

Boat Ramp Final Hearing Testimony

Suggested addendum to Stark sign

External

Inbox



Jennifer Crock

Wed, Nov 9,
3:09 PM

to me

- Tables, fires, or cooking on the ramp are not permitted

Should include eating and picnicking as not permitted

- Smoking, vaping, alcohol, or fireworks are not permitted

Should include in addition to fireworks, smoke generating devices and noise generating devices, such as firecrackers, screamers and whistlers. ... or some catch-all as "all types of fireworks"

People looking to cause trouble always look for something that is not specifically mentioned, arguing that if not specifically prohibited, it is by exclusion, permitted.

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Doug McLean # 1: Boat Ramp Sign Revision



CITY OF RIVERGROVE

Stark Community Boat Ramp Operating Hours

Summer May 1 - October 31 8 AM - 9 PM

Winter November 1 - April 31 8 AM - 8 PM

**Please return to the ramp by closing. Gates will close on time.
Gates will remain open during operating hours.**

Welcome to the boat ramp! To make your visit more enjoyable and safe, please observe the following:

- ◆ Please be respectful of the residential surroundings by not creating loud noises, using portable speakers, and removing your trash and debris.
- ◆ This compact ramp is best for small vessels, such as kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards. Large boats and trailers must use caution due to the ramp size and the abrupt end-of-ramp drop-off. Damage to trailers are the responsibility of the owner.
- ◆ Be courteous, and please have only one group at a time launch or retrieve watercraft from the ramp. All other ramp uses, such as swimming, fishing, wading, etc. should promptly give way to those launching and retrieving watercraft.
- ◆ Be aware that there is **NO** Lifeguard on duty. Please use lifejackets or flotation devices.
- ◆ Be aware of water temperature and velocity.
- ◆ Please adhere to the following safety regulations:
 - Do not park on the ramp or on yellow street curbs
 - Do not block traffic, boat ramp entrance, mailboxes, or driveways
 - Please no tables, fires, or cooking on the ramp
 - Smoking, vaping, alcohol, or fireworks are not permitted



Tualatin Riverkeepers is a community-based organization that protects and restores the Tualatin River watershed. Please scan the QR Code for more information on their activities, events and other Tualatin River Access Points.

Thank you for helping keep our Stark Community Boat Ramp a safe and enjoyable area!

Doug McLean #2: Ordinance Suggestions

ORDINANCE 90-2022

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERGROVE REGULATING
ACTIVITY AT THE RIVERGROVE CITY PARK AND RIVER ACCESS**

WHEREAS, the City is the owner and manager of the Lloyd Minor Park (the “Park”) with **adjoining** access to the Tualatin River **known as** at the Stark Community Boat Ramp (the “River Access”); and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that use of the Park and River Access can have impacts on **surrounding** neighbors, **including those on adjoining Avenues**, and City resources; and

WHEREAS, the City repeals Ordinance 80-2011 that currently defines hours of operation and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt regulations to control the operation ~~and use~~ of the River Access, to protect the City’s property, ~~the neighbors of the Park~~ **City of Rivergrove residents** and to establish ~~control~~ **hours and activities relating to the entrance** access to the Tualatin River,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF RIVERGROVE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City hereby adopts the regulations ~~to control~~ **for** the use of the River Access as set forth in the language of the sign attached ~~to this~~ **pertaining to this** Ordinance as ~~Exhibit~~ Attachment A.

Section 2. The City directs City staff to have a sign **no larger than 12” horizontal by 16” vertical** with the language from **Attachment** ~~Exhibit~~ A. created and posted at the River Access **entrance** to the Tualatin River.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Rivergrove City Council at or shortly after 7:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022, via Zoom will meet and consider adopting ~~an~~ **this ordinance, with final adoption only after a Second Hearing to be conducted no sooner than the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, and subsequently** regulating the ~~use~~ **activities relating to use of** the Stark Community Boat Ramp. ~~The~~ **This will allow for the** City Council’s decision ~~will to then~~ be based on what is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Rivergrove. The Council will take public testimony on this matter and

testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per person. **Anyone wishing to provide testimony will not be required to register prior to the meeting.**

Type IV Public Hearing was held before the Rivergrove City Council on November 14, 2022.

