

ORDINANCE NO. 4446

AN ORDINANCE OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 6 OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE CONCERNING COUNTY PARKS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura does ordain as follows:

Ordinance Number 4398 is hereby repealed and the subject matter therein is reenacted in Chapter 3 of Division 6 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3 – VENTURA COUNTY PARKS

ARTICLE 1 – APPLICABILITY AND AUTHORITY

Sec. 6301 – APPLICABILITY – This chapter applies to all County Parks within Ventura County, whether controlled exclusively by the County, or concurrently with other governmental entities. Other provisions of the Ventura County Ordinance Code otherwise applicable in County Parks shall not be affected by this Chapter.

Sec. 6301-1 – Acts Prohibited – Penalty – It is unlawful for any person within any County Park to do any of the acts hereinafter prohibited by this Chapter. Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter, any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or infraction, whichever the case may be, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in accordance with Section 13-2 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code.

Sec. 6301-2 – Federal and State Activities – The provisions of this Chapter shall not be construed to apply to any activities of the Federal Government, the State of California, or

any other public agency, or by any person acting under the direction, instruction, or authority of the Federal Government, State of California, or other public entity.

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

Sec. 6302 – AREA, LIMITED TO – The definitions set forth in this Article apply to all County Parks within the County of Ventura.

Sec. 6302-1 – County Parks – “County Parks” or “County Park System” shall mean any park, community center, or recreation facility owned by, leased by, or under the control of the County, either exclusively or concurrently with another governmental entity or entities.

Sec. 6302-2 – Person – “Person” means any individual, association, organization, partnership, corporation, or other entity, but it does not include any government entity.

Sec. 6302-3 – Board – “Board” means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura.

Sec. 6302-4 – Director – “Director” means that person appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the Director of the General Services Agency.

Sec. 6302-5 – Flora – “Flora” means the plant life of a general area as it relates to its environment.

Sec. 6302-6 – Animal – “Animal” means any creature, except a human being.

Sec. 6302-7 – Sound Amplification Device – “Sound Amplification Device” means any machinery, device, equipment, or amplifier of the human voice, music, or any other sound, including both stationary and mobile equipment, but not including standard automobile radios when used and heard only by the occupants of the vehicle in which the radio is installed, or radio or television set in dwelling, warning devices on authorized

emergency vehicles, or horns or other warning devices on other vehicles used only for traffic safety purposes. “Sound Amplification Device” does not include mobile or stationary sound amplifying or producing equipment used exclusively in connection with the exhibition of or participation in outdoor sports, such as baseball, football, horse arenas, and soccer, at a location where such sport is taking place for the benefit of spectators and participants.

Sec. 6302-8 – Refuse – “Refuse” means any animal, vegetable or mineral matter, such as swill, solid or liquid waste, sewage, cans, bottles, paper, wood, petroleum products, carcasses of dead animals, overall trash and garbage.

Sec. 6302-9 – County – “County” means the County of Ventura.

Sec. 6302-10 – Permit – “Permit” means written consent, warrant, or license granted by the Director allowing specific functions in a Park facility.

Sec. 6302-11 – Picnic – “Picnic” means an individual or group excursion or outing with food provided by the participants and eaten in the open.

Sec. 6302-12 – Camping – “Camping” is defined as the erecting of a tent or the placing of portable dwelling, recreation vehicle, or shelter, or the arranging of bedding in such a way as will permit sleeping and/or remaining overnight. Use of any parked or standing vehicle for the purpose of sleeping also constitutes “camping.”

Sec. 6302-13 – Rent and Fee Schedule – “Rent and Fee Schedule” is defined as the document approved by the Board of Supervisors setting Parks Department fees, permits, and licenses for all County Parks.

Sec. 6302-14 – Motorized Bicycles – “Motorized Bicycles” means any device defined in California Vehicle Code Section 406 (b).

Sec. 6302-15 - Motor Vehicle – “Motor Vehicle” means any device defined in California Vehicle Code Section 415.

Sec. 6302-16 – Alcoholic Beverage – “Alcoholic Beverage” means and includes alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and every liquid or solid containing alcoholic spirits, wine or beer, and which contains .05 percent or more of alcohol by volume, and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed or combined with other substances.

Sec. 6302-17 – “Other power-driven mobility device” - means any mobility device — whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities — powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, including golf cars, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), such as the Segway® PT, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.

Sec.6302-18 – “Wheelchair” - means a manually operated or power driven device designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the main purpose of indoor or both indoor and outdoor locomotion.

Sec. 6302-19 – Park or Parking – “Park or Parking” shall have the same meaning as Vehicle Code section 463: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

ARTICLE 3 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Sec. 6303 – ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE – The Director shall be subject to the direction, authority, and control of the Board of Supervisors. He/she shall have full authority for the enforcement of all regulations affecting the facilities designated as

County Parks by the Board. His/her powers and duties shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) To promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the operation and administration of park facilities.
- (b) To control the time of use for park facilities.
- (c) To issue advanced reservations for park facilities.
- (d) To collect Board approved fees and charges for use of park facilities, and deposit same with the County Treasurer.
- (e) To issue the permits set forth in this Chapter.

Sec. 6303-1 – Delegation of Authority – Whenever a power is granted to, or a duty is imposed upon, the Director, that power may be exercised or the duty may be performed by an authorized representative designated by the Director, or by the Board of Supervisors unless provided otherwise herein.

Sec. 6303-2 – Public Officers – The Director and any persons designated by him/her as public officers shall be responsible for the enforcement in County Parks of the provisions of this Chapter and of state laws.

Sec. 6303-3 – Arrest Authority – The Director and those persons designated by him as public officers are authorized, pursuant to Penal Code 836.5, to arrest a person without a warrant whenever they have reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a misdemeanor in their presence which constitutes a violation of those provisions of County ordinances and state laws which said public officers are authorized to enforce.

Sec. 6303-4 – Notice to Appear/Notice of Violation/Arrest Procedure – In any case in which a person is arrested pursuant to this Chapter, and the person arrested does not demand to be taken before a magistrate, the arresting officer shall prepare a written notice to appear and release the person on his promise to appear, as prescribed by Part 2, Title 3, Chapter 5C (commencing with Section 853.6) of the California Penal Code. The

provisions of that Chapter 5C shall thereafter apply with reference to any proceeding based upon the issuance of a written notice to appear pursuant to this Chapter.

Sec. 6303-5 – Interference with a Public Officer – No person shall intentionally obstruct or interfere in any manner with a public officer in the exercise of his/her duties arising out of this Chapter.

Sec. 6303-6 – Violation of Parking Regulations – Violation of the parking regulations set forth in this Chapter or established by the Director or his/her designee shall be unlawful and shall constitute a civil offense. Every person in violation of any parking regulation set forth in this Chapter shall be punishable by a fine. Vehicles parked in violation of the parking regulations set forth in this Chapter are subject to removal. The fines for parking violations are as follows:

- (a) \$75 fine for all parking violations in camping areas.
- (b) \$30 fine for all parking violations in non-camping areas.

Sec. 6303-7 – Violation of Park Regulations

- (a) Violation of the park regulations set forth in this Chapter or established by the Director or his/her designee shall be unlawful, and every person in violation of any park regulation set forth in this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$30 for each violation, unless another amount for a particular violation is otherwise provided.
- (b) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, violation of any law or regulation shall subject the violator to ejection from a County Park or the Park System. The Director in his or her discretion may also ban a person from a particular County Park or from the Park System for repeated or egregious violations of this Chapter or for violating in a County Park any other local or state laws.

ARTICLE 4 – PERMITS

Sec.6304 – PERMITS – Whenever a permit is required for the use of a County Park, it is unlawful for a person to use a County Park without first having obtained such a permit.

Sec. 6304-1 – Permit – Application, Contents – Whenever a permit to use a County Park is required by the provisions of this Chapter, an application shall be filed with the Director stating:

- (a) The name and address of the applicant;
- (b) The name and address of the person, group, organization, or corporation sponsoring the activity;
- (c) The nature of the proposed activity;
- (d) The dates, hours and park facility for which the permit is desired;
- (e) An estimate of attendance; and
- (f) Any other information, regarding public health, safety, and welfare, which the Director finds reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.

Sec. 6304-2 – Permit – Standards for Issuance – The Director shall issue a permit hereunder when he finds:

- (a) That the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the public enjoyment of the park;
- (b) That the proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of the public health, welfare, safety, and recreation;
- (c) That all conditions, including, where applicable, the payment of fees, approval of the Board of Supervisors, and insurance coverage, are met;
- (d) That the proposed activity or use is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct;
- (e) That the proposed activity or use will not entail unusual, extraordinary, or burdensome expense or security operation by the Parks Department; and
- (f) That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other purposes.

