

RESOLUTION NO. 65-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF LIMITED DURATION FOR THE USE OF WALKER PARK FOR BOATER CAMPING AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS, UTILITIES, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE TERMS OF SUCH POLICY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 67.20.010 RCW, provides the authority for Counties to own and operate recreational facilities for public use, and to set forth the regulations, policies, and practices governing such use; and

WHEREAS, Mason County owns and operates Walker Park for the enjoyment and use of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Walker Park has been used in the past by boaters who desire a place to camp overnight on their travels around South Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, the limited use of Walker Park for camping by boaters can be accommodated under special terms and conditions without deleterious affect to the Park facilities and grounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County does hereby establish a "Boater Camping Policy for Walker Park" as set forth in Exhibit A, which supercedes all previous practices and policies pertaining to the use of Walker Park for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks, Utilities, and Waste Management Department, or such department or organization designated by the County with the responsibility for operating and maintaining park facilities at some point in the future, shall be authorized to develop and administer any processes and procedures necessary to implement the Boater Camping Policy for Walker Park, as set forth in Exhibit A or subsequently amended.

DATED this 5th day of July 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers
Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Jayni L. Kamin
Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson

Lynda Ring Erickson
Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Clift
Michael Clift, Chief DPA

Tim Sheldon
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

EXHIBIT A

Boater Camping Policy for Walker Park

Purpose: This Policy sets forth the terms and conditions for the use of Walker Park for overnight camping by boaters.

Termination: This Policy shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2008, provided that the Board of County Commissioners may terminate it at any time prior to this date upon an approval of a motion of the Board at any Regular or Special Meeting.

Policy: It shall be the policy of the Mason County Board of County Commissioners to allow overnight camping at Walker Park under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Camping shall be allowed only by individuals arriving at Walker Park by water in non-motorized boats, during that portion of the year the Park is open for day-use. No overnight parking for campers will be allowed at the Park.
- 2) An "Overnight Stay Permit" must be obtained from the County in advance of arriving at the Park. An Overnight Stay Permit will only be issued to a designated responsible group leader who will be on-site during the stay and upon receipt of: a camper roster and liability waivers for each camper, damage deposit, and
- 3) The maximum number of individuals on-site at the park in the overnight camping party shall be fifteen (15), including shore support and visitors.
- 4) Overnight stays shall be limited to two (2) consecutive nights.
- 5) Campers must observe all Park rules governing day-use patrons, to include no open fires, alcoholic beverages, or firearms.
- 6) Quiet time at the Park shall be 10:00 p.m. Campers are expected to restrict activities to their tents and refrain from making noise after that time.
- 7) Tents shall be placed only in areas approved by the County, and camping equipment shall not be left unattended.
- 8) The responsible group leader shall ensure that all camp areas are kept clean and in good condition during occupancy, and upon leaving the Park, in order to receive refund of the camping deposit.
- 9) Campers staying at Walker Park under an "Overnight Stay Permit" shall use the facilities at their own risk. Mason County shall not be liable for personal injuries or damages to equipment or personal property.
- 10) Camping activities at the Park shall be carried out to minimize the impact to day-use patrons and scheduled use of other Park facilities.