Ordinance 90-2022 was adopted by the City Council on

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Mayor Walter Williams

City Manager/Recorder Heather Kibbey

Mary Lou Vanslavie

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From: mlvanslavie@frontier.com <mlvanslavie@frontier.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 1:44 PM

Subject: Boat Ramp Signage Hearing

To: manager@cityofrivergrove.com <manager@cityofrivergrove.com>

I am in support of Ordinance 90-2022 and signage at the Stark Community Boat Ramp. I strongly recommend the following language be included.

1. LOADING AND UNLOADING KAYAKS, SUP BOARDS, CANOES AND FLOTATION DEVICES INTO THE STREET IS PROHIBITED. This practice by visitors occurs frequently throughout the day, impeding traffic flow.

2. NO VEHICLE SHALL BE PARKED WITHIN 12 FEET OF ANY MAILBOX (Clackamas County Title 7 Vehicles and Traffic).

3. FISHING IS PROHIBITED. The Marine Board was very clear this summer in its recommendation of not allowing fishing in an area where kayaks, SUP's, canoes and swimming happens. This is extremely unsafe to those who may not be wearing shoes. Fishhooks left by fishermen on the ramp is unsafe. I have also witnessed fishermen who will not move to allow safe access to the river by others. The attitude is they were there first, creating a hostile situation!

* I would like to know why certain members of City Council ignored this safety recommendation by the Marine Board!

4. REINSTATE SIGNAGE THAT REQUIRES THE GATE TO BE CLOSED UPON ENTERING AND EXITING. I cannot believe how three City Councilors voted for this safety measure to be eliminated, after several years of being in place. This safety measure was implemented to protect children from inadvertently heading down to the river and was also recommended by the City of Rivergrove's insurance.

DROWNING is the leading cause of death in US Children ages 1-4 (American Academy of Pediatrics; CDCWISQARS). Closed gates and fencing around water is highly recommended by the CDC in the prevention of drowning, especially in children. I strongly recommend the City of Rivergrove make a commitment to open up a conversation with the community, especially families of young children in regards to this serious action on their part to allow the gate to remain open during operating hours.

Guidelines provide visitors a safe way to enjoy their experience, while respecting the rights and livability of the citizens in a community. The absence of signage at the Stark Community Boat Ramp has created a chaotic, unsafe environment for visitors and neighbors and the community. Signage in public areas is consistent in what is seen in parks throughout the State of Oregon.

I hope that City Council will seriously consider these safety recommendations! It is not too late to do the right thing!

Mary Lou Vanslavie

Sheri Richards

November 27, 2022

Dear Rivergrove Mayor and Councilors,
I respectfully submit this to you as you consider the sign at the boat ramp/river access. It is my opinion, based on my long-time understanding of the many issues around this, that the sign as proposed with open/closing hours and rules of conduct is absolutely appropriate and I support the Council approving the sign with the proposed language.

Surely, we all agree that the Tualatin River is a wonderful feature of the city and we are all extremely fortunate to have public access to the river so conveniently located to our houses. And surely, we all agree that there should be sensible use of the boat ramp.

I've read some very impassioned remarks about the outrage of closing (but not locking) the gate during open hours. The proposed language on the sign clearly states the gates will stay open, so I have no idea what all the pushback on that was about.

I have heard and read some discussion about the wording on the sign being vague and subjective and leading to "vigilante enforcement." I find the wording on the sign to be of a courteous, even welcoming tone. I don't see it as sounding threatening as indicated by some people, nor do I read vague and subjective language, unless you want to find fault with asking people to be respectful of neighbors and courteous of other ramp users. In no way do I find this to be an outrageous request. Is there difficulty with the phrase "loud noises?" Too vague? Since most of us are not equipping ourselves with a decibel meter at all times, making this quantifiable is ridiculous. A simple request to keep the volume at a reasonable level just seems like a friendly ask. Is there really such a sense of entitlement that people honestly believe that they should be able to do whatever they want, whenever they want and impact others as much as they want?

Given that using any park, be it local, state or national, is a privilege and not a right, posting a few rules and kindly-asked requests seems completely in keeping with this small, neighborhood gem.

Sincerely,
Sheri Richards

Gina Mandel

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 11:52 AM Gina Mandel <ginale18@me.com> wrote:
Please do not add new rules and signage to the Stark boat ramp.