Sec. 6304-3 – Permit – Exhibition – No persons shall fail to produce a permit they claim to have upon request of any Parks Department employee or any public or peace officer

who desires to inspect said permit for the purpose of enforcing compliance with any regulations in this Chapter.

ARTICLE 5 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

Sec. 6305 – PERSONAL CONDUCT – It is unlawful for persons using the County Parks to conduct themselves in such a manner so as to interfere with the use of County Parks, equipment and facilities by others.

Sec. 6305-1 – Entertainment - No person shall set up or maintain any exhibition, show, performance, concert, lecture, oration, place of amusement, or concert hall without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Director. Special patrols by County Park staff and/or Sheriff's Department may be a condition of use for the above functions.

Sec. 6305-2 – Peace and Quiet

- (a) No person shall disturb the peace and quiet of any County Park by indulging in riotous, boisterous, threatening or indecent conduct, or abusive, threatening, profane or indecent language;
- (b) No person shall create any condition or situation which:
 - (1) Is injurious to health;
 - (2) Is indecent, or offensive to the senses.

Sec. 6305-3 – Sound Amplification Device Operations – No person shall operate any sound amplification device in such a manner that it will be audible at a distance in excess of 100 feet from the sound amplifying equipment, unless a “Sound Amplification Device Permit” is first obtained from the Director. No person, in any instance, shall operate a sound amplification device in such a manner that the volume is unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing, or a nuisance to persons or domestic animals within any area of audibility. Pursuant to Section 6304, a permit for sound amplification devices shall be filed with the Director. A general description of the sound amplification device which is to be used, the volume in decibels of the sound which will be produced and any other information which the Director finds necessary will be required to make a fair

determination as to whether a “Sound Amplification Device Permit” should be issued. The Director shall issue a “Sound Amplification Device Permit” when he/she finds that the operation of such a sound amplification device will not unreasonably disturb other users of the County Park or adjacent residences, even though the sound will be audible for a distance in excess of 100 feet.

Sec. 6305-4 – Activities – No person shall play or engage in any games or activities in open areas in a County Park if it is determined by the Director that such activity is a hazard to the health, well-being, or property of other park patrons in the immediate area. No person shall play or engage in any games or activities in a County Park where signs are posted prohibiting such games or activities.

Sec. 6305-5 – Soliciting, Selling and Advertising

- (a) No person shall practice, carry on, conduct, or solicit for trade, occupation, business, or profession without first obtaining a written commercial permit from the Director.
- (b) The Director shall charge a fee fixed by the Board to cover administrative costs of the issuance of such permits.
- (c) Whenever a commercial permit is required by the provisions of this Chapter, an application shall be filed with the Director stating the name and address of the applicant, the dates, hours, and park facility for which the permit is desired. The Director may issue commercial permits when the conduct of such trade, occupation, business, or profession is compatible with the normal County Park activities and uses, is convenient and beneficial to County Park patrons, and does not conflict with the business of established concessionaires. Commercial permits may be issued by the Director on an annual basis.

Sec. 6305-6 – Fees

- (a) No person shall use any County facility without paying the appropriate use fees as required by the Board of Supervisors. Such use fees shall be paid to or

collected by the appropriate County authorized representative, or placed into a vault or other official money receptacle for that purpose.

- (b) No person shall use a County gate entrance pass not specifically assigned to that person.

Sec. 6305-7 – County Park Hours - No person, except those having valid camping permits as provided in Article 9 of this Chapter, shall remain upon the grounds of a County Park or occupy the grounds of such County Park, or use any of the facilities or equipment therein, or permit any vehicle to remain therein, except during such periods as set by the Director and posted at the entrance. Hours may be extended by the Director and notice of those hours posted in the particular County Park facility affected.

