiting dogs or other pets.

Section 24. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.030, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.030))~~ 22.16.050 Swimming - Areas.

Swimming shall be permitted only in areas specifically designated by the parks division and marked with buoys, log booms or other markers for such use. In no event shall any person swim or sunbathe in any designated boat launching area. Any person swimming outside the boundaries of a designated swimming area, or within such a designated area when no lifeguard is present, shall do so at his or her own risk.

Section 25. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.040, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.040))~~ 22.16.060 Swimming - Rules.

Persons using a designated swimming area shall obey all posted beach or pool rules and/or the directions of lifeguards or other county parks employees.

Section 26. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.050, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.050))~~ 22.16.070 Games.

No person shall practice or play golf, baseball, cricket, lacrosse, polo, archery, hockey, tennis, horseshoes, or any other game of like character, or hurl, throw, or propel any object or missile ~~((or operate any radio or remote controlled model airplane or self propelled boat or any model rocket within a county park))~~ so as to annoy, or cause injury to other park users, or to cause damage to vegetation or structures. ~~((except in areas specifically designated by the parks division and posted for such use, or with the permission of a county parks employee.))~~

NEW SECTION Section 27. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.080 Radio/remote controlled, self propelled devices - Operation

No person shall operate any radio/remote controlled or self propelled model airplane, glider, car, boat or any model rocket within a county park except in areas specifically designated by the parks division and posted for such use.

Section 28. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.060, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.060))~~ 22.16.090 Weapons and fireworks.

No person shall possess or discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas weapon, slingshot, fireworks or explosive in any county park except at times and in areas specifically designated by the parks division and posted for such use.

Section 29. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.070, last amended by Amended Ordinance 93-066 on August 18, 1993, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.070))~~ 22.16.100 Noise - Noisemaking devices.

No person shall, without prior written approval of the parks division or authorized parks employee, explode, discharge or otherwise operate any noisemaking device or musical instrument, radio, loudspeaker, and other device capable of amplifying sound in any county park which substantially disrupts the peace and tranquillity of park users or nearby residents.

Section 30. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.080, last amended by Resolution on October 4, 1978, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.080))~~ 22.16.110 Noise - Loudspeakers.

No person shall operate any loudspeaker, including any radio or other electronic amplifying device, within any county park in a loud or raucous manner except at times and in areas specifically designated for such use; nor shall any person operate such a loudspeaker within a county park and in or about a designated camping area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. at a volume greater than 30 decibels, as measured in accordance with chapter 10.01 SCC.

NEW SECTION Section 31. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.120 Ice.

No person shall enter from any Snohomish County Park or park area onto ice formed on any body of water, within or adjacent to any Snohomish County park or park area, except in areas specifically designated for that purpose. This includes but is not limited to: lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and other bodies of waters.

NEW SECTION Section 32. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.130 Damage to property.

No person shall cut down, destroy, or in any way damage any shrub, tree vine, or crop standing or growing in any Snohomish County park unless authorized by the parks division. No person shall deface, damage or destroy any property, material or equipment which is under the jurisdiction of the parks division.

NEW SECTION Section 33. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.140 Removal of property.

No person shall change the position of or remove any county property, material, or equipment from its original position in any area under the jurisdiction of the Parks Division, unless approved by a county parks employee.

NEW SECTION Section 34. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.150 Water pollution.

No person shall pollute, or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing any waste or refuse of any nature, kind or description, including but not limited to human and bodily waste, into any stream, river, or lake or other body of water standing on, running through, or adjacent to any Snohomish County park area.

NEW SECTION Section 35. A new section is added to Chapter 22.16 of the Snohomish County Code to read:

22.16.160 Feeding of animals.

No person shall leave, place or distribute foodstuffs or other material of any kind or nature in any park, with an intent to feed wildlife. This section shall not apply to the feeding of wildlife by parks division staff or other official personnel.

Section 36. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.090, last amended by Amended Ordinance 86-001 on February 12, 1986, is amended to read:

~~((22.16.090))~~ 22.16.170 Solicitation.

No person shall solicit, sell or peddle any goods or services, or circulate any commercial handbills or circulars, or post signs or notices of any type within any county park except after prior written concession by the executive; PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall prohibit patrons of a county park from posting notices containing information relative to use of park facilities on bulletin boards or similar devices provided by the board for such purposes.

Section 37. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.100, adopted by Resolution on April 22, 1974 is repealed.

Section 38. Snohomish County Code Section 22.16.110, last amended by Ordinance 86-001 on February 12, 1986 is amended as follows:

~~((22.16.110))~~ 22.16.180 Littering.

No person shall litter or deposit rubbish in or on any county park; PROVIDED, That rubbish that is the result of use of the county park by any person shall be deposited in litter containers at such county park; PROVIDED, FURTHER, That violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor bailable only by payment of \$250.00 or court order and shall require appearance before the court on arraignment and further proceedings.

PASSED this 19th day of August, 1998.

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Snohomish County, Washington


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