

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Regulating)
the Use of Laurel Beach)
County Park) ORDER NO. 24-02

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1968, the State of Oregon acting by and through its Game Commission conveyed the property now known as Laurel Beach County Park to Columbia County; the deed to the property was recorded in Book 169, Page 659 of the Columbia County Deed Records; and

WHEREAS, the deed describes the property as consisting of a road and parking area, prohibits parking on the portion of the property designated as a road, requires perpetual free parking on the portion designated as a parking area, requires perpetual free access to Laurel Beach, and requires approval from the grantor of present or future development plans for the property; and

WHEREAS, the property was designated as a County Forest and/or Park and Recreation Area by order of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County dated October 21, 1970, with the name of "Laurelwood"; and

WHEREAS, plans were submitted and approved by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, successor to the Game Commission, for the construction of a gate and closing the Laurel Beach fishing access property each night; the approval was with the understanding that the gate would be closed each evening at dark and opened each day at daylight; and

WHEREAS, the property was defined as a County Park by Ordinance No. 89-6 with the name of "Laurel Beach County Park (also known as Laurelwood Park * * *)"; and

WHEREAS, parking was prohibited on "Laurel Beach Road" by Order No. 30-89 dated April 26, 1989; and

WHEREAS, parking, standing and stopping was prohibited after sunset and before sunrise at Laurel Beach Parking Lot by Order No. 75-89 dated June 7, 1989; and

WHEREAS, in the rules and regulations established for Laurel Beach County Park by Order No. 154-92 dated May 13, 1992, park hours were set at one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset; and

WHEREAS, the park hours established by Order No. 154-92 remained in effect until they were repealed by Order No. 99-99 dated December 15, 1999; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to clarify the rules regarding the use of the park;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Parking along Laurel Beach Road shall continue to be prohibited as required by the deed, as established by Order No. 30-89, pursuant to the authority of both Ordinance No. 89-4 and the Forest, Parks and Recreation Ordinance.

2. Order No. 75-89, prohibiting parking, standing and stopping after sunset and before sunrise at Laurel Beach Parking Lot, is repealed.

3. Parking, standing and stopping motor vehicles in Laurel Beach Parking Lot is prohibited after dark and before daylight.

4. Except for authorized persons, no person shall enter or remain in Laurel Beach Parking Lot after dark and before daylight.

5. The Public Works Director is authorized to close and lock the gate to Laurel Beach Parking Lot after dark and before daylight, and to delegate that authority to responsible employees or volunteers.

6. The following persons are authorized to enter and/or remain in Laurel Beach Parking Lot after dark and before daylight:

Any County Commissioner, the County Sheriff, and deputy sheriff while on duty, the Public Works Director, any authorized employee of the Columbia County Road or Parks Departments while on duty, and any other person specifically authorized by a County Commissioner, the County Sheriff, any deputy sheriff, or the Public Works Director, and emergency personnel while responding to an actual emergency.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: John K. Klyne
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