

INTRODUCED BY:
COUNCILOR JOLLY



ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14, OFFENSES; SECTION 14-8, PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida has determined that it is necessary to amend the following:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Sec. 14-8. – Prohibited Activities in Parks and Recreational Facilities shall hereby be amended as follows:

Sec. 14-8. Prohibited Activities in Parks and Recreational Facilities owned or Controlled by the City.

Except for activities of a governmental agency within the scope of its governmental authority, or unless specifically permitted to do so by a permit issued pursuant to this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to do any one or more of the following in a park or recreational facility owned or controlled by the city:

- (1) Sleep at any time during the hours from sunset to sunrise of the following day.
- (2) Construct any hut, shanty, or other shelter.
- (3) Start, maintain, allow, or have an open fire in a park or recreational facility. This section does not prohibit fires for the purposes of food cooking in self-contained, commercially available heating devices fueled by gas and/or charcoal. ~~Heating devices fueled by wood, charcoal, or similar materials shall be prohibited., or in small, self-contained, commercially available heating devices not requiring any special facilities to be safely operated.~~
- (4) Discharge or deposit human wastes, except in toilet facilities provided by the city.
- (5) Dig holes or otherwise disturb the natural surface of the ground.
- (6) Pick flowers or damage or remove plants, trees, shrubs, or any part of the park grounds.

- (7) Erect signs or affix signs to any tree, post or park facility of grounds, except signs posted by the director of public services pursuant to this Code.
- (8) Write on, draw on, or otherwise deface damage, remove or destroy any park facility or any part of the park grounds.
- (9) Purchase, sell, offer for sale, possess or consume any alcoholic beverages as defined by the laws of Florida.
- (10) Sleep or otherwise be or remain in any bushes, shrubs, or other foliage where prohibited by signs.
- (11) Use public restrooms to shave and/or shower; provided, however, that showering is permitted where shower facilities are specifically provided for public use.
- (12) ~~Sit in or on~~ Disturb any trash receptacles provided for public use.
- (13) Use roller skates or skateboards except in areas specifically provided for those purposes by signs erected by the director of public services.
- (14) Bathe or otherwise be or remain in a water fountain and / or reservoir.
- (15) To stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle or trailer as defined in the Code of Ordinances in an area not specifically designated for parking.

Section 2. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

VOTE RESULTS OF FIRST READING:

Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Vice Mayor Richard Arthur	Yes
Councilor John Jolly	Yes
Councilor Kara Tucker	Yes
Councilor Scott Wiley	Yes

Passed on First Reading on this 6th day of April, 2015.

VOTE RESULTS OF SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Vice Mayor Richard Arthur	Yes
Councilor John Jolly	Yes
Councilor Kara Tucker	Yes
Councilor Scott Wiley	Yes

Passed on Second and Final Reading on this 3rd day of August, 2015.

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karla Strait, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

Patrick Krechowski, City Attorney