

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 15, 2011

[ ] Consent      [ ] Regular  
[X] Ordinance    [X] Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation  
Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department  
Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to adopt: an Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Chapter 21 of the Palm Beach County Code (Ordinance 2004-022) pertaining to parks and recreation; amending Section 21-17 of the Palm Beach County Code (authority of the Director of Parks and Recreation); amending Section 21-18 of the Palm Beach County Code (definitions); amending Section 21-19 of the Palm Beach County Code (regulation of vehicles within parks); amending Section 21-23 of the Palm Beach County Code (control of nuisance animals); amending Section 21-25 of the Palm Beach County Code (boating); amending Section 21-27 of the Palm Beach County Code (fishing); amending Section 21-28 of the Palm Beach County Code (firearms); amending Section 21-31 of the Palm Beach County Code (horseback riding); amending Section 21-32 of the Palm Beach County Code (animals); amending Section 21-33 of the Palm Beach County Code (alcoholic beverages); amending Section 21-36 of the Palm Beach County Code (commercial activities); amending Section 21-37 of the Palm Beach County Code (reserved park/facility areas); Providing for savings clause; Providing for repeal of laws in conflict; Providing for severability; Providing for inclusion in the code of laws and ordinances; and Providing for an effective date.

**Summary:** Staff has determined it is necessary to amend Chapter 21, Article 2 of the Palm Beach County Code (Parks and Recreation) to conform to state law and provide for better management of park property. In addition to several administrative modifications, the proposed Code changes will:

- Identify the Parks and Recreation Director's designee as the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation;
- Clarify the definition of exotic animals and update the code reference for dangerous dogs prohibited from park property;
- Better define Parks and Recreation areas to include water bodies located within or adjacent to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Lake Worth Lagoon and Atlantic Ocean;
- Identify boater exclusion zones within areas of Phil Foster and Peanut Island Parks;
- More clearly define fishing regulations within park property for reasons of public health, safety and welfare;
- Modify language relating to the possession of firearms within park property to conform to Florida Statutes;
- Include language pertaining to horseback riding safety in County Parks;
- Better define areas within park property which may be designated for the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages; and
- Better define the prohibition of commercial activities within park property whether land-based or from the water without authorization. Countywide - (AH)

**Background and Policy Issues:** The Parks and Recreation Department reviews its rules and regulations periodically to determine if changes or modifications are necessary for more efficient and

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**Attachments:**

- A. Proposed Code Amendment: Strike Thru-Underlined Version
- B. Clean Code Amendment
- C. Current Ordinance ~~2004~~-022

Recommended by:   
Department Director

1-17-2011  
Date

Approved by:   
Assistant County Administrator

1-27-11  
Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Capital Expenditures	\$	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	*	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

# ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No  
 Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Depart \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Object \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

\* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *ckopelakis*

## III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

### A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

*[Signature]* 1/25/11  
 OFMB 5/2/11 1/25/11  
*[Signature]* 1/26/11

*[Signature]* 1/25/11  
 Contract Dev. and Control

### B. Legal Sufficiency:

*Anne Delaney* 1/26/11  
 Assistant County Attorney

### C. Other Department Review:

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 Department Director

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effective operation of Palm Beach County park and recreation areas. The proposed Code changes will add language to strengthen rules and regulations and assist in park enforcement.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ORDINANCE 2004-022) PERTAINING TO PARKS AND RECREATION; AMENDING SECTION 21-17 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION); AMENDING SECTION 21-18 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 21-19 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (REGULATION OF VEHICLES WITHIN PARKS); AMENDING SECTION 21-25 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (BOATING); AMENDING SECTION 21-27 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (FISHING); AMENDING SECTION 21-28 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (FIREARMS); AMENDING SECTION 21-31 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (HORSEBACK RIDING); AMENDING SECTION 21-32 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ANIMALS); AMENDING SECTION 21-33 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES); AMENDING SECTION 21-36 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES); AMENDING SECTION 21-37 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (RESERVED PARK/FACILITY AREAS); PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(f), Florida Statutes, grants Palm Beach County the power to provide parks, preserves, playgrounds, recreation areas and other recreational facilities for the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Ordinance 2004-022, to conform with federal and state law and to provide for more efficient and effective operations of Palm Beach County parks and recreation areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**Section 21-17 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as follows:**

Subject to the direction of the Board of County Commissioners or the County Administrator, all powers, duties and authorities relating to the operation of the Palm Beach County

1 Parks and Recreation system for the Board of County Commissioners, are vested in the Director of  
2 Parks and Recreation unless specifically vested elsewhere by the provisions of this Ordinance. In  
3 the absence of the Director of Parks and Recreation or the Director's designee, a supervisor over  
4 the Director of Parks and Recreation, or an individual specifically appointed by the County  
5 Administrator, may assume the powers, duties, and authority vested by this section.

6 **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Section 21-18 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
7 **follows:**

8 The following terms when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in  
9 this section:

10 (A) **BEACH, WATER AREA, WATERPARKS OR POOL.** Any beach, water area,  
11 waterpark or pool designated by the Board of County Commissioners as such, within any park  
12 property, either on the ocean or inland, including the actual sand beach, if any, used for swimming  
13 and wading.

14 (B) **DEPARTMENT.** The term "the Department" when used herein is defined as the "Palm  
15 Beach County Parks and Recreation Department".

16 (C) **DIRECTOR.** The terms "Director" or "Parks Director" when used hereinafter are  
17 defined as the Director of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department ~~or his designee~~.

18 (D) **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.** The term Assistant Director when used hereinafter is  
19 defined as the Assistant Director of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department. This  
20 position shall serve as the Director's designee.

21 (E) **EXOTIC ANIMAL.** A non-native animal species that occurs in South Florida, as a  
22 result of direct or indirect, deliberate or accidental actions by humans, ~~which may include, but not be~~  
23 ~~limited to, domestic, semi-domestic or feral animals.~~

24 (F) **NATIVE ANIMAL.** An animal species that occurs naturally in or is indigenous to  
25 South Florida.

26 (G) **PARK.** The terms "park", "parkways", "recreational areas", "natural areas", "marinas"  
27 and "areas operated and maintained by the Department" may include, but are not limited to, parks,  
28 wayside parks, parkways, playgrounds, recreation fields, open green spaces, golf courses,  
29 community centers, recreation centers, amphitheaters, museums, auditoriums, ranges, lakes,

1 streams, canals, lagoons, waterways, pools, waterparks, water areas located on inland and coastal  
2 areas including park property located within or adjacent to the waters of the Atlantic Intracoastal  
3 Waterway, Lake Worth Lagoon, and Atlantic Ocean, and beaches therein and all grounds, water  
4 areas, buildings and structures in the Palm Beach County which are under the control of or assigned  
5 for upkeep, maintenance or operation by the Department.

