

**PACIFIC COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH
ORDINANCE NO. 5
AN ORDINANCE WHICH PERTAINS TO SANITATION STANDARDS FOR
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND OTHER CAMPING**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted a law effective in 1995 which gives the Pacific County Board of Health jurisdiction in the entire County, including the incorporated cities of Raymond, South Bend, Ilwaco and Long Beach;

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of Health has been relying on Pacific County ordinances to enforce public health standards;

WHEREAS, Pacific County ordinances cannot be enforced in an incorporated city absent some type of agreement with the legislative authority of the city;

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of Health now has a legislative mandate to enforce public health rules in the incorporated areas of Pacific County;

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of Health has no explicit rules regulating sanitation standards for recreational vehicles and other camping;

WHEREAS, the Pacific County Board of Health needs to enact special legislation pertaining to sanitation standards for recreational vehicles and other camping in order to allow County public health rules to be enforced in the incorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the lack of an efficient regulatory framework to enforce sanitation standards for recreational vehicles and other camping in the incorporated areas of the County constitutes an emergency under WAC 197-11-880 and necessitates the immediate implementation of this legislation; now, therefore,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70.05 RCW, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PACIFIC COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT PACIFIC COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE NO. 5 IS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose and intent of these regulations to prevent the potential or actual occurrence of unsanitary conditions, public

health and safety hazards and degradation or deterioration of the environment by controlling the location and requiring sanitary provisions for recreational vehicles and other camping.

Section 2. AUTHORIZED AREAS

The following are authorized areas for the occupancy of a recreational vehicle or for other camping:

(1) General

No recreation vehicle shall be occupied nor other camping take place except in authorized areas.

(2) Authorized Areas

The following are authorized areas for the occupancy of a recreational vehicle or for other camping:

A. Private Lot:

A private lot is authorized for occupancy of two recreational vehicles or other camping when the lot has sanitary facilities approved by the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s).

B. Temporary Approved Park:

The occupancy of three or more recreational vehicles, or camping on the same parcel of property, requires payment of the appropriate fee and the issuance of a special permit, which shall be valid for a period of time, not to exceed 7 days. The local Health Officer or his or her designee(s) must determine that adequate sanitary facilities are available on the site to effectively prevent the occurrence of public health hazards and unsanitary conditions.

C. Private Lot - As Guest:

Two recreational vehicles or other camping is authorized on a private lot as a guest where a permanent dwelling is located, provided that the home has an approved sewage disposal system, the guest utilizes the sanitary facilities in the home, and the period is of temporary duration for not more than four weeks of continued use.

D. Licensed Park:

- 1. The occupancy of recreational vehicles and other camping as authorized in a licensed park.**
- 2. The occupancy of three or more recreational vehicles or camping on the same parcel of property is only authorized in a licensed park.**

E. Remote Area

The occupancy of recreational vehicles and camping is authorized in remote areas; i.e., the occupancy is located at least one (1) mile from a public highway or a permanent dwelling, the density is not greater than three (3) recreational vehicles or camping sites per acre, and the use does not exceed fourteen (14) days.

Section 3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSED PARK

(1) Location, Space and General Layout

A. General Requirements:

Conditions of the soil, ground water level, drainage, and topography shall not create hazards to the property or the health or safety of the occupants. The site shall be free of objectionable smoke, noise, odors or other adverse influences and shall not be used for any purpose which would expose persons or property to hazards. Recreational vehicle or camping spaces shall be arranged in such a manner that there will be a minimum of eight (8) feet between recreational vehicles or other camping vehicles, and so that each recreational vehicle or other camping vehicle will be at least five (5) feet from any road, public walkway, or the exterior boundary of the property.

B. Soil and Ground Cover Requirements:

Exposed ground surface in all parts of every parking area shall be paved, or covered with stone screenings, or other solid material, or protected with a vegetative growth that is capable of preventing soil erosion and of eliminating objectionable dust.

C. Density Requirement:

The density shall not exceed 20 trailer spaces per acre of gross site area except that the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s), under special circumstances, may permit a higher density provided that all other environmental, open space, and access requirements are followed. Any person desiring a higher density shall make application for such exemption to the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s) and specify the reasons for the exemption. If a higher density is permitted, the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s) shall issue a special license specifying the location of the parking

area, the expiration date of the license, and the conditions of issuance.

(2) Service Buildings

- A. A central service building(s) containing the necessary toilet and other plumbing fixtures specified shall be provided in recreational vehicle parking and camping areas. Service buildings shall be conveniently located within a radius of 300 feet of all spaces served.**

Service buildings shall be well lighted, ventilated with screened openings, and constructed of material permitting satisfactory cleaning. Floors in service buildings shall be constructed of water impervious material, well pitched to a floor drain or stall urinal. They shall be free from cracks or uneven surfaces that interfere with proper cleaning. Toilet partitions shall be raised 12 inches from the floor and shall be so constructed as to be easily cleanable. All service buildings and sanitary facilities shall be kept in good repair.

