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PART II CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 90 PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS\*

ARTICLE II. USE OF PARKS, BEACHES AND PUBLIC LAND\*

Sec. 90-32. [Use restrictions for parks, beaches and recreation areas.]

Ord. #2000-076

Sec. 90-32. [Use restrictions for parks, beaches and recreation areas.]



(a) Regulations pertaining to County owned or operated parks, beaches and recreation areas.

(1) No automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor scooter, motor bicycle, bicycle, or other mode of conveyance shall be driven or parked on any County owned or operated park, beach or recreation area except in those areas specifically designed or otherwise designated by signs to be used for such driving or parking; provided, however that the County may, from time to time, issue written permits granting special parking privileges, upon application therefor, to persons suffering acute physical disabilities, which permits shall specifically recite on the face thereof the exact extent of the special privileges and the area or areas involved.

(2) No person permitted to operate an automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor scooter, motor bicycle, or other mode of transportation on a County owned or operated park, beach or recreation area shall operate same in excess of 15 miles per hour.

(3) No overnight camping of any type shall be allowed at any County owned or operated park, beach, or recreation area except in those areas that are developed and designated for such use.

(4) No person shall dispose of any paper, waste, garbage, trash, cigarette butts, debris, or other litter of any kind on any County owned or operated park, beach or recreation area except in proper receptacles and recyclables. Only such paper, waste, garbage, trash, debris or other litter as may have been created or accumulated in the use of a park, beach or recreation area shall be disposed of in such receptacles.

(5) The sale of food or drink of any kind, including beer and other intoxicating beverages, or the sale or rental of athletic equipment, sports equipment, jet skis and other watercraft, or any other items, on any County owned or operated park, beach or recreation area is prohibited; provided, however, that the County may, from time to time, issue permits, or enter license agreements, leases or other agreements for the sale or rental of any of the above on such terms and conditions as the County shall deem proper and in the best interest of the citizens of Sarasota County.

(6) No person shall hold, drink from, carry into, otherwise possess, or dispose of glass beverage containers of any kind on a County owned or operated park, beach, or recreation area.

(7) The playing of sports and games in which an object is propelled through the air by any means shall be limited to those areas specifically designed or otherwise designated for such activities at any County owned or operated park, beach, or recreation area.

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(8) Fires are prohibited in any County owned or operated park, beach or recreation area, except in such grills, fireplaces, barbecue pits or such other receptacles as may be specifically designed therefor.

(9) Dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited from and are not allowed in any County owned or operated park, beach or recreation area outside of areas specifically designated for activities involving such animals, except for dogs trained to assist or aid disabled or handicapped persons when such dogs are actually being used to assist or aid such persons. Any dog, cat or other pet found in any County owned or operated park, beach, or other recreation area in violation of this section may be impounded and held in accordance with provisions of Sarasota County Ordinance No. 95-42 (Chapter 14, Article II, of this Code).

(10) The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all areas, within a defined perimeter, at County owned or operated parks used for organized youth athletic activities at all times. The defined perimeter is the area that encompasses all athletic fields, spectator stands, concession areas, restroom areas, walking or congregating areas, and all intervening spaces. This area is often times, but not exclusively, outlined by perimeter fencing with gates at points of entry. A youth athletic organization or league is defined as an organization which contracts with the Sarasota County Community Services Business Center, Division of Parks and Recreation, to conduct activities related to youth athletic leagues, including athletic practices and games, meetings, clinics, and demonstrations, on a regularly scheduled basis at County owned or operated parks (e.g. baseball, football, soccer, softball).

(Ord. No. 78-035, §§ 1--5, 3-21-1978; Ord. No. 79-090, § 1, 9-18-1979; Ord. No. 79-096, § 1, 9-25-1979; Ord. No. 81-019, § 1, 3-3-1981; Ord. No. 88-003, § 1, 1-19-1988; Ord. No. 96-089, §§ 1--5, 7, 8, 1-7-1997; Ord. No. 2000-076, § 2, 11-8-2000)

**Sec. 90-33. [Vehicles and Watercraft prohibited from parks, recreation areas and beaches during certain hours.]**



(a) *Findings of fact.* The Board of County Commissioners hereby makes the following findings:

- (1) Population growth County-wide and accelerated growth in utilization of public recreation facilities has resulted in increased vandalism of public structures and in some instances destruction of natural environmental aspects of some sites, such as beach dunes.
- (2) A schedule of openings and closings which is as nearly uniform as possible will be advantageous to the public, and will be of benefit to security forces which are charged with law enforcement.
- (3) Acts of vandalism and destruction of County recreation facilities occur predominantly during evening hours after active recreation programs have been concluded and permanent staff are no longer located at the premises.
- (4) Experience has shown that vandalism at County recreation facilities can be effectively controlled by regulating the presence of motor Vehicles and Watercraft at such facilities.



(b) *Definitions.*

- (1) *Vehicles.* "Vehicles" means any device, in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn, including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, trailers, buses, motor homes or campers, whether motor-drawn or not.
- (2) *Watercraft.* "Watercraft" shall mean any boat, motorboat, sailboat, vessel, houseboat, barge, surfboard, floating structure, floating home or any contrivance of any nature whatsoever which is waterborne and is capable of moving under its own mechanical power, by sail or by tow line.



(c) *Hours Vehicles and Watercraft are prohibited from parks, recreation areas and beaches.* All County owned, operated or leased parks, recreation areas or beaches or beach accesses are closed to Vehicles and Watercraft during the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. daily unless the Board of County Commissioners, for good and sufficient reason, orders any of said facilities to be subject to a different closing time.

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