6 (H) **PARKING AREA.** Any designated part of any park road, drive or area that is  
7 designated for the standing or stationing of any vehicles.

8 (I) **PARK PROPERTY.** The term park property is defined to cover all areas, grounds,  
9 buildings, locations and facilities described in the definition for "park".

10 (J) **PERMIT.** The term "permit" means a document or certificate provided by the  
11 Department granting permission for use of reserved park/facility areas and which sets forth terms  
12 and conditions applicable thereto.

13 (K) **PERSON.** The word "person" includes natural persons, firms, associations, joint  
14 ventures, partnerships, estates, trusts, business trusts, syndicates, fiduciaries, corporations, and all  
15 other groups and combinations.

16 (L) **VEHICLE.** The term "vehicle" means any wheeled conveyance (except a baby carriage  
17 or wheelchair) for transportation of persons or materials whether: (1) powered or drawn by motor  
18 such as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, scooter, minibike, or recreational vehicle; (2) animal-  
19 drawn such as a carriage, wagon, or cart; (3) self-propelled such as a bicycle, tricycle, or  
20 skateboard; or (4) towed such as a trailer of any size, kind or description. "Vehicle" does not  
21 include any recreational or park transportation service operated or authorized by the Department.

22 **SECTION 3. REGULATION OF VEHICLES WITHIN PARKS.** **Section 21-19 of the**  
23 **Palm Beach County Code is amended as follows:**

24 (A) All applicable state or local vehicle laws are enforceable within park property.

25 (B) All law enforcement officers shall direct traffic and enforce all motor vehicle, traffic  
26 and parking laws of this County including the Palm Beach Ceounty Parking Ordinance, codified  
27 in Chapter 19 of the County Code, as may be amended, and enforce all rules and regulations set  
28 forth by the Department within park property. Park personnel, authorized and designated by the  
29 Director, may direct traffic and enforce the rules and regulations set forth by the Department within

1 park property.

2 (C) The Director shall determine and all persons shall carefully observe and obey all  
3 traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping, or parking, and all other signs posted for  
4 proper control and the safeguarding of life and property.

5 (D) Notwithstanding paragraph (A) above, where a public road traverses a County  
6 park, said road shall be open to all through traffic permitted on any County road or highway, but  
7 such through traffic shall conform to park speed and traffic regulations.

8 (E) No person driving, operating, controlling or propelling any vehicle whether  
9 motorized, ~~horse~~ animal drawn, or self-propelled, shall use any other than the regularly designated  
10 paved or improved park roads, pathways, trails, or driveways, except when directed to do so by a  
11 law enforcement officer or department employee or by official signs or markings. No driver or  
12 operator of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic or stop on any road or driveway except those places so  
13 designated.

14 (F) No person shall park a vehicle on park property at any place other than in the  
15 regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle, unless directed otherwise by  
16 a law enforcement officer or department employee or by official signs or markings. No driver or  
17 operator of any vehicle shall park on any road or driveway except those places so designated. No  
18 driver or operator of any vehicle shall leave a vehicle parked on any road, driveway or park property  
19 after posted closing hours.

20 (G) No truck, commercial vehicle or bus shall be driven on any restricted service road  
21 or property without prior authorization from the Department for the purpose of park work, service,  
22 or activities.

23 (H) No person shall ride, drive or propel any bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle  
24 (ATV), scooter, minibike or similar vehicle on any but the regular vehicle roads except for those  
25 areas designated for such a specified use. The designated bicycle trails shall be used only by  
26 pedestrians and bicycles and other vehicles propelled by human power. It is expressly provided that  
27 no vehicles, motorcycles, scooters, minibikes, or similar vehicles shall be ridden on the designated  
28 nature trails and horse trails located within the Palm Beach County parks. No person shall deviate  
29 from compliance with all applicable vehicle laws and regulations governing the operation of the  
30 above vehicles while on park property.

1           (I)     No person shall change parts, repair, wash or grease a vehicle on any  
2 park roadway, parkway, driveway, parking lot or other park property. No driver of a vehicle using  
3 gasoline or any other explosive mixture as the source of power shall at any time fail to use an  
4 adequate muffler or sound deadening device.

5     **SECTION 4. CONTROL OF NUISANCE ANIMALS. Section 21-23 of the Palm Beach**  
6     **County Code is amended as follows:**

7           (a) The introduction, by any person, of any exotic animal or the ~~placement~~-abandonment, or  
8           leaving of any animal in a county park is strictly forbidden.

9           (b) The feeding by any person, of any exotic or native animal in a county park is hereby strictly  
10          forbidden unless specifically authorized by the department director.

11          (c) Exotic animals, with the exception of those authorized by the director, roaming free in  
12          county parks are hereby declared a nuisance. The director has the authority to establish  
13          processes and procedures to control, and remove from the park, species that are declared to  
14          constitute a nuisance.

15          (d) The director is hereby authorized to declare certain native species, located in identified  
16          parks, to constitute a nuisance. Native species shall be determined to be a nuisance when  
17          the director deems that the number, location, behavior or other characteristic of the native  
18          species constitutes a hazard to human health and/or safety or to the resources of the  
19          particular park.

20     **SECTION 5. BOATING. Section 21-25 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
21     **follows:**

22           (A)     In addition to the provisions set forth in Chapter 327, Florida Statutes, the  
23          following regulations shall apply to recreational area waters within park property:

24                  (1)     No person shall bring into, launch, or operate any vessel (as defined in  
25                                Section 327.02, Florida Statutes, as may be amended) upon any park  
26                                property, including designated swimming areas/bathing beaches, except at  
27                                such places as are or may be designated for such use or purposes by the  
28                                Board of County Commissioners or the Director. The following designated  
29                                swim areas are established as vessel-exclusion zones: a) the area of Phil  
30                                Foster Park south of the southern park boundary to an area 75' north of the



1 auxiliary channel of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) and from the  
2 Park's eastern boundary to the sailboat launch area; and b) the area east and  
3 southeast of Peanut Island 200 feet from the mean high water mark (100 feet  
4 seaward of the wave-break rocks) from the north end of the bathing beach to  
5 the boat docks of the Maritime Museum. Such operation or use shall be  
6 Any area designated for boating use shall be used in accordance with such  
7 rules and regulations as are now or may hereafter be adopted by the  
8 Department or Board of County Commissioners. Boating permits may be  
9 required by the Department for specific boating activities within park  
10 property.

