ORDINANCE NO. 4561

AN ORDINANCE OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 6 OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE CONCERNING COUNTY PARKS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura does ordain as follows:

1. Ordinance Number 4530 is hereby repealed and the subject matter therein is reenacted in Chapter 3 of Division 6 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3 – VENTURA COUNTY PARKS

ARTICLE 1 – APPLICABILITY AND AUTHORITY

Sec. 6301 – APPLICABILITY – This Chapter applies to all County Parks within Ventura County (except the Rincon Parkway, except as provided in Section 6309-7(a)), whether controlled exclusively by the County, or concurrently with other governmental entities. Other provisions of the Ventura County Ordinance Code otherwise applicable in County Parks shall not be affected by this Chapter.

Sec. 6301-1 – Acts Prohibited – Penalty – It is unlawful for any person within any County Park to do any of the acts hereinafter prohibited by this Chapter. Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter, any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor or infraction, whichever the case may be, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in accordance with Section 13-2 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code.

Sec. 6301-2 – Federal and State Activities – The provisions of this Chapter shall not be construed to apply to any activities of the Federal Government, the State of California, or any other public agency, or by any person acting under the direction, instruction, or authority of the Federal Government, State of California, or other public entity.

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

Sec. 6302 – Area, Limited To – The definitions set forth in this Article govern the interpretation of this Chapter and apply to all County Parks within the County of Ventura.

Sec. 6302-1 – County Parks mean any park, trail, community center, or recreation facility owned by, leased by, or under the control of the County, either exclusively or concurrently with another governmental entity or entities.

Sec. 6302-2 – Person means any individual, association, organization, partnership, corporation, or other entity, but it does not include any government entity.

Sec. 6302-3 – Board means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura.

Sec. 6302-4 – Director means that person appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the Director of the General Services Agency.

Sec. 6302-5 – Lease Operator means a person who operates a County Park or facility under a lease agreement and manages the park or facility within the rules and regulations of the Rent and Fee Schedule, lease and applicable laws.

Sec. 6302-6 – Animal means any creature, except a human being.

Sec. 6302-7 – Sound Amplification Device means any machinery, device, equipment, or amplifier of the human voice, music, or any other sound, including both stationary and mobile equipment. "Sound Amplification Device" does not include standard automobile audio or video systems when used and heard only by the occupants of the vehicle in which the audio or video system is installed, or audio or video system in a dwelling, warning devices on authorized emergency vehicles, or horns or other warning devices on other vehicles used only for traffic safety purposes. "Sound Amplification Device" does not include mobile or stationary sound amplifying or producing equipment used exclusively in connection with the exhibition of or participation in outdoor sports, such as baseball,

football, horse events, and soccer, at a location where such sport is taking place for the benefit of spectators and participants.

Sec. 6302-8 – Refuse means any animal, vegetable or mineral matter, such as swill, solid or liquid waste, sewage, cans, bottles, paper, wood, petroleum products, carcasses of dead animals, trash, and garbage.

Sec. 6302-9 – County means the County of Ventura.

Sec. 6302-10 – Permit means written consent, warrant, or license granted by the Director allowing specific functions in a Park facility.

Sec. 6302-11 – Picnic means an individual or group excursion or outing with food provided by the participants and eaten in the open.

Sec. 6302-12 – Camping is defined as the erecting of a tent or the placing of portable dwelling, recreation vehicle, or shelter, or the arranging of bedding in such a way as will permit sleeping and/or remaining overnight. Use of any parked or standing vehicle for the purpose of sleeping also constitutes "camping."

Sec. 6302-13 – Rent and Fee Schedule means the document approved by the Board of Supervisors setting Parks Department fees, permits, and licenses for all County Park facilities.

Sec. 6302-14 – Motorized Bicycles means any device defined in California Vehicle Code Section 406 (a).

Sec. 6302-15 – Electric Bicycle means any device defined in California Vehicle Code Section 312.5.

Sec. 6302-16 – Motor Vehicle means any device defined in California Vehicle Code Section 415.

Sec. 6302-17 – Alcoholic Beverage means and includes alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and every liquid or solid containing alcoholic spirits, wine or beer, and which contains one-half of one (1) percent or more of alcohol by volume, and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed or combined with other substances.

Sec. 6302-18 –Power-driven mobility device means any mobility device — whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities —_powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, including golf cars, electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), such as the Segway® PT, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair.