B. Structural Requirements for buildings:

All rooms containing sanitary or laundry facilities shall: Have sound resistant walls extending to the ceiling between male and female sanitary facilities. Walls and partitions around showers, bathtubs, lavatories and other plumbing fixtures shall be constructed of dense, nonabsorbent, waterproof material or covered with moisture resistant material, have at least one (1) window which can be easily opened or a mechanical device which will adequately ventilate the room and toilets shall be located in separate compartments, equipped with self-closing doors. The shower stalls shall be of individual type. The rooms shall be screened to prevent direct view of the interior when the exterior doors are open. Hot and cold water shall be furnished to every lavatory, sink, bathtub, shower, and laundry fixture, and cold water shall be furnished to every water closet and urinal.

(3) Minimum Sanitary Facilities Required per Dependent Space

**Table 5.3.(3).1
Minimum Sanitary Facilities required Per Dependent Space**

No. of Parking /Camping Spaces	Toilets		Urinals	Lavatories		Showers		Other Fixture not.req.
	Men	Women	Men	Men	Women	Men	Women	
1- 15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Ldy.Tray
16- 30	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	Clothes
31- 45	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	washing
46- 60	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	machines
61- 80	3	4	2	4	4	2	2	Ice
81-100	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	machines

- A. For parking or camping areas having more than 100 spaces, there should be provided: One(1) additional toilet and lavatory for each sex per each additional thirty (30) spaces; One (1) additional shower for each sex per each additional forty (40) spaces; and two (2) additional men's urinals per each additional 100 spaces.
- B. The minimum sanitary facilities per independent space shall be one-half (or fraction thereof) those required for dependent spaces. In no case shall there be less than the minimum required for 1-15 dependent spaces.

(4) Water Supply

- A. General Requirements:
An accessible, adequate, safe, and potable supply of water shall be provided in each recreational vehicle parking/camping area.
- B. All water supplies shall conform with Chapter 246-290 WAC and Chapter 246-291 WAC pertaining to public water supplies.
- C. Potable water shall be available within 150 feet of every camping or recreational vehicle space. Overflow from faucets shall empty into a drain connected to a disposal system or sump approved by the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s).
- D. Watering Stations:
Each travel trailer parking area shall be provided with one or more easily accessible water supply outlets for filling trailer water storage tanks. Such water supply

outlets shall consist of at least a water hydrant and the necessary appurtenances and shall be protected against the hazards of backflow and back siphonage.

E. Individual Water Connections:

If facilities for individual water service connections are provided, the following requirements shall apply:

1. Riser pipes provided for individual water service connections shall be so located and constructed that they will not be damaged by the parking of travel trailers.
2. Water riser pipes shall extend at least 4" above ground elevation. The pipe size shall be 1/2 inch or larger. If less than 3/4 inch, then the pipe shall be structurally supported.
3. Adequate provisions shall be made to prevent freezing of service lines, valves, and riser pipes.
4. Valves shall be provided near the outlet of each water service connection. They shall be turned off and the outlets capped or plugged when not in use.

(5) Sewage Disposal

A. General Requirements:

An adequate and safe sewerage system shall be provided in all recreational vehicle parking and camping areas for conveying and disposing of all sewage. Such system shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with state and local laws. All liquid wastes from service buildings and camping vehicles, including sink wastes and recreational vehicle retention tanks shall be discharged into a public sewer or private sewage disposal system approved by the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s).

B. Sanitary or Dumping Station:

1. A sanitary station shall be provided consisting of at least: a trapped 4" sewer riser pipe, connected to the travel trailer parking area sewerage system, surrounded at the inlet end by a concrete apron sloped to the drain and provided with a suitable hinged cover; and a water outlet, with the necessary appurtenances, connected to the parking area water supply system to permit periodic washdown of the immediate adjacent areas.

2. Each recreational vehicle parking or camping area shall be provided with sanitary stations in the ratio of one for every 100 trailer spaces or fractional part thereof.
3. Sanitary stations shall be screened from other activities by visual barriers such as fences, walls, or natural growth and shall be separated from any trailer space.
4. Back syphonage devices shall be provided where necessary.
5. Sanitary dumping stations shall be optional, but highly recommended for parks existing at time of adoption of these rules and regulations.

C. Sewer Lines:

All sewer lines shall be located in trenches of sufficient depth to be free of breakage from traffic or other movements and shall be separated from the water supply system at a safe distance. Sewers shall be at a grade which will insure a velocity of two feet per second when flowing full. All sewer lines shall be constructed of materials approved by the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s), shall be adequately vented, and shall have water-tight joints.