Sec. 6305-8 – Park Closing

- (a) A County Park or portion thereof may be closed when it has been determined by the Director or his/her designee, that continued use of the park or portion thereof could create hazardous conditions detrimental to the health or safety of the public or cause an adverse physical impact on the County Park environment.
- (b) Sections of a park may be closed during times of repair or cleaning of the facility.
- (c) No person shall enter an area which has been closed to the public as indicated by the posting of signs or the erection of fences, gates, and other barriers without permission from the Director or an authorized representative.
- (d) A park shall be closed when areas normally used for parking are filled.
- (e) Conditions may warrant the closure of a park during inclement weather and wet grounds.
- (f) Upon request of the Ventura County Fire Protection District, United States Forest Service, Office of Emergency Services or other governmental agency as approved by the Director or his/her designee to use a park for a fire camp, staging area or other emergency use requirement, the facility will be closed to the public.

(g) Sections of a park may be closed because of the lack of use.

Sec. 6305-9 – Regulatory and Warning Signs – Regulatory and Warning Signs placed by order of the Director, shall be displayed and adhered to for the safe use of park facilities.

Sec. 6305-10 – Handbills – It shall be unlawful for any person, either directly or indirectly, to deposit, place, post, throw, scatter, or cast any commercial handbill in or on any building, landscaping, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, equipment or appurtenance in a County owned/operated facility. “Handbill” includes any printed or written commercial advertising matter, any sample or device, dodger, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet, sheet music, or any other printed matter or literature.

Sec. 6305-11 – Use of Alcoholic Beverages - Alcoholic Beverages are permitted in County Parks only in those areas set by the Director and/or appropriately permitted.

Sec. 6305-12 – Possession of Alcoholic Beverage by Persons Under 21 Years of Age – It shall be unlawful for any persons under the age of 21 years to have any alcoholic beverage in his/her possession within the confines of a County Park.

Sec. 6305-13 – Regulations - Additional regulations established by the Director shall be clearly posted and shall be based upon the maintenance of sanitary and orderly conditions within the park area or facility and the preservation of the public health, safety, peace, welfare, and convenience in the use of such areas. A violation of such regulations shall be cause for revocation of a permit for using an area or facility. The privilege of any person to be present in any facility under control of the Ventura County Parks Department is hereby expressly conditioned upon compliance by that person with all applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 6 – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sec. 6306 – It is unlawful for persons using County Parks to conduct themselves in a manner that will have a detrimental effect on public health and sanitation.

Sec. 6306-1 – Toilet Facilities – No person shall loiter about any toilet facilities.

Sec. 6306-2 – Water Pollution – No person shall place any refuse or any soiled eating or cooking utensils, any clothes or anything similar, in any stream, lake, pond or at any hydrant for the purpose of cleaning the same. No person shall dispose of refuse of any type in any body of water which would tend to cause the pollution thereof.

Sec. 6306-3 – Rubbish

- (a) No person shall remove any object(s) from trash receptacles without prior approval of the Director.
- (b) No person shall dispose of any garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials, or rubbish of any kind other than at those locations specifically designed for the disposal of rubbish.
- (c) No person shall use County refuse containers or other County refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought as such, from private or commercial property.

Sec. 6306-4 – Washing or Repairing Cars – No person shall engage in washing, repairing, renovating, or painting any vehicle within a County Park, except emergency repairs immediately necessary to render such vehicle safe or operable.

Sec. 6306-5 – Animals – No stabling, keeping, pasturing or breeding of any animal is allowed in other than designated areas in a County Park without first obtaining written permission from the Director. Further:

- (a) No person shall hitch a horse, or other animal, to any tree or shrub structure in a manner that may cause damage to park property.
- (b) No person shall ride, drive, lead, or keep a horse or other animals in any County Park, except on such roads, trails, or areas as the Director may designate and subject to such regulations as the Director may promulgate.

Sec. 6306-6 – Dogs

- (a) No dogs are permitted in County Parks except in those areas set by the Director and appropriately posted. Dogs are permitted in areas designed for overnight camping when the dog owner is in possession of a valid overnight camping permit. All such dogs must be kept tethered on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length.

Sightless persons may be accompanied by a “Guide Dog” whenever such person visits a County Park if such dog is restrained.

- (b) No person shall bring a dog into, permit a dog to enter or remain, or possess a dog in a County Park unless the person presents a valid license for the dog. Dogs under four (4) months of age are exempt from the license requirement.
- (c) No person shall keep a dog or animal which is noisy, or which is vicious, or dangerous, or behaving in a threatening manner or which is disturbing to other persons in the County Park after the owner has been requested by an appropriate County representative to remove the dog from the park.
- (d) Maximum number of dogs allowed in a County Park per owner/campsite is two, except in those areas set by the Director.
- (e) Dogs or other animals are not allowed to be left unattended in a County Park.
- (f) Any person who has custody, brings into, or allows to remain in a County Park any dog is responsible when such dog defecates to promptly pickup and remove the feces and properly dispose of it in a waste container.