Sec. 6302-19 – Wheelchair means a manually operated or power driven device designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the main purpose of indoor or both indoor and outdoor locomotion.

Sec. 6302-20 – Park or Parking means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

Sec. 6302-21 – Memorial means any item or display left in memory of a person or animal.

Sec. 6302-22 – Gender - The use of masculine pronouns is intended to be gender-neutral and applies to the feminine use when applicable.

Sec. 6302-23 – "Shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive.

Sec. 6302-24 – Loud or Raucous Noise means any sounds from the use or operation of any device in such a manner that the volume or sound is unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing, or a nuisance to persons or domestic animals

ARTICLE 3 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Sec. 6303 – ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE – The Director is subject to the direction, authority, and control of the Board of Supervisors. He has full authority for the enforcement of all regulations affecting the facilities designated as County Parks by the Board. His powers and duties include but are not limited to the following:

(a) To promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the operation and administration of park facilities.

(b) To control the time of use for park facilities.

(c) To issue advanced reservations for park facilities.

(d) To collect Board approved fees and charges for use of park facilities, and deposit same with the County Treasurer.

(e) To issue the permits set forth in this Chapter.

Sec. 6303-1 – Delegation of Authority – Whenever a power is granted to, or a duty is imposed upon, the Director, that power may be exercised or the duty may be performed by an authorized representative designated by the Director, or by the Board of Supervisors unless provided otherwise herein.

Sec. 6303-2 – Public Officers – The Director and any persons designated by him as public officers are responsible for the enforcement in County Parks of the provisions of this Chapter and, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5380, for issuing citations for misdemeanors in violation of the laws of this state and of County ordinances when committed within a County Park and within the public officer's presence.

Sec. 6303-3 – Arrest Authority – The Director and those persons designated by him as public officers are authorized, pursuant to Penal Code 836.5, to arrest a person without a

warrant whenever they have reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a misdemeanor in their presence which constitutes a violation of those provisions of County ordinances and state laws which said public officers are authorized to enforce.

Sec. 6303-4 – Notice to Appear/Notice of Violation/Arrest Procedure – In any case in which a person is arrested pursuant to this Chapter, and the person arrested does not demand to be taken before a magistrate, the arresting officer shall prepare a written notice to appear and release the person on his promise to appear, as prescribed by Part 2, Title 3, Chapter 5C (commending with Section 853.6) of the California Penal Code. The provisions of that Chapter 5C shall thereafter apply to any proceeding based upon the issuance of a written notice to appear pursuant to this Chapter.

Sec. 6303-5 – Interference with a Public Officer or Employee

(a) No person shall intentionally obstruct or interfere in any manner with a public officer in the exercise of his duties arising out of this Chapter.

(b) Pursuant to Penal Code Section 71, every person who, with intent to cause, attempts to cause, or causes, any public officer or employee to do, or refrain from doing, any act in the performance of his duties, by means of a threat, directly communicated to such person, to inflict an unlawful injury upon any person or property, and it reasonably appears to the recipient of the threat that such threat could be carried out, is guilty of a public offense.

Sec. 6303-6 – Violation of Parking Regulations – Violation of the parking regulations set forth in this Chapter or established by the Director or his designee is unlawful and constitutes a civil offense. Every person in violation of any parking regulation set forth in this Chapter is subject to a fine. Vehicles parked in violation of the parking regulations set forth in this Chapter are subject to removal pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 22651, subdivision (n). The fines for parking violations are as follows:

(a) $75 fine for all parking violations in camping areas.

(b) $30 fine for all parking violations in non-camping areas.

Sec. 6303-7 – Violation of Park Regulations

(a) Violation of the park regulations set forth in this Chapter or established by the Director or his designee is unlawful, and every person in violation of any park regulation set forth in this Chapter is subject to a fine of $30 for each violation, unless another amount for a particular violation is otherwise provided.

(b) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, violation of any law or regulation subjects the violator to ejection from a County Park or the Park system. The Director in his discretion may also ban a person from a particular County Park, or facility, or from the Park system for repeated or egregious violations of this Chapter or for violating in a County Park or facility any other local or state laws.

(c) Appeals—Any appeal concerning any written order, requirement, permit, or determination made in the administration or enforcement of this Chapter must be in writing and filed with the Director within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the written order, requirement, permit, or determination.

