ORDINANCE NO. 840

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19;
PARKS AND RECREATION, SOLANO COUNTY CODE
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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano,
State of California, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 19, Solano County Code is amended to read:

ARTICLE I, Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Fund.

Section 19-1. Created.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 25252 of the
Government Code, there is created a parks, playgrounds and recre-
ation fund, which shall be set forth in each annual budget and
be in addition to any other fund allowed by law and shall be
known as follows: "Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Fund."

Section 19-2. Levy and Collection.

The Board of Supervisors shall each year in the same
manner that they provide for the levy and collection of taxes
for other purposes provide for the levy and collection of such
taxes as may be necessary to accumulate or maintain the fund
for "parks, playgrounds and recreation" in such an amount as may
be set forth and provided in each annual budget of the County.

Section 19-3. Use.

The fund accumulated as provided in this article may
be expended for all purposes necessary for the furtherance of the
establishing of parks, playgrounds and recreation. This in-
cludes, but is not limited to, the acquisition of real and per-
sonal property, construction, reconstruction and remodeling of
buildings.

ARTICLE II, General.

Section 19-4. Definitions; Including Meanings of Words; and
Effect of Section Headings.

(a) As used in this ordinance, unless otherwise apparent
from the context:
1. Words used in the present tense include the future as well as the present; words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and the neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular.

2. "County park" means (1) an area owned by the County of Solano and designated by it for public park purposes, and (2) an area owned by some other public entity and used or operated by the County of Solano for public park purposes.

3. "County" means the County of Solano.

4. "Parks Department" means the Solano County Parks Department and its employees.

5. "Horse" includes mule and donkey, or other rideable animal.

6. "Shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive.

7. A "vehicle" is a device by which any person or property may be propelled, moved or drawn over land, excepting a device moved by human power.

8. "Boat" is defined to mean an undocumented vessel or device other than an aquaplane or water-ski, in or upon which persons or property may be transported upon, under or over the surface of water including, but not confined to any boat, raft, barge, canoe, skiff, dingy, rowboat, sailboard, sailing vessel, yacht, motorboat, motor vessel, float, pontoon, commercial boat, launch and ship.

9. "Power boat" is defined to mean any boat powered by electricity or any internal combustion type motor or engine.

(b) Section headings, when contained herein, shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any section.

Section 19-5. Penalties.

Every person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, except provisions directory to the parks department, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by a fine of not more than $500, or both.

Section 19-6. Citations for Violations.

The director of the parks department and all of its uniformed employees have authority to issue citations in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5c, commencing with Section 853.6, Title 3.
Part 2 of the Penal Code of the State of California for misdemeanor violations and ordinances of the county or a city committed within a county park and within their presence.

Section 19-7. Park Closure.

The parks department is authorized to close to public use any county park, or portion thereof, or any lake or stream therein, or restrict the times when the same shall be open to such use, or limit or prohibit boating, fishing, or other recreational uses thereof, whenever, in its judgment, it deems it prudent to take any of said actions in order to safeguard the health and safety of the park or any of its facilities.

Good cause to take any said actions shall include, but not be limited, to the following: unreasonable fire hazard, dangerous weather or water conditions; sanitary protection of a watershed; construction or repairs in a park; conservation of fish or game; excessive boat traffic; unsafe or unsuitable shoreline, ramp, parking or road conditions; the prevention of damage to the park or any of its facilities; or any dangerous, unsafe or unhealthful condition.

Section 19-8. Power to Direct the Public.

Employees of the parks department are authorized to direct the visiting public in county parks in its use of all facilities therein according to law, and in the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or insure safety, or to prevent pollution of any lake or stream, may direct the public as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance.


(a) All permits, certificates or decals issued by the parks department authorizing the use of a county park or any of its areas or facilities, and the fees, if any, for same shall be in accordance with schedules adopted from time to time by resolution
of the County Board of Supervisors.