11 (2) No person shall moor, anchor, or tie up to the beach, bank or any wharf,  
12 dock, tree, building, rock or any object or structure on the bank in waters  
13 within park property or property managed by the Department unless said  
14 person does so in pursuit of recreational activities of a temporary nature or  
15 unless the owner of the vessel has obtained written permission from the  
16 Director, except in an emergency situation. Tropical weather conditions  
17 (depression, storm, hurricane) shall not constitute an emergency situation.

18 (3) No person shall launch, dock or operate any vessel on the waters of any park  
19 between the closing hour of the park at night and opening hour the following  
20 morning, with the exception of designated twenty-four hour boating  
21 facilities, nor shall any person be on, or remain on or in, any vessel in the  
22 park during the said closed hours of the park, except with prior approval of  
23 the Director.

24 (4) Boat operators shall be responsible for their own wake and liable for any  
25 damage it may cause.

26 (5) During the staging of Department approved special events, all non-  
27 participating vessels and spectators shall be prohibited from entering the  
28 boat pit area and from obstructing any race, ski courses or special event.

29 (6) No person shall operate airboats or hovercraft within park property except  
30 by approval from the Director.

1                   (7)     The Director shall have the authority to establish regulations and speed  
2                                 limits of vessels that utilize the water areas located within park property  
3                                 unless otherwise pre-empted by the state.

4                   (B)     The Department shall establish rules and regulations for use of the County's  
5     ~~permanent~~ boat slips for dockage of vessels, boat trailer parking, managed mooring fields and other  
6     marine facilities by the public. Rates for said usage shall be established by the Board of County  
7     Commissioners.

8                   (C)     No person shall rent, hire, or operate any vessel within park property for a  
9     commercial purpose unless so permitted by the Department.

10    **SECTION 6. FISHING. Section 21-27 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
11    **follows:**

12                  (A)     The buying or selling of fish is prohibited within park property.

13                  (B)     Sport fishing is allowed within park property except where specifically  
14     prohibited.

15                  (C)     The use of a troll line for fishing purposes is prohibited within park property.  
16     Set cane poles are permitted if attended.

17                  (D)     All applicable State laws pertaining to fishing and licensing shall be enforced  
18     within park property.

19                  (E)     The Director may establish specific fishing regulations for various water bodies  
20     within park property: for reasons of public health, safety or welfare.

21    **SECTION 7. FIREARMS. Section 21-28 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
22    **follows:**

23                  No person shall use or possess firearms, weapons or trapping devices within any Park  
24     property except ~~with prior approval from the Director or in any area designated by the~~  
25     ~~Department for such purpose.~~ in accordance with Florida Statutes or upon prior approval from  
26     the Director. The Director shall establish rules and regulations pertaining to ~~shooting or archery~~  
27     ranges any recreational shooting facilities. ~~Shooting into park areas from beyond park~~  
28     ~~boundaries is prohibited.~~

29    **SECTION 8. HORSEBACK RIDING. Section 21-31 of the Palm Beach County Code is**  
30    **amended as follows:**

1 No person shall engage in horseback riding within any park property except in areas  
2 designated by the Director for said purpose. In areas designated for horseback riding, horses must  
3 be thoroughly broken, properly restrained, and prevented from grazing and straying unattended. All  
4 riders must carry proof of their horse's negative coggins test. Riders 16 years of age and younger  
5 must wear an approved safety helmet, and be accompanied by an adult.

6 **SECTION 9. ANIMALS. Section 21-32 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
7 **follows:**

8 (A) Except in specified areas, domesticated animals, except those considered to be a  
9 nuisance, as determined by the Director, are permitted within park property. Said animals  
10 must be restrained at all times at a distance of not greater than six (6) feet in length from  
11 their handler.

12 (B) No person shall bring into, nor allow to enter, any park property any non-  
13 domesticated animals including, but not limited to cattle, mules, swine, sheep, goats, fowl or  
14 reptiles except where, in conjunction with projects sponsored by County Departments or  
15 upon permit from the Director.

16 (C) Dangerous dogs, as defined in 98-22, the Palm Beach County Animal Care and  
17 Control Ordinance, as it may be amended Chapter 767, Florida Statutes, are prohibited from  
18 park property.

19 (D) In conjunction with projects and facilities administered by County Departments or  
20 upon permit from the Director, animals may be allowed in designated areas of the parks at  
21 specified times without restraints.

22 **SECTION 10. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Section 21-33 of the Palm Beach County Code**  
23 **is amended as follows**

24 (A) The sale, purchase, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages  
25 as defined in Section 561.01(4), Florida Statutes, is hereby prohibited within park property except  
26 as specifically provided in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

27 (B) Notwithstanding the prohibition set forth in Paragraph (A) above, the possession  
28 of alcoholic beverages in sealed original packages in any vehicle, vessel, or conveyance for purposes  
29 of storing or transporting such and not for purposes of selling or consuming such within park  
30 property shall not be a violation of this Ordinance.

1           (C)    The Director may designate specific areas in which alcoholic beverages may be  
2   possessed and/or consumed. Designated areas may include, but are not limited to, picnic areas,  
3   amphitheaters, areas reserved for large groups, and facilities for food service. Kegs of beer or other  
4   alcoholic malt liquor will be authorized only by permit and in conjunction with a reserved park  
5   facility area.

6           (D)    The Director may permit, in writing, the sale, possession, and/or consumption of  
7   alcoholic beverages incidental to a special event. Said permission may not exceed four (4)  
8   consecutive days.

9           (E)    The Board of County Commissioners may permit the sale of alcoholic beverages  
10   by private contractors who operate or manage facilities within park property including but not  
11   limited to food service, performing arts, golf courses, and other facilities, as the Board of County  
12   Commissioner deems appropriate.

13          (F)    At its option, the County may obtain, in its name, the necessary state licensing for  
14   the sale of alcoholic beverages. The County may, at its option, have such license transferred to a  
15   contractor's or lessee's name, provided, however, that such licensing shall immediately revert to the  
16   County upon termination, for any reason, of the contractor's agreement or lessee's lease with the  
17   County. The license holder shall take all action and execute all documents necessary to effect said  
18   transfer to the County.

19          (G)    The permission granted under this Section shall be subject to all ordinances, laws  
20   rules and regulations applicable in the Palm Beach County, and any grantee shall be responsible for  
21   compliance thereto. The permission granted may also be subject to, and granted with, specific  
22   conditions as set forth by the Department, and the grantee shall be responsible for insuring  
23   compliance thereto.

24          (H)    No person who is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will be permitted in  
25   parks or recreation areas.

26   **SECTION 11. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. Section 21-36 of the Palm Beach County**  
27   **Code is amended as follows:**

28          (A)    No person shall park or station on any park property any vehicle displaying a sign  
29   or notice with the intent of offering said vehicle for sale or exchange.

