

Affidavit of Publication

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County of Washoe—SS.

..... Mary Hefling
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Notice of County Ordinance
Bill No. 608, Ordinance No. 437

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the date of the last publication being in the issue
of November 28, 1979

Mary Hefling

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the

28th day of November, 1979.

Loretta Dickerson
Douglas,
Notary Public in and for the County of Washoe

State of Nevada.

My Commission expires: October 25, 1980



NOTICE OF COUNTY ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bill No. 608, Ordinance No. 437, amending Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 entitled "An Ordinance regulating the use of County Park System facilities; designating the Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department to administer the system; permitting promulgation of rules and regulations to supplement the provisions of the Ordinance; providing for payment of fees; providing prohibitions and a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto," by adding certain definitions; authorizing the Range Master to adopt rules governing the use of the County Shooting Facility, revising provisions for possession and discharge of firearms in County parks; amending provisions relating to disturbance of the peace in County parks; and deleting obsolete references to the Superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation, has been adopted by Commissioners Stegas, Brown, Ferrari, and Underwood and Chairman Farr on November 13, 1979.
Typewritten copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection by all interested persons at the office of the County Clerk.
JUDI BAILEY
Washoe County Clerk
Publish: 11-21, 28, 1979.

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SUMMARY: Amends Washoe County Ordinance 229 by adding certain definitions, authorizing range master to adopt rules governing use of shooting facility, revising provisions for possession and discharge of firearms in county parks, amending provisions relating to disturbance of peace in county parks and deleting obsolete references to superintendent of department of parks and recreation.

BILL NO. 608

ORDINANCE NO. 437

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF COUNTY PARK SYSTEM FACILITIES; DESIGNATING THE WASHOE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE SYSTEM; PERMITTING PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF FEES; PROVIDING PROHIBITIONS AND A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO" BY ADDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE RANGE MASTER TO ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF THE COUNTY SHOOTING FACILITY, REVISING PROVISIONS FOR POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN COUNTY PARKS; AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE IN COUNTY PARKS; AND DELETING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

- A. "Camping" means to erect a tent or shelter or use any motor vehicle for the purpose of, or in such a way as will result in, overnight occupancy thereof in any County park.
- B. "County park" includes any area designated by the Board of County Commissioners as a public park, playground or recreational facility.
- C. "Department" means the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- D. "Director" means the Director of the Department.
- E. "Park ranger" means the person designated by the Director of the Department as being in charge of the operation of a county park.
- F. "Person" includes a natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.
- G. "Range Master" means the person designated by the Director of the Department as being in charge of the operation of a shooting facility within a county park.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3. Fires: Designated areas; regulation.

- A. No person may build, light, use or maintain a fire within any county park except in a camp stove, pit

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or fireplace provided, maintained or designated for such purposes, or in portable camp stoves and lanterns.

- B. No person may leave a county park before extinguishing any fire which he has built, lighted or maintained in such a park, nor may any person leave a fire unattended within any county park. Children under the age of 10 years are not qualified to tend a fire.
- C. Upon existence of extreme fire danger, the director may prohibit smoking or fires in designated areas within any county park, or may close such areas to the public.

SECTION 3. Section 4 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Leash law; animal control.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may:
 1. Bring an animal into, permit an animal to enter or remain in, or possess an animal in any county park unless the animal is on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length and under the immediate control of that person or is confined in a vehicle.
 2. Bring a dog into, permit a dog to enter or remain in, or possess a dog on any beach adjacent to any body of water within any county park except in areas designated for dogs. Animals are prohibited in the water in any bathing or swimming area.
 3. Keep any noisy, vicious or dangerous animal, or one which is disturbing to other persons, in any county park, or remain therein with the animal after he has been asked by a park ranger to leave.
 4. Lead or possess any animal, with or without a leash, while he is attending a conducted tour of an historic area or grounds within any county park.
- B. The director may, upon proper posting, prohibit animals in certain areas of county parks which are extensively used by the public.
- C. The provisions contained in this section do not apply to any visually handicapped person who uses a guide dog specially trained by a guide dog school to assist him as an aid to his mobility.

