

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

An Ordinance Regulating
Access to the Courthouse
Dock

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ORDINANCE NO. 81- 5

WHEREAS, the courthouse dock was designed and built to serve small watercraft only; and

WHEREAS, vessels of a size greater than was intended to be accommodated have been tying up to the dock for private purposes; and

WHEREAS, use of the facility by these larger vessels routinely damages the dock; and

WHEREAS, the County lacks the resources to continually repair dock damage which results from usage for which the dock was never intended;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED that use of the courthouse dock located adjacent to the Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon, is limited to boats of twenty-six (26) feet in length or less. Use of the dock is defined as coming within five (5) feet of any portion of the structure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the Board of County Commissioners or its designee may grant exemptions to this ordinance for good cause shown on a form available from the County Sheriff.

PENALTIES. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as follows:

1. First Violation. Upon conviction in District Court of the owner of the vessel for a first violation of this ordinance the penalty shall be \$250.00.
2. Second Violation. Upon conviction in District Court of the owner of the vessel for a second violation of this ordinance the penalty shall be \$500.00.

3. Third and Subsequent Violations. Upon conviction in District Court of the owner of the vessel for a third violation, and for each violation thereafter, of this ordinance the penalty shall be \$1,000.00.

The penalties are in addition to any other civil remedy provided by law.

CITATION. Citations for a suspected violation of this ordinance shall be made in the name of the vessel and the owner thereof, according to the vessel markings.

EMERGENCY. This ordinance being immediately necessary to maintain the public welfare, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED this 24 day of June 1981.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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