30          (B)    No person shall advertise or offer for sale any article, material, or service, nor

1 place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale, trade or display of any article, material  
2 or service for sale or trade within any park area unless in conjunction with a permitted use of a  
3 reserved park/facility area.

4 (C) No person shall distribute, display or affix any printed materials or advertisements  
5 to or within any park property. Exceptions to this rule are printed materials or advertisements  
6 permanently affixed on vehicles or on clothing, distribution of printed handbills or leaflets the  
7 purpose of which is not solely commercial, announcements of park sponsored or sanctioned events;  
8 authorized signs located entirely within concession structures, and signs or distribution of printed  
9 materials in conjunction with a permitted use of reserved park/facility area.

10 (D) No person shall utilize any park property to facilitate a commercial operation, whether land-  
11 based or from the water, without authorization from the Director or Assistant Director.

12 **SECTION 12. RESERVED PARK/FACILITY AREAS. Section 21-37 of the Palm Beach**  
13 **County Code is amended as follows:**

14 Park/facility areas shall not be reserved except by permit issued by the Director. Said  
15 reserved park/facility areas include athletic fields, group picnic shelters and associated facilities,  
16 recreation and civic facilities, amphitheaters, and those areas requested for use for special events.  
17 Persons permitted for use of reserved park/facility areas must comply with all applicable rules and  
18 regulations as may be established by the Department. With the exception of the limited authority  
19 delegated to the Department regarding amphitheaters, Ppermits requested for use of reserved  
20 park/facility areas for for-profit activities require approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

21 **SECTION 13. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

22 This Ordinance shall not affect or impair the processing and implementation of any permit  
23 issued or any act authorized pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 96-44 or 2004-022. All  
24 permits and authorizations initiated under said Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until  
25 completed. Upon expiration of an existing permit or authorization, the permittee or authorized  
26 person must apply for a new permit or seek authorization in accordance with the provisions as set  
27 forth herein.

28 **SECTION 14. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT**

29 All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby  
30 repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 15. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision, article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 16. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The Articles and Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word Ordinance may be changed to Section, Article, or any other appropriate word.

**SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County,  
Florida, this            day of            , 2011.

ATTEST:  
SHARON R. BOCK,  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER,

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ORDINANCE 2004-022) PERTAINING TO PARKS AND RECREATION; AMENDING SECTION 21-17 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION); AMENDING SECTION 21-18 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 21-19 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (REGULATION OF VEHICLES WITHIN PARKS); AMENDING SECTION 21-25 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (BOATING); AMENDING SECTION 21-27 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (FISHING); AMENDING SECTION 21-28 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (FIREARMS); AMENDING SECTION 21-31 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (HORSEBACK RIDING); AMENDING SECTION 21-32 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ANIMALS); AMENDING SECTION 21-33 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES); AMENDING SECTION 21-36 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES); AMENDING SECTION 21-37 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (RESERVED PARK/FACILITY AREAS); PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(f), Florida Statutes, grants Palm Beach County the power to provide parks, preserves, playgrounds, recreation areas and other recreational facilities for the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Ordinance 2004-022, to conform with federal and state law and to provide for more efficient and effective operations of Palm Beach County parks and recreation areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**Section 21-17 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as follows:**

Subject to the direction of the Board of County Commissioners or the County Administrator, all powers, duties and authorities relating to the operation of the Palm Beach County

1 Parks and Recreation system for the Board of County Commissioners, are vested in the Director of  
2 Parks and Recreation unless specifically vested elsewhere by the provisions of this Ordinance. In  
3 the absence of the Director of Parks and Recreation or the Director's designee, a supervisor over  
4 the Director of Parks and Recreation, or an individual specifically appointed by the County  
5 Administrator, may assume the powers, duties, and authority vested by this section.

6 **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Section 21-18 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
7 **follows:**

8 The following terms when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in  
9 this section:

10 (A) **BEACH, WATER AREA, WATERPARKS OR POOL.** Any beach, water area,  
11 waterpark or pool designated by the Board of County Commissioners as such, within any park  
12 property, either on the ocean or inland, including the actual sand beach, if any, used for swimming  
13 and wading.

14 (B) **DEPARTMENT.** The term "the Department" when used herein is defined as the "Palm  
15 Beach County Parks and Recreation Department".

16 (C) **DIRECTOR.** The terms "Director" or "Parks Director" when used hereinafter are  
17 defined as the Director of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department.

18 (D) **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.** The term Assistant Director when used hereinafter is  
19 defined as the Assistant Director of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department. This  
20 position shall serve as the Director's designee.

21 (E) **EXOTIC ANIMAL.** A non-native animal species that occurs in South Florida, as a  
22 result of direct or indirect, deliberate or accidental actions by humans.

23 (F) **NATIVE ANIMAL.** An animal species that occurs naturally in or is indigenous to  
24 South Florida.

25 (G) **PARK.** The terms "park", "parkways", "recreational areas", "natural areas", "marinas"  
26 and "areas operated and maintained by the Department" may include, but are not limited to, parks,  
27 wayside parks, parkways, playgrounds, recreation fields, open green spaces, golf courses,  
28 community centers, recreation centers, amphitheaters, museums, auditoriums, ranges, lakes,  
29 streams, canals, lagoons, waterways, pools, waterparks, water areas located on inland and coastal



1 areas including park property located within or adjacent to the waters of the Atlantic Intracoastal  
2 Waterway, Lake Worth Lagoon, and Atlantic Ocean, and beaches therein and all grounds, water  
3 areas, buildings and structures in Palm Beach County which are under the control of or assigned for  
4 upkeep, maintenance or operation by the Department.

5 (H) **PARKING AREA.** Any designated part of any park road, drive or area that is  
6 designated for the standing or stationing of any vehicles.

7 (I) **PARK PROPERTY.** The term park property is defined to cover all areas, grounds,  
8 buildings, locations and facilities described in the definition for "park".

9 (J) **PERMIT.** The term "permit" means a document or certificate provided by the  
10 Department granting permission for use of reserved park/facility areas and which sets forth terms  
11 and conditions applicable thereto.

12 (K) **PERSON.** The word "person" includes natural persons, firms, associations, joint  
13 ventures, partnerships, estates, trusts, business trusts, syndicates, fiduciaries, corporations, and all  
14 other groups and combinations.

15 (L) **VEHICLE.** The term "vehicle" means any wheeled conveyance (except a baby carriage  
16 or wheelchair) for transportation of persons or materials whether: (1) powered or drawn by motor  
17 such as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, scooter, minibike, or recreational vehicle; (2) animal-  
18 drawn such as a carriage, wagon, or cart; (3) self-propelled such as a bicycle, tricycle, or  
19 skateboard; or (4) towed such as a trailer of any size, kind or description. "Vehicle" does not  
20 include any recreational or park transportation service operated or authorized by the Department.