Sec. 6303-8 – Disabled Persons Parking Citations – A disabled persons parking citation may be reduced to an administrative fee of $25, if within 21 calendar days the registered owner does all of the following:

(a) Provides proof of a disabled person placard, license plate or identification card that was issued by the DMV and that was valid on the date of violation.

(b) Pays a $25 administrative fee.

ARTICLE 4 – PERMITS

Sec. 6304 – PERMITS – Whenever a permit is required for the use of a County Park, it is unlawful for a person to use a County Park without first having obtained such a permit.

Sec. 6304-1 – Permit – Application, Contents – Whenever a permit to use a County Park is required by the provisions of this Chapter, an application shall be filed with the Director stating:

(a) The name and address of the applicant;

(b) The name and address of the person, group, organization, or corporation sponsoring the activity;

(c) The nature of the proposed activity;

(d) The dates, hours and park facility for which the permit is desired;

(e) An estimate of the number of participants; and

(f) Any other information, regarding public health, safety, and welfare, which the Director finds reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.

Sec. 6304-2 – Permit – Standards for Issuance – The Director shall issue a permit hereunder when he finds:

(a) That the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the public enjoyment of the park;

(b) That the proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of the public health, welfare, safety, or recreation;

(c) That all conditions, including, where applicable, the payment of fees, approval of the Board of Supervisors, and insurance coverage, are met;

(d) That the proposed activity or use is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct;

(e) That the proposed activity or use will not entail unusual, extraordinary, or burdensome expense or security operation by the Parks Department; and

(f) That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other purposes.

Sec. 6304-3 – Permit – Exhibition – Every person claiming to possess a permit must produce the permit upon request of any Parks Department employee or any public or peace officer.

ARTICLE 5 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

Sec. 6305 – PERSONAL CONDUCT – It is unlawful for persons using the County Parks to conduct themselves or to allow any person or animal for which they are responsible to

behave in such a manner so as to interfere with the use of County Parks, equipment and facilities by others.

Sec. 6305-1 – Entertainment – No person shall set up or maintain any exhibition, show, performance, concert, lecture, oration, place of amusement, or concert hall without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Director. Special patrols by County Park staff the Sheriff's Department, or both may be a condition of use for the above functions.

Sec. 6305-2 – Peace and Quiet

(a) No person shall disturb the peace and quiet of any County Park by engaging in riotous, boisterous, threatening or indecent conduct, or by using abusive, threatening, profane or indecent language;

(b) No person shall create, or cause to be created, within a County Park or facility, any condition or situation that:

(1) Is injurious to health;

(2) Is indecent, or offensive to the senses; or

(3) Produces Loud or Raucous Noise between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and the following 7:00 a.m.

Sec. 6305-3 – Sound Amplification Device Operations – No person shall operate any sound amplification device in such a manner that it will be audible at a distance in excess of 100 feet from the sound amplifying equipment, unless a "Sound Amplification Device Permit" is first obtained from the Director or Lease Operator. No person, in any instance, shall operate a sound amplification device in such a manner that the volume is unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing, or a nuisance to persons or domestic animals within any area of audibility. Pursuant to Section 6304, a permit for sound amplification devices shall be filed with the Director or Lease Operator. A general description of the sound amplification device which is to be used, the volume in decibels of the sound which will be produced and any other information which the Director or Lease Operator finds necessary will be required to make a fair determination as to whether a "Sound Amplification Device Permit" should be issued. The Director or Lease Operator shall issue

a "Sound Amplification Device Permit" when he finds that the operation of such a sound amplification device will not unreasonably disturb other users of the County Park or adjacent residences, even though the sound will be audible for a distance in excess of 100 feet. No Sound Amplification Device Permit may be issued for camping areas.

Sec. 6305-4 – Activities – No person shall play or engage in any game or activity in open areas in a County Park if it is determined by the Director that such activity is a hazard to the health, well-being, or property of other park patrons in the immediate area. No person shall play or engage in any game or activity in a County Park where signs are posted prohibiting such games or activity.

Sec. 6305-5 – Soliciting, Selling and Advertising

(a) No person shall practice, carry on, conduct, or solicit for any trade, occupation, business, or profession without first obtaining a written commercial permit from the Director.

(b) The Director shall charge a fee fixed by the Board to cover administrative costs of the issuance of such permits.