SECTION 4. Section 7 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 7. Plant molesting or harming.
No person may willfully or negligently pick, dig up, cut, mutilate, destroy, injure, disturb, move, molest, burn or carry away any tree, plant or portion thereof,

including foliage, flowers, berries, fruit, grass, turf, humus, shrubs, cones and dead wood, except in specific portions of county parks and upon authorization by the park ranger.

SECTION 5. Section 9 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 9. Landing of aircraft.
Except in emergency situations, no person may land any aircraft on or take off in any aircraft from any area in any county park not specifically designated for such purposes without a written permit from the director.

SECTION 6. Section 10 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 10. Property defacement.
No person may:

- A. Disturb, destroy, remove, deface or injure any property in any county park.
- B. Cut, carve, paint, mark, paste or fasten on any tree, fence, wall, building, monument or other property in any county park any bill, advertisement or inscription without a written permit from the director.

SECTION 7. Section 12 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 12. Firearms; Possession or Discharge in county parks.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may possess or discharge any weapon from which a projectile may be propelled by means of explosive, spring, gas, air or other force in any county park.
- B. The provisions of this section relating to possession or discharge of firearms do not apply if the firearm is possessed or discharged:
 - 1. At a shooting facility owned and operated by the County; and
 - 2. Under the supervision and control of the range master at the facility.
- C. Each range master may, upon approval of the director, adopt reasonable rules governing the possession and discharge of firearms at the shooting facility in which he is in charge and all persons using the facility shall adhere strictly to those rules.

SECTION 8. Section 13 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 13. Firecrackers prohibited.
No person may possess, discharge, set off or cause to be discharged in or into any portion of a county park any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives or other substance harmful to the life or safety of any person, without a written permit from the director.

SECTION 9. Section 14 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The director may establish closing hours for county parks. Park closing time shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each County park.
- B. No person may enter or be present in any county park after closing hours or in areas designated as closed, except county employees or peace officers on official business.

SECTION 10. Section 15 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 15. Disturbing the peace.
Except when authorized by the park ranger to do so, no person may:

- A. Operate any electrically or gasoline powered device in any county park in such a manner as to disturb the peace in the park at any time.
- B. Conduct himself in such a manner as to disturb the peace in any county park at any time.

When, in the opinion of the park ranger, a person is violating any provision contained in this section, he shall order the person immediately to cease the violation. Failure to comply with the order of the ranger constitutes a violation of this ordinance and constitutes grounds for the imposition of the penalty specified in section 40 of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. Section 19 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 19. Sewage dumping; sanitation.

- A. No waste, water, sewage or effluent from sinks, portable toilets or other plumbing fixtures may be deposited directly upon or into the surface of the ground or water in any county park.
- B. To maintain the sanitation and orderly appearance and for the protection of the natural resources of a county park, the park ranger may specify the size, type and arrangement of camping equipment and the number of persons permitted in a park under his control.

SECTION 12. Section 21 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 21. Curfew limitations.

- A. The director may set a curfew for persons under 18 years of age in any county park, upon finding that conditions therein are such as to warrant special measures for the protection of juveniles and others, and for the safety and welfare of the general public.
- B. When a curfew has been set, no juvenile may, during the curfew period, remain or be in the park unless he is:
 - 1. Accompanied by his parent or guardian;

2. Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles; or
3. Camping after having furnished to the park ranger, written consent of his parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of his parent or guardian.

SECTION 13. Section 22 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 22. Vehicle operators.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may operate any motor vehicle in any county park unless he complies with the general requirements of Title 43 of the Nevada Revised Statutes relating to licensure of persons who operate motor vehicles.
- B. The director may permit operation of certain vehicles in county parks by persons who do not meet the requirements contained in subsection A, above. The nature and extent of permitted operation of such vehicles by unlicensed operators shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each affected park.