21 **SECTION 3. REGULATION OF VEHICLES WITHIN PARKS. Section 21-19 of the Palm**  
22 **Beach County Code is amended as follows:**

23 (A) All applicable state or local vehicle laws are enforceable within park property.

24 (B) All law enforcement officers shall direct traffic and enforce all motor vehicle, traffic  
25 and parking laws of this County including the Palm Beach County Parking Ordinance, codified in  
26 Chapter 19 of the County Code, as may be amended, and enforce all rules and regulations set forth  
27 by the Department within park property. Park personnel, authorized and designated by the  
28 Director, may direct traffic and enforce the rules and regulations set forth by the Department within  
29 park property.

1           (C)    The Director shall determine and all persons shall carefully observe and obey all  
2   traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping, or parking, and all other signs posted for  
3   proper control and the safeguarding of life and property.

4           (D)    Notwithstanding paragraph (A) above, where a public road traverses a County  
5   park, said road shall be open to all through traffic permitted on any County road or highway, but  
6   such through traffic shall conform to park speed and traffic regulations.

7           (E)    No person driving, operating, controlling or propelling any vehicle whether  
8   motorized, animal drawn, or self-propelled, shall use any other than the regularly designated paved  
9   or improved park roads, pathways, trails, or driveways, except when directed to do so by a law  
10   enforcement officer or department employee or by official signs or markings. No driver or operator  
11   of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic or stop on any road or driveway except those places so  
12   designated.

13          (F)    No person shall park a vehicle on park property at any place other than in the  
14   regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle, unless directed otherwise by  
15   a law enforcement officer or department employee or by official signs or markings. No driver or  
16   operator of any vehicle shall park on any road or driveway except those places so designated. No  
17   driver or operator of any vehicle shall leave a vehicle parked on any road, driveway or park property  
18   after posted closing hours.

19          (G)    No truck, commercial vehicle or bus shall be driven on any restricted service road  
20   or property without prior authorization from the Department for the purpose of park work, service,  
21   or activities.

22          (H)    No person shall ride, drive or propel any bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle  
23   (ATV), scooter, minibike or similar vehicle on any but the regular vehicle roads except for those  
24   areas designated for such a specified use. The designated bicycle trails shall be used only by  
25   pedestrians and bicycles and other vehicles propelled by human power. It is expressly provided that  
26   no vehicles, motorcycles, scooters, minibikes, or similar vehicles shall be ridden on the designated  
27   nature trails and horse trails located within Palm Beach County parks. No person shall deviate  
28   from compliance with all applicable vehicle laws and regulations governing the operation of the  
29   above vehicles while on park property.

30          (I)    No person shall change parts, repair, wash or grease a vehicle on any

1 park roadway, parkway, driveway, parking lot or other park property. No driver of a vehicle using  
2 gasoline or any other explosive mixture as the source of power shall at any time fail to use an  
3 adequate muffler or sound deadening device.

4 **SECTION 4. CONTROL OF NUISANCE ANIMALS. Section 21-23 of the Palm Beach**  
5 **County Code is amended as follows:**

6 (A) The introduction, by any person, of any exotic animal or the abandonment, or leaving of any  
7 animal in a county park is strictly forbidden.

8 (B) The feeding by any person, of any exotic or native animal in a county park is hereby strictly  
9 forbidden unless specifically authorized by the department director.

10 (C) Exotic animals, with the exception of those authorized by the director, roaming free in  
11 county parks are hereby declared a nuisance. The director has the authority to establish  
12 processes and procedures to control, and remove from the park, species that are declared to  
13 constitute a nuisance.

14 (D) The director is hereby authorized to declare certain native species, located in identified  
15 parks, to constitute a nuisance. Native species shall be determined to be a nuisance when  
16 the director deems that the number, location, behavior or other characteristic of the native  
17 species constitutes a hazard to human health and/or safety or to the resources of the  
18 particular park.

19 **SECTION 5. BOATING. Section 21-25 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
20 **follows:**

21 (A) In addition to the provisions set forth in Chapter 327, Florida Statutes, the  
22 following regulations shall apply to recreational area waters within park property:

- 23 (1) No person shall bring into, launch, or operate any vessel (as defined in  
24 Section 327.02, Florida Statutes, as may be amended) upon any park  
25 property, including designated swimming areas/bathing beaches, except at  
26 such places as are or may be designated for such use or purposes by the  
27 Board of County Commissioners or the Director. The following designated  
28 swim areas are established as vessel-exclusion zones: a) the area of Phil  
29 Foster Park south of the southern park boundary to an area 75' north of the  
30 auxiliary channel of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) and from the

1 Parks eastern boundary to the sailboat launch area; and b) the area east and  
2 southeast of Peanut Island 200 feet from the mean highwater mark (100 feet  
3 seaward of the wave-break rocks) from the north end of the bathing beach to  
4 the boat docks of the Maritime Museum. Any area designated for boating  
5 use shall be used in accordance with such rules and regulations as are now or  
6 may hereafter be adopted by the Department or Board of County  
7 Commissioners. Boating permits may be required by the Department for  
8 specific boating activities within park property.

9 (2) No person shall moor, anchor, or tie up to the beach, bank or any wharf,  
10 dock, tree, building, rock or any object or structure on the bank in waters  
11 within park property or property managed by the Department unless said  
12 person does so in pursuit of recreational activities of a temporary nature or  
13 unless the owner of the vessel has obtained written permission from the  
14 Director, except in an emergency situation. Tropical weather conditions  
15 (depression, storm, hurricane) shall not constitute an emergency situation.

16 (3) No person shall launch, dock or operate any vessel on the waters of any park  
17 between the closing hour of the park at night and opening hour the following  
18 morning, with the exception of designated twenty-four hour boating  
19 facilities, nor shall any person be on, or remain on or in, any vessel in the  
20 park during the said closed hours of the park, except with prior approval of  
21 the Director.

22 (4) Boat operators shall be responsible for their own wake and liable for any  
23 damage it may cause.

24 (5) During the staging of Department approved special events, all non-  
25 participating vessels and spectators shall be prohibited from entering the  
26 boat pit area and from obstructing any race, ski courses or special event.

27 (6) No person shall operate airboats or hovercraft within park property except  
28 by approval from the Director.

29 (7) The Director shall have the authority to establish regulations and speed  
30 limits of vessels that utilize the water areas located within park property

1 unless otherwise pre-empted by the state.