(b) No person shall enter or use any county park or any of
its facilities without first paying the prescribed fee, if any,
to the parks department at an established point of entry or col-
lection and receiving an appropriate permit, certificate or decal.
No person shall, upon leaving a park, refuse to exhibit to the
parks department, upon its demand, any permit which has been
issued to him.

(c) No fee shall be refunded unless refunds have been author-
ized by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors.

(d) Annual permits shall be valid for the calendar year
in which issued, terminating on December 31 thereof, unless sooner
revoked for cause.

(e) Annual vehicle permits shall be affixed to the vehicle
windshield, and shall not be transferable to other vehicles
owned concurrently by the same or other owners.

(f) The following persons are exempt from the permit and
fee requirements of this section: officers, employees, agents
and contractors (and employees of the latter) of any governmental
entity, while engaged in the performance of their duties; conces-
sionaires of the county and their agents, employees, suppliers,
and contractors, while on the business of the concessionaire;
employees of public utilities while in the performance of their
duties; such other persons as may be designated by resolution of
the County Board of Supervisors.

Section 19-10. Permits - Revocation.

(a) The parks department is authorized to revoke any permit,
certificate, or decal which it has issued when (1) it was issued
unlawfully or erroneously, or (2) such department has reasonable
ground to believe that the person to whom it was issued has vio-
lated any provision of this ordinance or of state law, in which
latter case the department may also expel such person forthwith
from the park.

   (b) No person who has been ordered expelled from a county
park shall remain therein.

   (c) The parks department may, at its discretion, refuse to
admit to a county park any person who has previously been expelled
from a county park.

   (d) The parks department may take possession of any permit,
certificate, or decal which it has revoked, or which is fictitious,
and no person shall fail or refuse to surrender the same
to the parks department upon its demand therefor.

Section 19-11. Camping Regulations.

   (a) No person shall camp within a county park without a
valid, unexpired, unrevoked permit therefor. The parks depart-
ment may at any time revoke the camping permit of any person if
the campsite occupied by such person is not maintained by him in
a reasonably clean, sanitary and attractive manner.

   (b) No person shall camp within a county park except
within designated camping areas.

   (c) The holder of a camping permit shall affix it to his
campsite marker. No person shall move, mutilate or destroy any
campsite marker or permit without the prior consent of the parks
department.

   (d) Camping permits may be issued so as to expire after a
maximum of fourteen days; but may, at the discretion of the parks
department, be extended. All camping permits expire at 2 o'clock
p.m. on the expiration day.

   (e) No person shall, without the prior approval of the parks
department, park more than two motor vehicles, or one motor ve-
vehicle and one boat trailer, at any one campsite in a county park.

   (f) Quiet shall be observed in all camping areas of a county
park between the hours of 10 o'clock p.m. and 7 o'clock a.m.

   No person shall make any loud or boisterous noise of such a na-
ture as to disturb the repose of other persons, in such areas be-
ween said hours.

(g) No person under the age of 13 shall camp within a county
park unless accompanied by an adult.

Section 10-12. Boating Regulations.

(a) The parks department is authorized to establish and
designate such restricted boating areas and speed zones on any
lake in a county park as are reasonably necessary for the safety
of persons and property.

(b) The parks department is authorized to designate parts
of a lake in a county park for the exclusive use of such speci-
cific classes of boats and during such specific times as will, in
its judgment, best serve the interests of the boating public.

