

ORDINANCE NO. 23-92

Mason County Parks/Fairgrounds

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regulate and enforce policies at the Mason County Parks and Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held for public comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I. Speed of Motor Vehicles

No person shall drive a motor vehicle within any County Park or the County Fairgrounds at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the traffic on, and the surface and width of the road, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property, or wildlife:

Provided, however, That in no event shall a vehicle be driven a speed greater than 10 miles per hour in camp, picnic, utility, or headquarters areas, areas of general public assemblage, or in parking lots:

And provided further, That in no event shall a vehicle be driven at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour in any other area. The County, however, upon finding that the safety of persons and the condition of the road and the traffic thereon so warrants, may establish lower speed limits and shall post the same in the area so established.

And provided further, That it shall be a misdemeanor to operate any motor vehicle in any planted area.

II. Parking of Motor Vehicles, trailers, etc.

A. No operator of any automobile, trailer, camper, or other vehicle, shall park such vehicle in any County Park or the County Fairgrounds area, except where the operator is using the area for a designated recreational purpose and the vehicle is parked in a designated parking area, or in another area with the permission of the Manager or Park Supervisor.

B. No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any County Park or the County Fairgrounds after closing time, except when camping in a designated area, or within permission from the Manager or Park Supervisor.

C. No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any County Park or the Fairgrounds in areas designated "No Parking".

D. Any unauthorized vehicle found parked in violation of subsection (A), (B) or (C) of this section may be towed away at the owner's or operator's expense.

III. Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

A. Opening, possessing alcoholic beverage in an open container, or consuming any alcoholic beverages in any County Park or the County Fairgrounds shall be prohibited except in the following designated areas and under the following circumstances:

1. In designated campgrounds, by registered campers or their guests;
2. In any buildings leased or rented or in a designated signed area, wherein the lessor has obtained and displays the proper permits from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

IV. Intoxication in County Parks or Fairgrounds

Being or remaining in, or loitering about in any County Park area or the Fairgrounds while in a state of intoxication shall be prohibited.

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V. Park periods

The County shall establish for each County Park area and the Mason County Fairgrounds, according to existing conditions, times, and periods when it will be open or closed to the public. Such times and periods shall be posted at the entrance to the area affected and at the facility office. No person shall enter or be present in a County Park area or the County Fairgrounds after closing time except with specific permission of the park or Fairgrounds Manager; as a County Parks or Fairgrounds employee; or as a guest of a County Parks or Fairgrounds employee.

VI. Fireworks

No person shall possess, discharge, set off, or cause to be discharged, in or into any County Parks area or the County Fairgrounds, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, or substance harmful to the life or safety of persons or property.

Provided however, That Fireworks may be permitted as a part of a professionally conducted display by competent, licensed, bonded pyro technicians, subject to the approval of the local fire district and the Mason County Fire Marshal.

VII. Rubbish

A. No person shall leave, deposit, drop or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, waste paper, cans or other rubbish, in a County Park area or the Fairgrounds, except in a garbage can or other receptacle designed for such purpose.

B. No person shall deposit any household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or rubbish, which is brought as such from any private property, in any County Park area or the County Fairgrounds garbage can designed for such purpose.

VIII. Sanitation

No person shall, in any County Park area or the County Fairgrounds:

A. Drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper, automobile, or other vehicle, except in designated disposal areas or receptacles.

B. Clean fish or other food, or wash any clothing or other article for personal or household use or any dog or other animal, except at designated areas.

C. Clean or wash any automobile or other vehicle.

D. Pollute, or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing therein any waste or refuse of any nature, kind, or description, including human or animal bodily waste, the soil, any stream, river, lake, or other body of water running in, or adjacent to, any County Park area or the Fairgrounds.

IX. Firearms and/or other weapons

No person shall possess a firearm with a cartridge in any portion of the mechanism within any County Park area or the Fairgrounds, nor shall any person discharge or propel across, in, or into any County park area or the Fairgrounds, a firearm, bow and arrow, spear, spear gun, harpoon, or air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal, or damaging or destroying any public or private property, except where the County for good cause has authorized a special recreational activity upon finding that it is not inconsistent with County Parks or Fairgrounds use.

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X. Dogs on leashes/Horses

No person shall bring a dog into any County Park or the Fairgrounds unless the dog is controlled by means of a hand held leash no longer than six feet. The dog must not be tied and abandoned, but must be at all times under the personal control of the person bringing it to the Parks or Fairgrounds.

Provided however, That during the days of the Mason County Fair and for the three days prior to the Mason County Fair, no dogs will be allowed in exhibit areas or other areas frequented by the general public of the Fairgrounds with the exception of guide dogs for the handicapped and those being exhibited in the Fair.

Provided further, That during the aforementioned period of the Fair, dogs in camping areas and parking areas must be on a leash and secured such they are not a menace to passersby.

Provided further, no person shall bring a horse into County park areas, except those park areas specifically developed and posted for horse use.

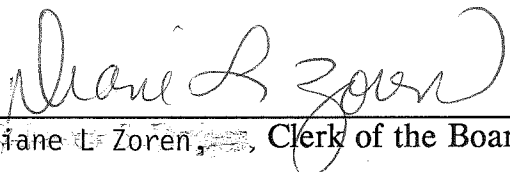
XI. Penalties

In addition to the penalty provided in any other existing or future Ordinance of Mason County, failure to comply with any of these Ordinances, or any other rule or regulation of the County Parks or Fairgrounds, or with any other federal, state, or local law, rule, regulation applicable under the circumstances, shall subject the person so failing to comply to ejection from any County Park area or the Fairgrounds shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$50.00.


DATED this 11th day of February, 1992.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Diane L. Zoren, Clerk of the Board




Laura E. Porter, Chairperson

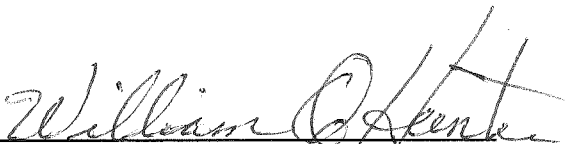
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