D. Individual Sewer Connections:

If facilities for individual sewer connections are provided, the following requirements shall apply:

1. The sewer riser pipe shall have at least a 4" diameter, and shall be so located on the recreational vehicle parking/camping space that the sewer connection to the trailer drain outlet will approximate a vertical position.
2. The sewer connection shall have a nominal inside diameter of at least 3", and the slope of any portion thereof shall be at least 1/4" per foot. The sewer connection shall consist of one pipe only without any branch fittings.
All joints and connections shall be water tight.
3. All materials used for sewer connections shall be corrosive resistant, nonabsorbent and durable. The inner surface shall be smooth.
4. Provision shall be made for plugging the sewer riser pipe when a trailer does not occupy the space. Surface drainage shall be diverted away from the river.

- E. A service sink or waste water disposal facility shall be provided within 150 feet of every dependent space. The facility design must have approval of the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s).**
- F. A catch cleaning facility shall be provided for recreational vehicles.**

(6) Refuse Handling

- A. The storage, collection, and disposal of refuse in a recreational vehicle parking/camping area shall be so conducted as to create no health hazards, rodent harborage, insect breeding areas, accident or fire hazards, or air pollution.**
- B. All refuse shall be stored in flytight, watertight, rodent-proof containers, which shall be located not more than 150 feet from any space. Containers shall be provided in sufficient number and capacity to properly store all refuse.**
- C. Refuse collection stands shall be provided for all refuse containers. Such container stands shall be so designed as to prevent containers from being tipped, to minimize spillage and container deterioration and facilitate cleaning around them.**

(7) Insect and Rodent Control

- A. Grounds, buildings and structures shall be maintained free of insect and rodent harborage and infestation. Extermination methods and other measures to control insects and rodents shall conform to the rules and regulations enforced by the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s).**
- B. Parking or camping areas shall be maintained free of accumulations of debris.**
- C. Storage areas shall be so maintained as to prevent rodent harborage; lumber, pipe and other building material shall be stored at least one foot above the ground.**

- D. Where the potential for insect and rodent infestation exists, all exterior openings in or beneath any structure shall be appropriately screened with wire mesh or other suitable materials.
- E. The growth of brush, weeds and grass shall be controlled to prevent harborage of ticks, chiggers and other noxious insects. Parking and camping areas shall be so maintained as to prevent the growth of ragweed, poison ivy, poison sumac, and other noxious weeds considered detrimental to health.

(8) Miscellaneous Requirements

A. Supervision:

The person to whom a license is issued shall at all times operate the recreational vehicle and/or camping area in compliance with these rules and regulations and shall provide adequate supervision to maintain the area, its facilities, and equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

B. Reporting Communicable Diseases:

Every owner, operator, attendant or other person operating a recreational vehicle parking area shall notify the Health Officer immediately of any suspected communicable or contagious disease within the recreational vehicle parking area. In the case of disease diagnosed by a physician as quarantinable, the departure of a trailer or its occupants or the removal therefrom of clothing or other articles which have been exposed to infection without approval of the local Health Officer or his or her designee(s) is prohibited.

Section 4. PERMITS

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, alter, or extend any recreational vehicle parking/camping area within the limits of Pacific County, unless he or she holds a valid permit issued by the Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s) in the name of such person for the specific construction, alteration, or extension proposed.

- (2) All applications for permits shall be made to the Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s) and shall contain the following:
- A. Name and address of applicant.
 - B. Interest of the applicant in the travel trailer parking area.
 - C. Location and legal description of the travel trailer parking area.
 - D. Complete engineering plans and specifications of the proposed parking/camping area showing:
 - 1. The area and dimension of the tract of land;
 - 2. The number, location, and size of all recreational vehicles or camping spaces;
 - 3. The location of service buildings, sanitary stations and any other proposed structures;
 - 4. The location of water and sewer lines and riser pipes;
 - 5. Plans and specifications of the water supply and refuse and sewage disposal facilities;
 - 6. Plans and specifications of all buildings constructed or to be constructed within the recreational vehicle or camping area;
 - 7. Elevation of the land contour at 10 foot contour intervals;
 - 8. Water table elevations.
- (3) All permit applications shall be accompanied by a fee which shall be set by resolution of the Pacific County Board of Health.
- (4) When, upon review of the application, the Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s) is satisfied that the proposed plan meets the requirements of this Ordinance, a permit shall be issued.

Section 5. LICENSES

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any recreational vehicle parking/camping area within Pacific County unless he or she holds a valid license for the specific recreational vehicle parking/camping area. This license must be renewed annually. All applications for licenses

shall be made to the Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s), who shall issue a license upon compliance by the applicant with provisions of this Ordinance and of other applicable legal requirements. All licenses shall expire on December 31st of each year.