(c) No person shall, within a county park:

1. Operate a boat without a valid and unrevoked permit
to do so from the parks department;

2. Operate a boat within a prohibited area when such
area has been so designated by official parks department water-
way markers;

3. Operate a boat in violation of sailing patterns
and buoy markings posted or placed by the parks department.

4. Operate a boat at a speed greater than 5 miles per
hour within 200 feet of any boat landing dock, ramp, logboom,
or regular beaching area; or within 100 feet of any boat that is
not under way;

5. Operate or occupy any boat while afloat during hours
of darkness, without prior approval of the parks department;

6. Keep any boat on shore overnight, except in an
area designated by the parks department;

7. Leave a boat which is in his care, custody and
control unattended at a dock for a period of more than 15 min-
utes or at any other place while afloat for a period of more
than 8 hours without prior written approval of the parks department;

8. Launch any boat at any place other than a launching area designated by the parks department;

9. Land or beach any boat, except at docks, ramps, or other places designated by the parks department;

10. Operate any boat bilge pump except in an emergency;

11. Allow waste from boat washing to discharge into a lake or stream or onto any shore or bank thereof except at such places as may be designated by the parks department;

12. Engage in any boat race, regatta, tournament or exhibition, or operate a boat for hire, or engage in sales promotion activities of any kind, without first obtaining the consent of the parks department;

13. Allow any boat which is in his custody, care or control to be operated by any person who is not competent to do so safely.

(d) Any boat which has been left unattended contrary to a provision of this ordinance may be towed to a suitable storage area by the parks department, at the expense of the owner or other person responsible for such boat. The charges made by the parks department for such towing and storage shall be those established by resolution of the board of supervisors, and the county shall have a possessory special lien on such boat until such charges are paid. Such lien may be foreclosed in the manner provided by Section 3052 of the Civil Code.


Swimming will be allowed only in those areas designated by the parks department.


(a) No person shall, within a county park:

1. Drive a vehicle at a speed greater than 5 miles
per hour in a picnic area, campground, or parking lot, or at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour in any other area.

2. Drive a vehicle on other than established vehicular roads, trails or parking areas.

3. Drive a vehicle unless he then holds a valid driver's license issued to him by this or any other state of foreign jurisdiction of which he is a resident.

4. Drive a vehicle which has not been licensed by the motor vehicle licensing authority of this or any other state.

5. Park or leave unattended any vehicle or trailer in other than an area designated by the parks department for such parking.

6. Drive any vehicle in wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

7. Drive a two or three wheel vehicle which is not equipped with a factory approved spark arrester muffler.

8. Drive any vehicle which makes an excessive or unusual noise.

(b) The parks department is authorized to move or remove any vehicle or trailer which has been illegally parked in violation of this ordinance.

Section 19-15. Pets.

(a) The parks department will require park visitors with dogs to present a valid license or proof that the dog has valid rabies inoculation.

(b) The parks department may refuse to admit to any county park any person who possesses (1) a pet that appears dangerous; or (2) more than two pets per vehicle; or (3) a pet which, in the judgment of the parks department, is likely to disturb unreasonably other persons in such park.

(c) No person shall, within a county park:

1. Allow any dog or other pet in his custody to run
unrestrained or on a secure leash over seven feet long;

2. Allow any dog or other pet in his custody to molest or annoy any person;

3. Allow any dog or other pet in his custody to be and remain tied up and left unattended outside of a tent or trailer in a camp area or day use area during daylight hours;

4. Allow any dog or other pet in his custody to be and remain tied up at night outside of a tent or trailer in a camp area;

5. Abandon therein any animal in his custody.

Section 19-16. Firearms and Other Weapons.

No person shall, within a county park, use or discharge any firearm, pellet gun, bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot, or missile launching device, except:

(a) A peace officer on duty;

(b) A person other than a peace officer who is employed by or in the service of a governmental agency which authorizes him to carry or use any of said weapons or devices in the performance of his duty and who is on official duty.

Section 19-17. Miscellaneous Prohibited Acts.

