

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 12.60 RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH SIGNS

WHEREAS, the public’s enjoyment of City of Olympia parks is enhanced when all park users comply with posted signs that restrict access to or activity in park property; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no legal mechanism to enforce posted restrictions on access to or activity in park property and Parks, Arts and Recreation staff have identified a need to be able to enforce such restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that signs restricting access to or activity in park property will be clearly written and conspicuously posted, so that park users are clearly informed of restricted uses of park property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that Park, Arts and Recreation staff will utilize education and warnings as an initial method to enforce posted restrictions, but will have issuance of a civil infraction, along with trespass authority, available as a tools when necessary to enforce a violation or violations of posted restrictions on access to or activities in park property;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC 12.60.000. Olympia Municipal Code Section 12.60.000 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.60.000 Chapter Contents

Sections:

- 12.60.001 Enforcement.
- 12.60.010 Advertising signs and posters--Structures of any kind.
- 12.60.030 Regulations and Violations Relating to Pet Animals.
- 12.60.040 Feeding, Harassing, Injuring animals unlawful.
- 12.60.050 Fireworks Prohibited in City Parks.
- 12.60.060 Soliciting or peddling unlawful.
- 12.60.080 Sales unlawful without concession contract.
- 12.60.090 Groups or Assemblies - Reservations.
- 12.60.100 Bicycles--Horses--Motor vehicles in Designated Areas Only.
- 12.60.110 Camping or parking unlawful except where designated.
- 12.60.120 Ball games and other sports.
- 12.60.130 Smoking or Vaping Prohibited in City Parks and Trails.
- 12.60.160 Building fires permitted only in designated areas.
- 12.30.170 Compliance with posted signs
- 12.60.300 Violation--Penalty.

Section 2. Amendment of OMC 12.60. Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 12.60 is hereby amended to add a new section as follows:

12.60.170 Compliance with posted signs

Persons shall comply with all posted signs restricting access to or activities in park property and it is unlawful to fail to comply with a posted sign restricting access to or activities in park property. Failure to comply with a posted sign restricting access to or activities in park property is a civil infraction.

Section 3. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) after passage and publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: