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POLICY NAME: Short Term Boat Launch and Moorage Rules

Policy Category: Security

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Introduction

The City of Portland wishes to maintain consistent enforcement of trespass laws, the Portland City Code, Park rules, and any relevant local, state or federal statutes and/or regulations along the entire range of property over which the City exercises jurisdiction. Access to and security on and around Municipal Boat Landings is of particular concern. Additionally, several boat docks are neither designated for, nor designed for long term moorage. Rather they are primarily for river access and boat launching/retrieval, and need to be maintained for this purpose. PP&R security office recommends additional rules needed to better address and enforce this primary purpose at the Willamette Park, Sellwood Riverfront Park, Cathedral and Swan Island boat docks.

Policy Statement

PP&R wishes to enhance its administrative policy with rules needed to address security concerns and appropriate uses for various docks and boat launches. The rules below have been developed by a number of stakeholders including Park’s security office, operations staff who manage the facility, and boaters.

New Dock Rules

The following rules are adopted (with Park Hours reflecting specific hours at each given Park):

1. Dock and boat ramp facilities follow Park Hours (5:00 am – midnight at Cathedral Park, Sellwood Riverfront Park and Swan Island) (Willamette Park closes at 10:00 pm)
2. No overnight moorage is allowed.
3. Boat ramps are for active loading / unloading only. Part of the wings off the main ramps may also be designated for loading / unloading only.
4. Maximum moorage time allowed on the wings of docks is 1 (one) hour / day (where not designated for loading / unloading only). (Willamette and Cathedral only.)

5. Maximum moorage time allowed for Sellwood Riverfront Park dock is 2 (two) hours / day.
6. Craft must be moored as close as possible to other, already moored watercraft.
7. Uses other than those posted as allowed at the dock, may require additional permitting from PP&R.
8. PP&R may close any dock at any time without notice.
9. No unattended vehicles or trailers are allowed in areas designated for active loading of boats into or out of the river.

Additionally – the following are Conditions of Use for the docks:

1. No Services: All watercraft must be self-contained. No garbage, electricity, or waste water services are provided on site.
2. Remove Garbage: Dock users are responsible for the removal of all garbage, litter and debris from the park. Trash cans near docks are NOT for general boat garbage, debris or litter.
3. No Open Flames: Open flames, live coals, or devices containing or using them or combustible materials, including but not limited to barbecues, hibachis, stoves and heaters, are not permitted on PP&R marine facilities.
4. Debris Clearing: PP&R staff need access to remove debris that floats down river and gets caught up in the dock. Dock users must comply with PP&R staff requests to relocate or move on from the docks to facilitate debris clearing.
5. Registration: Valid boat registration is required for use of the dock. Boats that are exempted from registration by the State of Oregon are exempted from the registration requirement of this rule.
6. Items on Dock: Items may not be stored on the dock when not in use. This includes, but is not limited to chairs, coolers, and bicycles.
7. Erecting Structures: All Structures including canopies and picnic tables are not allowed on the dock.
8. Motorized Equipment: All motorized equipment including generators, scooters, and motorcycles are not allowed on the dock.
9. Alcohol: Alcohol not allowed on docks or in parks.
10. Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on docks or in parks.

Related Policies, Procedures & Forms

PCC 19.60.060.I

Additional Comments

See attached proposed sign for each park, as implementation measure for this new rule.