No person shall, within a county park:

(a) Throw, dump or deposit upon the surface of the ground, except in container placed by the parks department, any trash, refuse, garbage, litter, or waste material;

(b) Throw, dump, or deposit into the waters of any lake or stream, or upon the shore or banks thereof, any trash, refuse, garbage, litter, waste material, petroleum produce, or any noisome, nauseous, or offensive matter of any kind;

(c) Throw or deposit any burning substance into or onto any combustible place or area, except into an authorized firepit or incinerator;

(d) Bring into such park any vehicle, trash, refuse, gar-
baze, litter or waste material for the purpose of leaving it

 therein;

(e) Build, kindle or use any cooking or similar fire,

except in a camping or picnicking area in a firepit, stove, in-
cinerator or other similar facility provided by, or approved
by, the parks department;

(f) Leave unattended any fire kindled by him;

(g) Smoke in any area thereof which the parks department

has determined to be a hazardous fire area, provided signs

are in place giving notice thereof;

(h) Hunt, kill, injure, or molest any animal or bird, or

allow any child or animal in his care and custody to do so;

(i) Possess or use any fireworks or other explosives;

(j) Operate any sound amplifying equipment, except in

acordance with the terms and conditions of a permit therefor
issued by the parks department;

(k) Land any aircraft on any water or land therein, except

in an emergency;

(l) Sell or advertise any produce or service, or carry on

any other commercial activity; or distribute any handbill, tract,
or other literature, without authorization by the county board
of supervisors;

(m) Make any oration, harangue, or other public demon-

stration without prior approval of the county board of super-
visors;

(n) Perform or participate in any political rally or meet-
ing, religious service or function, or any fund-raising activi-
ty, without prior approval of the county board of supervisors;

(o) Bring therein a horse, without first obtaining the

permission of the parks department;

(p) Allow any horse which he was permitted to bring into

the park by the parks department to be in any camping or picnic-
king area thereof, or in any part of such park outside of es-

tablished equestrian trails or designated equistrian areas;

(q) Cut, pick, mutilate, remove or destroy any vegetation,
or remove soil or rock or natural material except as authorized
by the parks department;

(r) Clean fish, except at such places as may be designated
thereof by the parks department;

(s) Use any fish bait that does not conform to the State De-
partment of Fish & Game rules and regulations.

(t) Enter any area thereof where signs have been erected
by the parks department forbidding such entry;

(u) Enter any fenced utility area or remove, destroy or
tamper with any valve, switch, or control of any telephone,
electrical, water or sewer line or system owned or operated by
any public entity or public utility;

(v) Commit any act of vandalism, including, but not limited
to, removing fixtures or equipment or destroying, painting,
marking or defacing any building, sign, fixture, or other equip-
ment;

(w) Engage in any riotous, boisterous, threatening, or
indecent language, or operate a radio or musical instrument in
such a manner as to disturb other persons;

(x) Willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order,
signal or direction of any authorized parks department employee,
or refuse to submit to any lawful inspection under this ordi-
nance.

ARTICLE III, Lake Solano Park.

Section 19-18 Boating on Lake Solano.

(a) The operation of power boats on Lake Solano shall be
prohibited, except those belonging to the county parks department,
or other governmental agencies which will be used for rescue main-
tenance operations.
(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any
boat on the waters of Putah Creek westerly of county road no. 293
at such time that:

1. The flow of the water on Monticello Dam exceeds the
rate of seven hundred fifty cubic feet per second; and

2. Control signs or devices prohibiting boating are
posted at Putah Creek fishing access area.

(c) The parks director shall cause control signs or devices
prohibiting boating to be posted at the Putah Creek fishing
access area at such times as the flow of water at Monticello
Dam exceeds the rate set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION II.

This Ordinance shall be published once before the
expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage in the
Vallejo Times-Herald, a newspaper of general circu-
lation, printed and published in the County of Solano, and
shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its
passage.

ATTEST:

NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk
and EX OFFICIO Clerk of
said Board of Supervisors.

WALLACE L. BRAZELTON, Chairman
of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Solano, State of
California.
I, NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said Board on the 21st day of November, 1972, by the following vote:

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SUPERVISORS

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SUPERVISORS

ABSENT

SUPERVISORS

WITNESS my hand and official Seal as such Clerk this 21st day of November, 1972.

NEIL CRAWFORD, County Clerk

By

Deputy Clerk