(c) Whenever a commercial permit is required by the provisions of this Chapter, an application shall be filed with the Director stating the name and address of the applicant, and the dates, hours, and park facility for which the permit is desired. The Director may issue commercial permits when the conduct of such trade, occupation, business, or profession is compatible with the normal County Park activities and uses, is convenient and beneficial to County Park patrons, and does not conflict with the business of established concessionaires. Commercial permits may be issued by the Director as stated in the Rent and Fee Schedule.

Sec. 6305-6 – Fees

(a) No person shall use any County facility without paying the appropriate use fees as required by the Board of Supervisors. Such use fees shall be paid to or collected by the appropriate County authorized representative, or placed into a vault or other official money receptacle for that purpose.

(b) No person shall use a County gate entrance pass not specifically assigned to that person.

(c) A person's payment of a use fee provides only that person, and those accompanying that person, to the personal right to use the County facility for the designated purpose, subject to this Chapter. This right is non-transferable, any attempt to transfer the right to another person is void, and no person may use a County facility on the basis that the right to do so was transferred from another person.

Sec. 6305-7 – County Park Hours – No person, except those having valid camping permits as provided in Article 9 of this Chapter, shall remain upon the grounds of a County Park or occupy the grounds of such County Park, or use any of the facilities or equipment therein, or permit any vehicle to remain therein, except during such periods as set by the Director and posted at the entrance. Hours may be extended by the Director and notice of those hours posted in the particular County Park facility affected.

Sec. 6305-8 – Park Closing

(a) A County Park or portion thereof may be closed when it has been determined by the Director or his designee that continued use of the park or portion thereof could create hazardous conditions detrimental to the health or safety of the public or cause an adverse physical impact on the County Park environment.

(b) Sections of a park may be closed during times of repair or cleaning of the facility.

(c) No person shall without permission from the Director or an authorized representative enter an area that has been closed to the public as indicated by the posting of signs or the erection of fences, gates, or other barriers.

(d) A park shall be closed when areas normally used for parking are filled.

(e) Conditions may warrant the closure of a park during inclement weather and wet grounds.

(f) Upon request of the Ventura County Fire Protection District, United States Forest Service, Office of Emergency Services or other governmental agency as

approved by the Director or his designee to use a park for a fire camp, staging area or other emergency purpose, the facility will be closed to the public for general use.

(g) Sections of a park may be closed because of the lack of use or for seasonal purposes.

Sec. 6305-9 – Regulatory and Warning Signs – Regulatory and Warning Signs placed by order of the Director, shall be displayed and adhered to for the safe use of park facilities.

Sec. 6305-10 – Handbills – It is unlawful for any person, either directly or indirectly, to deposit, place, post, throw, scatter, or cast any commercial handbill in or on any building, landscaping, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, equipment or appurtenance in a County owned or operated facility. "Handbill" includes any printed or written commercial advertising matter, any sample or device, dodger, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet, sheet music, or any other printed matter or literature.

Sec. 6305-11 – Use of Alcoholic Beverages – Alcoholic Beverages are permitted in County Parks only in those areas designated by the Director or otherwise authorized by written permit. Alcohol use is prohibited within 25 feet of playground equipment.

Sec. 6305-12 – Possession of Alcoholic Beverage by Persons Under 21 Years of Age – It is unlawful for any persons under the age of 21 years to possess any alcoholic beverage within the confines of a County Park.

Sec. 6305-13 – Regulations – Additional regulations established by the Director shall be clearly posted and shall be based upon the maintenance of sanitary and orderly conditions within the park area or facility and the preservation of the public health, safety, peace, welfare, and convenience in the use of such areas. A violation of such regulations may be cause for revocation of a permit for using an area or facility. The privilege of any person to be present in any facility under control of the Ventura County Parks Department is

hereby expressly conditioned upon compliance by that person with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sec. 6305-14 – Memorials – Memorials shall not be constructed on or placed in County Parks or right-of-ways covered by this ordinance. Memorials may be allowed if approved by the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE 6 – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sec. 6306 – It is unlawful for persons using County Parks to conduct themselves in a manner that will have a detrimental effect on public health and sanitation.

Sec. 6306-1 – Toilet Facilities – No person shall loiter about any toilet facility.

Sec. 6306-2 – Water Pollution – No person shall place any refuse or any soiled eating or cooking utensils, any clothing or other item, in any stream, lake, pond or at any hydrant for the purpose of cleaning the same. No person shall dispose of refuse of any type, including, but not limited to, any gray or black water or waste matter, as defined in Penal Code section 374, on the ground, in or near any body of water, or in any location which would tend to cause the pollution of any body of water.