2 (B) The Department shall establish rules and regulations for use of the County's boat  
3 slips for dockage of vessels, boat trailer parking, managed mooring fields and other  
4 marine facilities by the public. Rates for said usage shall be established by the Board  
5 of County Commissioners.

6 (C) No person shall rent, hire, or operate any vessel within park property for a  
7 commercial purpose unless so permitted by the Department.

8 **SECTION 6. FISHING. Section 21-27 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
9 **follows:**

10 (A) The buying or selling of fish is prohibited within park property.

11 (B) Sport fishing is allowed within park property except where specifically  
12 prohibited.

13 (C) The use of a troll line for fishing purposes is prohibited within park property.  
14 Set cane poles are permitted if attended.

15 (D) All applicable State laws pertaining to fishing and licensing shall be enforced  
16 within park property.

17 (E) The Director may establish specific fishing regulations for various water bodies  
18 within park property; for reasons of public health, safety or welfare.

19 **SECTION 7. FIREARMS. Section 21-28 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
20 **follows:**

21 No person shall use or possess firearms, weapons or trapping devices within any Park  
22 property except in accordance with Florida Statutes or upon prior approval from the Director.

23 The Director shall establish rules and regulations pertaining to any recreational shooting  
24 facilities.

25 **SECTION 8. HORSEBACK RIDING. Section 21-31 of the Palm Beach County Code is**  
26 **amended as follows:**

27 No person shall engage in horseback riding within any park property except in areas  
28 designated by the Director for said purpose. In areas designated for horseback riding, horses must  
29 be thoroughly broken, properly restrained, and prevented from grazing and straying unattended. All  
30 riders must carry proof of their horse's negative coggins test. Riders 16 years of age and younger

1 must wear an approved safety helmet.

2 **SECTION 9. ANIMALS. Section 21-32 of the Palm Beach County Code is amended as**  
3 **follows:**

4 (A) Except in specified areas, domesticated animals, except those considered to be a  
5 nuisance, as determined by the Director, are permitted within park property. Said animals  
6 must be restrained at all times at a distance of not greater than six (6) feet in length from  
7 their handler.

8 (B) No person shall bring into, nor allow to enter, any park property any non-  
9 domesticated animals including, but not limited to cattle, mules, swine, sheep, goats, fowl or  
10 reptiles except where, in conjunction with projects sponsored by County Departments or  
11 upon permit from the Director.

12 (C) Dangerous dogs, as defined in 98-22, the Palm Beach County Animal Care and  
13 Control Ordinance, as it may be amended, are prohibited from park property.

14 (D) In conjunction with projects and facilities administered by County Departments or  
15 upon permit from the Director, animals may be allowed in designated areas of the parks at  
16 specified times without restraints.

17 **SECTION 10. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Section 21-33 of the Palm Beach County Code**  
18 **is amended as follows:**

19 (A) The sale, purchase, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages  
20 as defined in Section 561.01, Florida Statutes, is hereby prohibited within park property except as  
21 specifically provided in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

22 (B) Notwithstanding the prohibition set forth in Paragraph (A) above, the possession  
23 of alcoholic beverages in sealed original packages in any vehicle, vessel, or conveyance for purposes  
24 of storing or transporting such and not for purposes of selling or consuming such within park  
25 property shall not be a violation of this Ordinance.

26 (C) The Director may designate specific areas in which alcoholic beverages may be  
27 possessed and/or consumed. Designated areas may include, but are not limited to, picnic areas,  
28 amphitheaters, areas reserved for large groups, and facilities for food service. Kegs of beer or other  
29 alcoholic malt liquor will be authorized only by permit and in conjunction with a reserved park  
30 facility area.

1 (D) The Director may permit, in writing, the sale, possession, and/or consumption of  
2 alcoholic beverages incidental to a special event. Said permission may not exceed four (4)  
3 consecutive days.

4 (E) The Board of County Commissioners may permit the sale of alcoholic beverages  
5 by private contractors who operate or manage facilities within park property including but not  
6 limited to food service, performing arts, golf courses, and other facilities, as the Board of County  
7 Commissioner deems appropriate.

8 (F) At its option, the County may obtain, in its name, the necessary state licensing for  
9 the sale of alcoholic beverages. The County may, at its option, have such license transferred to a  
10 contractor's or lessee's name, provided, however, that such licensing shall immediately revert to the  
11 County upon termination, for any reason, of the contractor's agreement or lessee's lease with the  
12 County. The license holder shall take all action and execute all documents necessary to effect said  
13 transfer to the County.

14 (G) The permission granted under this Section shall be subject to all ordinances, laws,  
15 rules and regulations applicable in Palm Beach County, and any grantee shall be responsible for  
16 compliance thereto. The permission granted may also be subject to, and granted with, specific  
17 conditions as set forth by the Department, and the grantee shall be responsible for insuring  
18 compliance thereto.

19 (H) No person who is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will be permitted in  
20 parks or recreation areas.

21 **SECTION 11. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. Section 21-36 of the Palm Beach County**

22 **Code is amended as follows:**

23 (A) No person shall park or station on any park property any vehicle displaying a sign  
24 or notice with the intent of offering said vehicle for sale or exchange.

25 (B) No person shall advertise or offer for sale any article, material, or service, nor  
26 place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale, trade or display of any article, material  
27 or service for sale or trade within any park area unless in conjunction with a permitted use of a  
28 reserved park/facility area.

29 (C) No person shall distribute, display or affix any printed materials or advertisements  
30 to or within any park property. Exceptions to this rule are printed materials or advertisements

1 permanently affixed on vehicles or on clothing, distribution of printed handbills or leaflets the  
2 purpose of which is not solely commercial, announcements of park sponsored or sanctioned events;  
3 authorized signs located entirely within concession structures, and signs or distribution of printed  
4 materials in conjunction with a permitted use of reserved park/facility area.

5 (D) No person shall utilize any park property to facilitate a commercial operation, whether land-  
6 based or from the water, without authorization from the Director or Assistant Director.

7 **SECTION 12. RESERVED PARK/FACILITY AREAS. Section 21-37 of the Palm Beach**  
8 **County Code is amended as follows:**

9 Park/facility areas shall not be reserved except by permit issued by the Director. Said  
10 reserved park/facility areas include athletic fields, group picnic shelters and associated facilities,  
11 recreation and civic facilities, amphitheaters, and those areas requested for use for special events.  
12 Persons permitted for use of reserved park/facility areas must comply with all applicable rules and  
13 regulations as may be established by the Department. With the exception of the limited authority  
14 delegated to the Department regarding amphitheaters, permits requested for use of reserved  
15 park/facility areas for for-profit activities require approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

16 **SECTION 13. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

17 This Ordinance shall not affect or impair the processing and implementation of any permit  
18 issued or any act authorized pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 96-44 or 2004-022. All  
19 permits and authorizations initiated under said Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until  
20 completed. Upon expiration of an existing permit or authorization, the permittee or authorized  
21 person must apply for a new permit or seek authorization in accordance with the provisions as set  
22 forth herein.