(2) Every person holding a license shall give notice in writing to the Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s) within seven (7) days after having sold, transferred, given away, or otherwise disposed of interest in or control of any trailer parking area. Such notice shall include the name and address of the person succeeding to the ownership or control of such travel trailer parking area. Upon application in writing for transfer of the license and deposit of a fee as set by resolution of the Pacific County Board of Health, the license shall be transferred if the recreational vehicle parking/camping area is in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Ordinance.

(3) License Application:

A. Application for original licenses shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, accompanied by the appropriate fee, and shall contain: the name and address of the applicant; the location and legal description of the travel trailer parking area, and a site plan of the travel trailer parking area showing all trailer spaces, structures, roads, walkways, sanitary stations, and other service facilities.

B. Applications for renewals of licenses shall be made in writing by the holders of the licenses, shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee, and shall contain any change in the information submitted since the original license was issued or the latest renewal granted. A renewal application shall not be processed unless the renewal application and renewal fee are received by the Pacific County Department of Community Development prior to the expiration of a valid license.

(4) The fees for licenses to operate a recreational vehicle parking/camping area shall be set by resolution of the Pacific County Board of Health.

Section 6. INSPECTIONS

- (1) The Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s) is hereby authorized and directed to make such inspections as are necessary to determine satisfactory compliance with this Ordinance.**
- (2) The Director of the Pacific County Department of Community Development or his or her designee(s) shall have the power to enter at reasonable times upon any private or public property for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the enforcement of this Ordinance.**

Section 7 VIOLATIONS AND APPEALS

- 7.1 A person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance or who fails to comply with any of its requirements shall be subject to the procedures and sanctions as set forth in Pacific County Board of Health Ordinance No. 1 or any amendments thereto.**
- 7.2 In addition to the civil penalty provisions provided in Pacific County Board of Health Ordinance No. 1 or any amendments thereto, any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and each day or portion thereof during which a violation is committed, continued, or not permitted shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty for each violation is a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. The principles of liability contained in Chapter 9A.08 RCW including, but not limited to, liability for conduct of another, shall apply to the enforcement of this Ordinance as shall all judicial interpretations thereof.**
- 7.3 When a court determines that a person has committed a civil infraction under this Ordinance and Pacific County Board of Health Ordinance No. 1 or any amendments thereto, the Pacific County Board of Health may collect penalties, assessments, costs, and/or fines by any procedure established for the collection of debts that are owed to the Pacific County Board of Health.**
- 7.4 Any disposition of a violation pursuant to this Ordinance and Pacific County Board of Health Ordinance No. 1 or any amendments thereto shall not absolve a person from correcting or abating a violation and shall not prevent the prosecuting**

authority from pursuing criminal prosecution, other civil action including, but not limited to, injunctive relief, license revocation, and abatement, or all of the above. If the Pacific County Board of Health prevails in a separate civil action, the Court may award the Pacific County Board of Health reasonable costs including, but not limited to, the costs of the responsible officials' time, witness fees, attorney fees, court costs, and the costs to the County of abatement or of enforcement of an injunction, or both.

- 7.5 Any or all of the remedies articulated in Subsections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.4 may be used by the Pacific County Board of Health to enforce this Ordinance. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall prevent the Pacific County Board of Health, by and through the prosecuting authority, from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.
- 7.6 A final administrative decision regarding an application for a permit or license issued under this Ordinance may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the Pacific County Board of Health if (1) a written appeal is filed with the Pacific County Board of Health within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the decision and (2) any applicable filing fee is paid. For any appeal that the Pacific County Board of Health is authorized to hear, the Board may waive any filing fee on a case-by-case basis.

The Pacific County Board of Health shall hear appeals of decisions in a de novo hearing. The hearing shall be held within ninety (90) days of the filing of the notice of appeal, unless the applicant and the County agree to an extension. Notice of an appeal hearing shall be mailed to parties entitled to notice of decision, but shall not be posted or published. After the Pacific County Board of Health makes a final decision, an aggrieved party can appeal the decision by filing an appeal in Superior Court within twenty (20) days of the decision. A day shall be defined according to the Superior Court rules. The Clerk of the Board shall mail written notice to the parties who appeared before the Board or submitted written comments regarding the appeal. The notice shall consist of the Board's decision and shall include a statement that the decision can be appealed to Superior Court within twenty (20) days and, where applicable, shall comply with the official notice provisions of RCW 43.21C.075.

Section 8 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect as of October 8, 1996.

PASSED BY THE PACIFIC COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH meeting in regular session at South Bend, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 8th day of October, 1996.