Sec. 6306-7 - Changing Clothes – No person shall change clothes or disrobe in any park except in authorized areas specifically designed therefore.

Sec. 6306-8 – Expandable Polystyrene Food Containers

- (a) The use of expandable polystyrene food service products is prohibited by vendors, franchisees, lessees, contractors or other commercial food and beverage purveyors in County Parks. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, expandable polystyrene food containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, and cups which are not intended for reuse, on or in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged.

(b) The use or distribution of expandable polystyrene food service products at special events in County Parks that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the County shall be prohibited. This prohibition shall apply to the event organizers, agents of the event organizers, event vendors, and any other party (including non-profit organizations) who have an agreement with one or more of the co-sponsors of the event to sell goods or beverages at the event or otherwise provide an event-related service. The prohibition on the use of expandable polystyrene food service products will not be enforced upon individuals who are attending the function solely as a visitor or spectator. Written agreements with any vendor, including non-profit organizations, to sell food or beverage at an event that is sponsored or co-sponsored by the County of Ventura, shall specifically prohibit the usage and distribution of expandable polystyrene food service products.

ARTICLE 7 – PUBLIC SAFETY

Sec. 6307 – SAFE CONDUCT – It is unlawful for persons using County Parks to conduct themselves in a manner that is detrimental to public safety.

Sec. 6307-1 – Vehicle Operation – No person shall drive any vehicle within the limits of a County Park in a manner other than that which is reasonable and safe, considering the traffic conditions and surface width of the roads. In no event shall a person drive any vehicle within the limits of a County Park at a speed greater than the posted speed limit; provided that these speed limits do not apply to state highways, county roads, and city roads.

- (a) Legal Registration Required – No person shall drive, move, or leave standing within the County Park System any motor vehicle unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid as required by law and the registration tab is properly displayed.
- (b) License – No person shall operate a motorized vehicle in a County Park without a valid driver's license in his/her possession.
- (c) Designated Roads – No person shall ride or drive a bicycle, motorcycle, automobile, or any other vehicle other than on a designated road or on a trail designated for said vehicle.

- (d) Obstruction – No person shall obstruct the free travel of pedestrians on any road, walkway, or avenue, or of any vehicle on automobile roads or designated trails for that purpose, except for park personnel servicing the area.
- (e) Non-operational Vehicles – No person shall leave or park any motor vehicle which is not operational in a County Park.
- (f) Parking – No person shall leave or park any motor vehicle on any driveway or at any other place in a County Park except at such a place or places as are designated as places for vehicular parking or camping. No vehicle shall remain parked within a posted County Park beyond the posted hours. No person shall park a motor vehicle in an illegal manner or in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition.
- (g) Vehicles parked in violation of this regulation are subject to removal.

Sec. 6307-2 – Horses – No person shall ride a horse within the limits of a County Park except on riding trails designated by the Director. The horse shall be ridden in a manner that is reasonable and safe. No person shall hitch any horse on any driveway or at any other place except at such place or places as are designated as places for hitching horses.

Sec. 6307-3 – Fires – No person shall ignite or kindle a fire in any location in a County Park except in areas designated by the County for fires.

- (a) No person shall allow any lighted tobacco product, or any burning or combustible material that could set fire to grass, shrub, trees, building or any other combustible substance to be deposited any place except areas designated for disposal of burning or combustible materials.
- (b) No person shall ignite or kindle a fire for cooking, including, but not limited to fires for barbecue grills, stoves, fire pits, and fire rings, except in areas designated for such use by the County.
- (c) No person using a barbeque grill or stove shall permit such grill or stove to remain in an untidy or unsanitary condition, nor shall any such person fail to clear away all cooking and eating utensils and waste matter after use thereof. Any person who uses a barbeque grill or stove shall, when such use is

completed, extinguish or cover the embers in such a manner to prevent them from being a hazard.

Sec. 6307-4 – Weapons

- (a) No person shall use, carry, fire, or discharge any firearms, or air gun or slingshot, archery device of any kind across, in, or into a County Park unless specifically authorized by the Director.
- (b) No person shall use, carry, fire or discharge any firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, or other fireworks or explosives of any kind in a County Park.