Sec. 6306-3 – Rubbish

(a) No person shall remove any object(s) from trash receptacles without prior approval of the Director.

(b) No person shall dispose of any garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials, or rubbish of any kind other than at those locations specifically designed for the disposal of rubbish.

(c) No person shall use County refuse containers, other County refuse facilities, or County facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought as such, from private or commercial property.

(d) No person shall use County property for dumping of any material without the express written permission of the Director or the Director's designee.

Sec. 6306-4 – Washing or Repairing Cars – No person shall engage in washing, repairing, renovating, or painting any vehicle within a County Park, except emergency repairs immediately necessary to render such vehicle safe or operable.

Sec. 6306-5 – Animals – No stabling, keeping, pasturing or breeding of any animal is allowed in other than designated areas in a County Park without first obtaining written permission from the Director. Further:

(a) No person shall hitch a horse, or other animal, to any tree, shrub or structure in a manner that may cause damage to park property.

(b) No person shall ride, drive, lead, or keep a horse or other animals in any County Park, except on such roads, trails, or areas as the Director may designate and subject to such regulations as the Director may promulgate.

Sec. 6306-6 – Dogs

(a) No dogs are permitted in County Parks except in the following circumstances: (1) in areas designated by the Director and appropriately posted; (2) on trails, unless notice is posted prohibiting dogs on a particular trail; (3) in areas designed for overnight camping when the dog owner is in possession of a valid overnight camping permit; and (4) when the dog is a guide, signal or service dog. All such dogs must be kept tethered on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. The length of leash and tethered location shall not permit the dog to extend past the boundaries of the camping site.

Persons with disabilities may be accompanied by a "service dog" whenever such person visits a County Park if such dog is tethered pursuant to this section

(b) No person shall bring a dog into, permit a dog to enter or remain, or possess a dog in a County Park unless the person can present a valid license for the dog. Dogs under four (4) months of age are exempt from the license requirement.

(c) No person shall keep a dog or animal that is noisy, vicious, aggressive, dangerous, behaving in a threatening manner or disturbing to other persons in a

County Park after the owner has been requested by an appropriate County representative to remove the dog from the park.

(d) Maximum number of dogs allowed in a County Park per owner/campsite will be set by the Director.

(e) Dogs or other animals are not allowed to be left unattended in a County Park.

(f) Any person who has custody of, brings into, or allows to remain in a County Park or trail any dog is responsible when such dog defecates to promptly pickup and remove the feces and properly dispose of it in a waste container.

(g) Violations of posted rules at the Soule Park Dog Park will be subject to enforcement under Section 6303-7 – Violation of Park Regulations.

Sec. 6306-7 – Changing Clothes – No person shall change clothes or disrobe in any park except in authorized areas specifically designed for that purpose.

Sec. 6306-8 – Expandable Polystyrene Food Containers

(a) The use of expandable polystyrene food service products by vendors, franchisees, lessees, contractors or other commercial food and beverage purveyors is prohibited in County Parks. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, expandable polystyrene food containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, and cups that are not intended for reuse, on or in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged.

(b) The use or distribution of expandable polystyrene food service products at special events in County Parks that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the County is prohibited. This prohibition applies to the event organizers, agents of the event organizers, event vendors, and any other party (including non-profit organizations) who have an agreement with one or more of the co-sponsors of the event to sell goods or beverages at the event or otherwise provide an event-related service. The prohibition on the use of expandable polystyrene food service products will not be enforced upon individuals who are attending the function solely as a visitor or spectator. Written agreements with any vendor, including non-profit organizations, to sell food or beverage at an event that is

sponsored or co-sponsored by the County of Ventura, shall specifically prohibit the usage and distribution of expandable polystyrene food service products.

ARTICLE 7 – PUBLIC SAFETY

Sec. 6307 – SAFE CONDUCT – It is unlawful for persons using County Parks to conduct themselves or to allow any person or animal for which they are responsible to behave in a manner that is detrimental to public safety and good order.

Sec. 6307-1 – Vehicle Operation – No person shall drive any vehicle within the limits of a County Park in a manner other than that which is reasonable and safe, considering the traffic conditions and surface width of the roads. In no event shall a person drive any vehicle within the limits of a County Park at a speed greater than the posted speed limit; provided that these speed limits do not apply to state highways, county roads, and city roads.