SECTION 14. Section 23 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 23. Registered vehicles required.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may operate any motor vehicle in any county park unless the vehicle is registered in compliance with Title 43 of the Nevada Revised Statutes relating to registration of motor vehicles.
- B. The director may permit operation of unregistered motor vehicles in county parks when he deems it to be in the public interest to do so. The nature and extent of permitted operation of such vehicles shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each affected park.

SECTION 15. Section 26 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 26. Bicycles and other operator-propelled vehicles.

No person may operate or ride a bicycle, scooter, skate board or other operator-propelled vehicle or device in any county park when the park ranger has made a finding that conditions are unsafe for the operation of the vehicle or device and has issued an order prohibiting such activity.

SECTION 16. Section 27 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 27. Payment for use of facilities.

No person may be in, use or otherwise occupy any park facility for the use of which a fee has been established by the county's Board of Commissioners unless he has first paid the fee.

SECTION 17. Section 29 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 29. Camping; Designated areas: limitations.

- A. No person may camp in any county park except in areas designated and marked for that purpose.
- B. No person under the age of 18 years may camp in any county park, unless he is:
 - 1. Accompanied by his parent or guardian;
 - 2. Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles; or
 - 3. Camping after having furnished to the park ranger written consent of his parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of his parent or guardian.

SECTION 18. Section 30 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 30. Number of persons occupying campsites.

- A. The number of persons occupying a campsite shall not exceed 10 except by permission of the park ranger.
- B. The number of vehicles occupying a campsite shall not exceed one except by permission of the park ranger.

SECTION 19. Section 31 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 31. Time limits on camping.

In order to afford the general public the greatest possible use of all county parks, no person may continually camp in any county park for more than 7 days within any 30 day period, unless written permission has been granted by the director.

SECTION 20. Section 32 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 32. Occupancy right of campsites.

- A. A campsite is considered occupied when it is being used or has been reserved for camping purposes by any person who has paid the daily use fee within the applicable time limits.
- B. No person may take possession or maintain possession of a campsite when he has been informed by a park

ranger that the site is occupied or reserved for occupancy.

SECTION 21. Section 33 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 33. Handling objects, displays, historic units. No person other than employees of the department or employees of the general services department, in pursuit of their official duties, may touch, handle or move any object on display or exhibit in any county park.

SECTION 22. Section 36 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 36. Special events.

- A. Special events are activities which are not normally conducted in units of the county park system. They generally are supervised activities involving a great number of participants or spectators.
- B. The director may approve and issue a permit for any special event when it is found to be in the best interest of the residents of the county and is conducted by a sponsoring agency approved by him.

SECTION 23. Section 37 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 37. Concession operation. No person may operate any concession or vending machine, engage in the business of soliciting, selling or peddling any food or drink, distribute circulars, peddle or vend any goods, wares, merchandise or services, or set up or use a public address system in any county park without specific written authority from the director.

SECTION 24. Section 38 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 38. Filming with professional cast. No person may participate in motion picture filming or photography involving the performance of a professional cast in any county park without written permission from the director.

SECTION 25. Section 39 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 39. Posting of signs and notices: Compliance required; prohibition against posting. No person may be or remain in any county park unless he complies with all posted signs and notices, nor may any person create or erect signs or markers of any type without a written permit from the park ranger.

SECTION 26. Section 40 of Washoe County Ordinance No. 229 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 40. Compliance with ordinance, rules and regulations; penalty.

Any person who:

- A. Enters or remains at any county park in violation of any provision contained in this ordinance or in violation of any permit issued or rule adopted by the director or a park ranger; or
 - B. Enters or remains at any shooting facility in violation of any rule adopted by the facility's range master;
- is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day on which a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

Proposed on the 23rd day of October, 1979.
 Proposed by Commissioners Brown, Farr, Ferrari, and Underwood
 Passed on the 13th day of November, 1979.

Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Brown, Farr, Ferrari, Stoess, and Underwood
 Nays: Commissioners: None
 Absent: Commissioners: None

Bill Farr
 Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Judi Barley
 County Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 28th day of November, 1979.