Sec. 6307-5 – Children – No adult person shall permit any child under the age of five (5) years to play unattended.

Sec. 6307-6 – Picnics – No person shall conduct a picnic at County Parks, except in those locations designated by the Director or an authorized representative.

Sec. 6307-7 – Skating, Skateboards – No person shall use roller skates, or skateboards in County Parks, except in those areas designated by the Director.

Sec. 6307-8 – Trails and Paths

- (a) No person shall operate an unauthorized motor vehicle on any County, hiking or horseback riding trail or bicycle path.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, “unauthorized motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle or motorized bicycle other than the following: emergency vehicles operated by law enforcement, medical, or rescue personnel; County-approved maintenance and repair vehicles; motorized bicycles on a bicycle path only; and any power-driven mobility device used by individuals with mobility disabilities.
- (c) Inquiry into use of other power-driven mobility device: A public officer may not ask an individual in a power-driven mobility device about the nature and extent of the individual's disability, but may ask an individual using a power-

driven mobility device to provide a credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of the individual's disability. A "credible assurance" can be provided by a valid, State-issued disability placard or card; by other State-issued proof of disability; by a verbal representation, not contradicted by observable fact, that the device is being used for a mobility disability; or by any other method authorized under 28 C.F.R. § 35.137 (2011) or any other regulation issued by the federal government regarding power-driven mobility devices for a disabled person.

ARTICLE 8 – PRESERVATION OF COUNTY PARKS

Sec. 6308 – PARK PRESERVATION – It is unlawful for persons using County Parks to do so in a manner which will damage the man-made, natural, cultural or historic resources within the Park.

Sec. 6308-1 – Flora and Fauna – No person shall dig, remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or cut any part of any tree, plant shrub, or flower growing in any County Park or remove, destroy or otherwise disturb any animal in a County Park.

Sec. 6308-2 – Mineral Features – No person shall destroy, disturb, deface, or remove earth, rock, sand or gravel, oil, minerals or fossils, nor remove water from any source in a County Park in any amount exceeding one (1) gallon, except as provided in Section 6309-6(b).

Sec. 6308-3 – Animals – No person shall trap, kill, wound, or mistreat any wild or domesticated animal.

Sec. 6308-4 – Historical and Archaeological – No person shall remove, destroy or otherwise disturb historical or archaeological materials in any County Park.

Sec. 6308-5 – Defacement Prohibited - No person shall in any way deface buildings, monuments, fences, walls, benches, trees, or other structures, apparatus or property or other structures.

Sec. 6308-6 – Tampering – No person shall tamper with or damage County property of any kind (vehicles, equipment, or fixtures, etc.).

ARTICLE 9 – OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Sec. 6309 – CAMPING

- (a) No person shall camp or lodge in any designated site or location within the limits of a County Park without first registering for the space by completing the appropriate registration forms and paying the appropriate use fees.
- (b) No person shall camp or otherwise park overnight in any space not designated for such use by the Director or an authorized representative.
- (c) No person shall fail to clean and completely remove all camping equipment and other personal property from the site before departure.
- (d) No person shall be allowed to camp or otherwise park overnight in a County facility when the camper's vehicle and/or trailer is not legally registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles or other state vehicle licensing entity.
- (e) No person shall fail to comply with the requests of a public officer to place trailers and other camping equipment in an orderly manner.
- (f) Campers shall keep their assigned camping space free of litter.
- (g) Automobiles of day use patrons shall be parked in areas posted for day use parking.
- (h) Only those park patrons that have a valid camping permit are permitted to use the shower/laundry facilities.

Sec. 6309-1 – Camp Fees

- (a) No person or persons shall camp on the grounds of a County Park without having paid the established fee. All fees shall be payable in advance within 30 minutes

of arrival. The applicant for camping permit shall furnish to the public officer such information as the Director may prescribe in the camping permit application form.

- (b) Online Payment for Campsites - Campers may pay for campsite fees with a credit card by utilizing the County's online payment system. However, payments can be made only when the camper is physically occupying a campsite; payment for a campsite before the payor physically occupies the campsite is not permitted and is grounds for removal from the campground and loss of payment.