(a) Legal Registration Required – No person shall drive, move, or leave standing within the County Park system any vehicle unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid as required by law and the registration tab is properly displayed.

(b) License – No person shall operate a motorized vehicle in a County Park without a valid driver's license in his possession.

(c) Designated Roads – No person shall ride or drive a bicycle, motorcycle, automobile, or any other vehicle other than on a designated road or on a trail designated for said vehicle.

(d) Obstruction – No person shall obstruct the free travel of pedestrians on any road, walkway, or avenue, or of any vehicle on automobile roads or trails designated for that purpose, except for park personnel servicing the area.

(e) Non-operational Vehicles – No person shall leave or park any motor vehicle that is not operational in a County Park.

(f) Parking – No person shall leave or park any vehicle on any driveway or at any other place in a County Park except at such a place or places as are designated as places for vehicular parking or camping. No vehicle shall remain parked

within a posted County Park beyond the posted hours. No person shall park a vehicle in an illegal manner or in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition.

(g) Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations are subject to removal.

Sec. 6307-2 – Horses – No person shall ride a horse within the limits of a County Park except on riding trails designated by the Director. The horse shall be ridden in a manner that is reasonable and safe. No person shall hitch any horse on any driveway or at any other place except at such place or places as are designated as places for hitching horses.

Sec. 6307-3 – Fires – No person shall ignite or kindle a fire in any location in a County Park except in areas designated by the County for fires.

(a) No person shall allow any lighted tobacco product, or any burning or combustible material that could set fire to grass, shrub, trees, building or any other combustible substance to be deposited any place except areas designated for disposal of burning or combustible materials.

(b) No person shall ignite or kindle a fire for cooking, including, but not limited to fires for barbecue grills, stoves, fire pits, and fire rings, except in areas designated for such use by the County.

(c) No person using a barbecue grill or stove shall permit such grill or stove to remain in an untidy or unsanitary condition, nor shall any such person fail to clear away all cooking and eating utensils and waste matter after use thereof. Any person who uses a barbecue grill or stove shall, when such use is completed, extinguish or cover the embers in such a manner to prevent them from being a hazard.

(d) The Director or his designee may prohibit fires in areas otherwise designated for fires if, in his sole discretion, public safety, weather conditions or other concerns necessitate such a temporary prohibition.

Sec. 6307-4 – Weapons

(a) No person shall possess, use, carry, fire, or discharge any firearms, air gun, slingshot, or archery device of any kind across, in, or into a County Park unless specifically authorized by the Director.

(b) No person shall use, carry, fire or discharge any firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, or other fireworks or explosives of any kind in a County Park.

Sec. 6307-5 – Children – No adult person having the care or custody of any child under the age of five (5) years shall permit that child to play unattended.

Sec. 6307-6 – Picnics – No person shall conduct a picnic at County Parks, except in those locations designated by the Director or an authorized representative.

Sec. 6307-7 – Skating, Skateboards – No person shall use roller skates or skateboards in County Parks, except in those areas designated by the Director.

(a) All users of a county skateboard park shall wear a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads.

(b) Persons using a skateboard park do so at their own risk, and the County is not liable for injuries to skateboard park users.

(c) A skateboard park or portion thereof may be closed or operating hours modified when it has been determined by the Director or his designee that continued use of the park or portion thereof could create hazardous conditions detrimental to the health or safety of the public or cause an adverse physical impact on the County Park environment.

(d) Sections of a skateboard park may be closed during times of repair or cleaning of the facility.

(e) No person shall enter an area which has been closed to the public as indicated by the posting of signs or the erection of fences, gates, and other barriers without permission from the Director or an authorized representative.

(f) The skateboard park may be closed during inclement weather, wet grounds and similar conditions.

Sec. 6307-8 – Trails and Paths

(a) No person shall operate an unauthorized motor vehicle on any County, hiking or horseback riding trail or bicycle path.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "unauthorized motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle or motorized bicycle, or electric bicycle other than the following: emergency vehicles operated by law enforcement, medical, or rescue personnel; County-approved maintenance and repair vehicles; class 1 and class 2 motorized bicycles on a bicycle path only; and any power-driven mobility device used by individuals with mobility disabilities.

(c) Inquiry into use of power-driven mobility device: A public officer may not ask an individual in a power-driven mobility device about the nature and extent of the individual's disability, but may ask an individual using a power-driven mobility device to provide a credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of the individual's disability. A "credible assurance" can be provided by a valid, State-issued disability placard or card; by other State-issued proof of disability; by a verbal representation, not contradicted by observable fact, that the device is being used for a mobility disability; or by any other method authorized under 28 C.F.R. § 35.137 (2011) or any other regulation issued by the federal government regarding power-driven mobility devices for a disabled person.