23 **SECTION 14. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT**

24 All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby  
25 repealed to the extent of such conflict.

26 **SECTION 15. SEVERABILITY**

27 If any provision, article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this  
28 Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such  
29 holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

30 **SECTION 16. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES**



1           The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Laws and  
2 Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The Articles and Sections of this Ordinance may be  
3 renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word Ordinance may be changed to Section,  
4 Article, or any other appropriate word.

5    **SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6           The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of  
7 State.

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9 APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County,  
10 Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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12 ATTEST:  
13 SHARON R. BOCK,  
14 CLERK & COMPTROLLER,

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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16 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
17 Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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19 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
20 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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23 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
24 County Attorney

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28 EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
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ORDINANCE NO. 2004-022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE "PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF PARK TRAFFIC, PROPERTY, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF ANIMALS, FIREARMS, FIREWORKS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR PARK USAGE, RESERVED PARK/FACILITY AREAS, SANITATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, AIRCRAFT, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PARK HOURS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 96-44; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF PALM BEACH COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(f), Florida Statutes, grants Palm Beach County the power to provide parks, preserves, playgrounds, recreation areas and other recreational facilities for the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to repeal Ordinance No. 96-44, to conform with federal and state law and to provide for more efficient and effective operations of Palm Beach County parks and recreation areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance may be cited as the "Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Ordinance."

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Subject to the direction of the Board of County Commissioners or the County Administrator, all powers, duties and authorities relating to the operation of the Palm Beach County

1 Parks and Recreation system for the Board of County Commissioners, are vested in the Director of  
2 Parks and Recreation unless specifically vested elsewhere by the provisions of this Ordinance. In  
3 the absence of the Director of Parks and Recreation, a Supervisor over the Director of Parks and  
4 Recreation, or an individual specifically appointed by the County Administrator, may assume the  
5 powers, duties, and authority vested by this section.

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7 **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS**

8 The following terms when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them  
9 in this section:

10 (A) BEACH, WATER AREA, WATERPARKS OR POOL. Any beach, water area,  
11 waterpark or pool designated by the Board of County Commissioners as such, within any park  
12 property, either on the ocean or inland, including the actual sand beach, if any, used for swimming  
13 and wading.

14 (B) DEPARTMENT. The term "the Department" when used herein is defined as the  
15 "Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department".

16 (C) DIRECTOR. The terms "Director" or "Parks Director" when used hereinafter are  
17 defined as the Director of the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department or his designee

18 (D) EXOTIC ANIMAL. A non-native animal species that occurs in South Florida, as a  
19 result of direct or indirect, deliberate or accidental actions by humans, which may include, but not  
20 be limited to, domestic, semi-domestic or feral animals.

21 (E) NATIVE ANIMAL. An animal species that occurs naturally in or is indigenous to  
22 South Florida.

23 (F) PARK. The terms "park", "parkways", "recreational areas", "natural areas", "marinas"  
24 and "areas operated and maintained by the Department" may include, but is not limited to, parks,  
25 wayside parks, parkways, playgrounds, recreation fields, open green spaces, golf courses,  
26 community centers, museums, auditoriums, ranges, lakes, streams, canals, lagoons, waterways,  
27 pools, waterparks, water areas and beaches therein and all on grounds, water areas, buildings and  
28 structures in Palm Beach County which are under the control of or assigned for upkeep,  
29 maintenance or operation by the Department.

1 (G) PARKING AREA. Any designated part of any park road, drive or area that is  
2 designated for the standing or stationing of any vehicles.

3 (H) PARK PROPERTY. The term "park property" is defined to cover all areas, grounds,  
4 buildings, locations and facilities described in the foregoing section "F".

5 (I) PERMIT. The term "permit" means a document or certificate provided by the  
6 Department granting permission for use of reserved park/facility areas and which sets forth terms  
7 and conditions applicable thereto.

8 (J) PERSON. The word "person" includes natural persons, firms, associations, joint  
9 ventures, partnerships, estates, trusts, business trusts, syndicates, fiduciaries, corporations, and all  
10 other groups and combinations.

11 (K) VEHICLE. The term "vehicle" means any wheeled conveyance (except a baby  
12 carriage or wheelchair) for transportation of persons or materials whether: (1) powered or drawn by  
13 motor such as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, scooter, minibike, or recreational vehicle; (2)  
14 animal-drawn such as a carriage, wagon, or cart; (3) self-propelled such as a bicycle, tricycle, or  
15 skateboard; or (4) towed such as a trailer of any size, kind or description. "Vehicle" does not  
16 include any recreational or park transportation service operated or authorized by the Department.

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18 **SECTION 4. REGULATION OF VEHICLES WITHIN PARKS**

19 (A) All applicable state or local vehicle laws are enforceable within park property.

20 (B) All law enforcement officers shall direct traffic and enforce all motor vehicle, traffic  
21 and parking laws of this County including the Palm Beach County Parking Ordinance, codified in  
22 Chapter 19 of the County Code, as may be amended, and enforce all rules and regulations set forth  
23 by the Department within park property. Park personnel, authorized and designated by the  
24 Director, may direct traffic and enforce the rules and regulations set forth by the Department with  
25 park property.

26 (C) The Director shall determine and all persons shall carefully observe and obey all  
27 traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping, or parking, and all other signs posted for  
28 proper control and the safeguarding of life and property.

29 (D) Notwithstanding Paragraph (A) above, where a public road traverses a County

1. Park, said road shall be open to all through traffic permitted on any County road or highway, but  
2 such through traffic shall conform to park speed and traffic regulations.

3 (E) No person driving, operating, controlling or propelling any vehicle whether  
4 motorized, horse drawn, or self-propelled, shall use any other than the regularly designated paved  
5 or improved park roads, pathways, trails, or driveways, except when directed to do so by a law  
6 enforcement officer or Department employee or by official signs or markings. No driver or  
7 operator of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic or stop on any road or driveway except those places so  
8 designated.

9 (F) No person shall park a vehicle on park property at any place other than in the  
10 regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle, unless directed otherwise  
11 by a law enforcement officer or Department employee or by official signs or markings. No driver  
12 or operator of any vehicle shall park on any road or driveway except those places so designated.  
13 No driver or operator of any vehicle shall leave a vehicle parked on any road, driveway or park  
14 property after posted closing hours.

15 (G) No truck, commercial vehicle or bus shall be driven on any restricted service road  
16 or property without prior authorization from the Department for the purpose of park work, service,  
17 or activities.