Sec. 6309-2 – Youth Camping – No person or persons under the age of 18 years shall be issued an overnight camping permit unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or an adult with proof or prior permission from a parent or guardian.

Sec. 6309-3 – Camping Space – No person shall trespass upon a camping space assigned to another or use facilities other than those designated for the specific use of the permittee or for the general use of campers.

Sec. 6309-4 – Erection of Structures – No person shall erect, construct or place within any County Park a structure without written permission to do so from the Board.

Sec. 6309-5 – Removal of Personal Property/Vehicles

- (a) Personal property or equipment interfering with the safe or orderly management of any County Park or part thereof, may be removed and/or stored by an authorized representative at the owner's expense.
- (b) Any vehicle left abandoned in any of the County facilities may be removed and stored by an authorized representative of the County at the owner's expense.

Sec. 6309-6 – Sanitation

- (a) No person shall drain or dump refuse or waste, including, but not limited to, sewage and grey water from any trailer, recreational vehicle or other vehicle

except in places or a receptacle for such. The use of an open bucket or container for the purpose of retaining sewage is prohibited.

- (b) No person shall connect a water hose from a ground faucet to a recreational vehicle unit-holding tank while in a County facility. Persons may fill up their holding tanks with water for use in a County facility from ground faucets, but shall not connect the hose to the unit.
- (c) Users of the County Park system shall keep their assigned area free of litter. Equipment, supplies, and all other belongings must be kept neat and orderly at all times and must be completely removed from the area before departure. Firewood or water bottles must be kept out of sight either under or in the user's unit. Dishes and utensils must be stored out of sight when not in use.

Sec. 6309-7 – Overnight Camping Limit

(a) County-Operated - Continuous camping in any County Park is limited to 14 consecutive days in the park. By the end (11:00 am) of the 14th day, the camper must completely vacate the park (both campers and camping equipment) and cannot re-occupy any County Park again until at least seven (7) days have passed. Maximum length of stay is sixty (60) days total in all County-operated parks per 12 month period, although an individual may stay a maximum of ninety (90) days total, if thirty (30) of those days are during the “off season” as defined by the Rent and Fee Schedule. The Director or his authorized representative shall designate the space(s) in which occupancy may be permitted. The Director may designate any such park for extended lengths of stay, not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days during “off-season.” This section shall not apply to Park Hosts occupying sites under license agreements signed by the Director.

(b) Non-County Managed - Continuous camping in any Non-County Managed regional park is limited to one-hundred eighty (180) consecutive days. The County Parks System must be vacated completely (both campers and camping equipment) for a minimum of seven (7) days after any length of stay before reoccupation is permitted. Maximum length of stay is one-hundred eighty (180) days in a Non-County Managed regional park per twelve (12) month period.

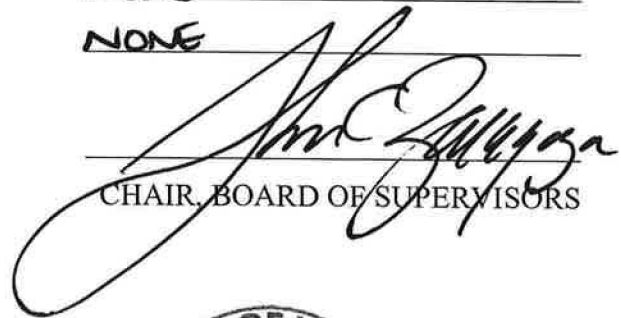
(c) The combination of camping in County-operated or Non-County Managed regional parks is a maximum of one-hundred eighty (180) days per twelve (12) month period.

Sec. 6309-8 – Park Host Camping – For purposes of providing security, public relations, and minor maintenance functions at County Park facilities, the Director may enter into license agreements with certain individuals as Park Hosts. This activity shall be considered a specialized camping use and is not restricted by the overnight camping limit provided by Sec. 6309-7, and is not subject to a permit under Division 8. Park Host camping shall be governed by a license agreement between the County and the designated Park Host consistent with the Park Host Program Policies and Procedures established by the General Services Agency.

2. This ordinance shall become operative thirty days from adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2012, by
The following vote:

AYES:	Supervisor <u>Bennett, Parks, Long,</u>
	<u>Fox AND Zaragoza</u>
NOES:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	<u>NONE</u>



CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: MICHAEL POWERS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California

By: 

Deputy Clerk of the Board