(d) A maximum of two dogs per person are allowed on County trails, unless notice is posted prohibiting dogs on a particular trail. All dogs on trails must be kept tethered on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length.

(e) A County Parks trail or portion thereof may be closed when it has been determined by the Director or his designee that continued use of the trail or portion thereof could create hazardous conditions detrimental to the health or safety of the public or cause an adverse physical impact on the trail environment.

(f) Sections of a trail may be closed during times of maintenance.

(g) No person shall enter an area which has been closed to the public as indicated by the posting of signs or the erection of fences, gates, and other barriers without permission from the Director or an authorized representative.

(h) The unlighted section of the Piru Trail will be closed from dusk to dawn.

(i) No person shall operate a bicycle, motorized bicycle, electric bicycle, or power-driven mobility device on a County trail or path unless the bicycle, motorized bicycle, or power-driven mobility device is equipped with a functional brake or functional brakes.

Sec. 6307-9 – Model Aircraft, Drones, and Remote Controlled Cars – No person shall operate any model aircraft or drone, in any County Park except those County Parks operated by a lessee. The Director may authorize a special use permit at his discretion to allow operation in a specific park within the parameters of Section 6305-4 – Activities. No person shall operate any remote-controlled car in any County Park in any manner that violates Section 6305-4 – Activities.

ARTICLE 8 – PRESERVATION OF COUNTY PARKS

Sec. 6308 – PARK PRESERVATION – It is unlawful for persons using County Parks to do so in a manner that will damage the man-made, natural, cultural or historic resources within the Park.

Sec. 6308-1 – Plants and Animals – No person shall dig, remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or cut any part of any tree, plant shrub, or flower growing in any County Park or remove, destroy or otherwise disturb any animal in a County Park. Hammocks are allowed, with verbal approval from County staff.

Sec. 6308-2 – Geological Features – No person shall destroy, disturb, deface, alter, or remove earth, rock, sand, gravel, oil, minerals or fossils, nor remove water from any source in a County Park in any amount exceeding one (1) gallon.

Sec. 6308-3 – Animals – No person shall trap, kill, wound, or mistreat any wild or domesticated animal.

Sec. 6308-4 – Historical and Archaeological – No person shall remove, destroy or otherwise disturb historical or archaeological materials in any County Park.

Sec. 6308-5 – Defacement Prohibited – No person shall in any way deface buildings, monuments, fences, walls, benches, trees, or other structures, apparatus, or property.

Sec. 6308-6 – Tampering – No person shall tamper with or damage County property of any kind (vehicles, equipment, or fixtures, etc.).

ARTICLE 9 – OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Sec. 6309 – CAMPING

(a) No person shall camp or lodge in any designated site or location within the limits of a County Park without first registering for the camping space by completing the appropriate registration card and paying the appropriate use fees.

(b) No person shall camp or otherwise park overnight in any space not designated for such use by the Director or an authorized representative. Camping is not permitted in a day use area without written permission from the Director.

(c) No person shall fail to clean and completely remove all camping equipment and other personal property from the site before departure.

(d) No person shall be allowed to camp or otherwise park overnight in a County facility when the camper's vehicle and/or trailer is not legally registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles or other state vehicle licensing entity.

(e) No person shall fail to comply with the requests of a public officer to place trailers or other camping equipment in an orderly manner.

(f) Campers shall keep their assigned camping space free of litter.

(g) Automobiles of day use patrons shall be parked in areas posted for day-use parking.

(h) Only those park patrons that have a valid camping permit are permitted to use the shower or laundry facilities.

(i) No person shall modify any campsite in any matter. Only portable ground cover may be placed in a campsite (e.g., grass rug or carpet).

(j) Only the person renting a camping space may park a recreational vehicle in the space. A third party who is not camping may not register a space for another person's use and may not transport and park a recreational vehicle in a space for another person's use. Violation can result in loss of fees, imposition of fines and/or banishment from use of the County Park system.

Sec. 6309-1 – Camp Fees - No person or persons shall camp on the grounds of a County Park without having paid the established fee. All fees must be paid in advance. The applicant for camping permit shall furnish to the public officer such information as the Director may prescribe on the camping permit registration card.

Sec. 6309-2 – Youth Camping – No person or persons under the age of 18 years shall be issued an overnight camping permit or be allowed to remain overnight unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or an adult with proof of prior permission from a parent or guardian.

Sec. 6309-3 – Camping Space – No person may trespass upon a camping space assigned to another or use facilities other than those designated for the specific use of the permittee or for the general use of campers.

(a) Recreational vehicles must back into sites and be able to leave with the flow of traffic.

(b) A camping space may contain no more than three items: For example, one recreational vehicle, one non-recreational vehicle, and one tent. Any vehicle or tent beyond this limit will be charged pursuant to the Rent and Fee Schedule.

All vehicles and equipment must fit within the site and must not encroach into the road or into another campsite.

Sec. 6309-4 – Erection of Structures – No person shall erect, construct or place within any County Park a structure without written permission to do so from the Director.

Sec. 6309-5 – Removal of Personal Property/Vehicles

(a) Personal property or equipment interfering with the safe or orderly management of any County Park or part thereof, may be removed and/or stored by an authorized representative at the owner's expense.

(b) Any vehicle left abandoned in any of the County facilities may be removed and stored by an authorized representative of the County at the owner's expense.

(c) Any personal property left in a County Park will be held for 90 calendar days before it is disposed of pursuant to Civil Code section 2080.6, Government Code section 25500 et seq., Administrative Policy Manual Chapter VII (b)-8, and the Purchasing Agent's Surplus Property Policy & Procedures Manual.

Sec. 6309-6 – Sanitation

(a) No person shall drain or dump refuse or waste, including, but not limited to, sewage, black water, or grey water from any trailer, recreational vehicle or other vehicle except in places designated for such or into a closed receptacle for such use. The use of an open bucket or container placed outside the vehicle or trailer for the purpose of retaining sewage, black water, or gray water is prohibited.

(b) No person shall connect a water hose from a ground faucet to a recreational vehicle unit-holding tank or fill the tank while in a County facility, with the exception of full hookup and partial hookup campsites as described in Section II.C. of the Rent and Fee Schedule.

(c) Users of the County Park system shall keep their assigned area free of litter. Equipment, supplies, and all other belongings must be kept neat and orderly at all times and must be completely removed from the area before departure.

Firewood or water bottles must be kept out of sight either under or in the user's unit. Dishes and utensils must be stored out of sight when not in use.

Sec. 6309-7 – Overnight Camping Limit

(a) County-Operated – Continuous camping in any County Park is limited to 14 consecutive days in the park. By the end (11:00 am) of the 14th day or after any length of stay, the camper must completely vacate the park (including the camper, any vehicle, and all camping equipment) and cannot re-occupy any County Park or Rincon Parkway except as expressly authorized by the Director as stated in the Rent and Fee Schedule. The Director or the Director's authorized representative shall designate the space(s) in which occupancy may be permitted. The Director may designate any such park for extended lengths of stay, not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days, during "off-season." The Director may authorize on a case-by-case basis an extension to these lengths of stay for persons directly affected by an emergency duly declared by the County. This section shall not apply to Park Hosts occupying sites under license agreements signed by the Director.

(b) Non-County-Managed – Continuous camping in any Non-County-Managed regional park is limited to one-hundred eighty (180) consecutive days. The County Parks system must be vacated completely (both campers and camping equipment) for a minimum of four (4) days after any length of stay before reoccupation is permitted. Maximum length of stay is one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days in a Non-County-Managed regional park per twelve (12) month period.

(c) The combination of camping in County-operated or Non-County-Managed regional parks is a maximum of one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days per twelve (12) month period. However, the maximum number of days may not exceed one hundred twenty (120) calendar days pursuant to subdivision (a) above in County-operated regional parks.

Sec. 6309-8 – Park Host Camping – For purposes of providing security, public relations, and minor maintenance functions at County Park facilities, the Director may enter into license agreements with certain individuals as Park Hosts. This activity is considered a specialized camping use and is not restricted by the overnight camping limit provided by Sec. 6309-7. Park Host camping shall be governed by a license agreement between the County and the designated Park Host consistent with the Park Host Program Policies and Procedures established by the General Services Agency.

2. This ordinance shall become operative thirty days from adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of March, 2020, by The following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Bennett, Parks, Huber Zaragoza, and Long

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

Kelly Long

CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: MICHAEL POWERS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Lou Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board