18 (H) No person shall ride, drive or propel any bicycle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle  
19 (ATV), scooter, minibike or similar vehicle on any but the regular vehicle roads except for those  
20 areas designated for such a specified use. The designated bicycle trails shall be used only by  
21 pedestrians and bicycles and other vehicles propelled by human power. It is expressly provided  
22 that no vehicles, motorcycles, scooters, minibikes, or similar vehicles shall be ridden on the  
23 designated nature trails located within Palm Beach County parks. No person shall deviate from  
24 compliance with all applicable vehicle laws and regulations governing the operation of the above  
25 vehicles while on park property.

26 (I) No person shall change parts, repair, wash or grease a vehicle on any  
27 park roadway, parkway, driveway, parking lot or other park property. No driver of a vehicle using  
28 gasoline or any other explosive mixture as source of power shall at any time fail to use an adequate  
29 muffler or sound deadening device.

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1. **SECTION 5. BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY**

2. (A) No person shall willfully mark, deface, injure in any way, displace, remove or  
3. tamper with any park buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving, water lines or  
4. other public utilities or parts of appurtenances thereof, park signs, notices or placards whether  
5. temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers, or other structures  
6. of equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

7. (B) No person shall dig, move or remove from any park area any beach sand, soil,  
8. rocks, stones, trees, shrubs, whether submerged or not, or plants, down-timber, or other wood or  
9. materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, or other means, or construct or erect any  
10. building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or  
11. string any public service utility into, upon, or across such land, or affix any materials to any park  
12. property, except with the prior written approval of the Director.

13. (C) No person shall excavate or remove any artifact from any archeologically sensitive  
14. areas with particular concern to Native American burial grounds and living sites.

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16. **SECTION 6. FIRE**

17. (A) No person shall build or attempt to build any fire within any park property except in  
18. such areas where fireplaces or grills are provided and under such regulations as are or may be  
19. specifically set forth by the Director. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise deposit lighted  
20. matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, or other flammable material within any park property.

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22. **SECTION 7. PLANT AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION**

23. (A) Within any park, no person shall cut, carve, or injure the bark or break off limbs  
24. or branches or pick the flowers or seeds, of any tree, plant or shrub, nor shall any person dig in or  
25. otherwise disturb grass areas, or install any vegetation, or in any other way injure or impair the  
26. natural beauty or usefulness of any area, nor shall any person pile debris or material of any kind on  
27. or about any tree or plant, or attach any rope, wire, or other contrivance therein, whether temporary  
28. or permanent in character or use, without prior approval by the Director. No person shall tie or  
29. hitch any animal to any tree or plant within park property.

30. (B) No person shall remove, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, hunt, chase, shoot

1 or throw any object at any animal, nor shall any person remove or possess the eggs, nests or young  
2 of any wild animal whether alive or dead without prior approval from the Director.

3 (C) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly interfere with or damage any  
4 humane animal trap owned by the department, or another county department or agent, or to molest  
5 or release any animal caught therein.

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7 **SECTION 8. CONTROL OF NUISANCE ANIMALS**

8 (A) The introduction, by any person, of any exotic animal or the placement,  
9 abandonment or leaving of any animal in a County park is strictly forbidden.

10 (B) The feeding, by any person, of any exotic or native animal in a County park is  
11 hereby strictly forbidden unless specifically authorized by the Department Director.

12 (C) Exotic animals, with the exception of those authorized by the Director, roaming free  
13 in County parks are hereby declared a nuisance. The Director has the authority to establish  
14 processes and procedures to control, and remove from the park, species that are declared  
15 constitute a nuisance.

16 (D) The Director is hereby authorized to declare certain native species, located in  
17 identified parks, to constitute a nuisance. Native species shall be determined to be a nuisance when  
18 the Director deems that the number, location, behavior or other characteristic of the native species  
19 constitutes a hazard to human health and/or safety or to the resources of the particular park.

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21 **SECTION 9. SWIMMING AND WADING**

22 (A) No person shall swim or wade in any beach, water area, waterpark or pool within  
23 any park property, except where specifically designated and in compliance with such regulations as  
24 to hours of the day and safety limitations for such use as set by the Department.

25 (B) In areas designated for swimming and wading, all persons shall be so covered  
26 with clothing or a bathing suit so as to prevent any indecent exposure of the person.

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28 **SECTION 10. BOATING**

29 (A) In addition to the provisions set forth in Chapter 327, Florida Statutes, the  
30 following regulations shall apply to recreational area waters within park property:

- 1 (1) No person shall bring into, launch, or operate any vessel (as defined in  
2 Section 327.02, Florida Statutes, as may be amended) upon any park  
3 property, including designated swimming areas, except at such places as are  
4 or may be designated for such use or purposes by the Board of County  
5 Commissioners or the Director. Such operation or use shall be in  
6 accordance with such rules and regulations as are now or may hereafter be  
7 adopted by the Department. Boating permits may be required by the  
8 Department for specific boating activities within park property.
- 9 (2) No person shall moor, anchor, or tie up to the bank or any wharf, dock, tree,  
10 building, rock or any object or structure on the bank in waters within park  
11 property or property managed by the Department unless said person does so  
12 in pursuit of recreational activities of a temporary nature or unless the  
13 owner of the vessel has obtained written permission from the Director,  
14 except in an emergency situation.
- 15 (3) No person shall launch, dock or operate any vessel on the waters of any  
16 park between the closing hour of the park at night and opening hour the  
17 following morning, with the exception of designated 24 hour boating  
18 facilities, nor shall any person be on, or remain on or in, any vessel in the  
19 park during the said closed hours of the park, except with prior approval of  
20 the Director.
- 21 (4) Boat operators shall be responsible for their own wake and liable for any  
22 damage it may cause.
- 23 (5) During the staging of Department approved special events, all non-  
24 participating vessels and spectators shall be prohibited from entering the  
25 boat pit area and from obstructing any race, ski courses or special event.
- 26 (6) No person shall operate airboats or hovercraft within park property except  
27 by approval from the Director.
- 28 (7) The Director shall have the authority to establish regulations and speed  
29 limits of vessels that utilize the water areas located within park property  
30 unless otherwise pre-empted by the State.



(B) The Department shall establish rules and regulations for use of the County's permanent boat slips for dockage of vessels, managed mooring fields and other marine facilities by the public. Rates for said usage shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners.

(C) No person shall rent, hire, or operate any vessel within park property for a commercial purpose unless so permitted by the Department.

#### SECTION 11. WATER SKIING

(A) No person shall water ski within park property except in such places as designated by the Director, and in compliance with rules and regulations as are now or may hereafter be adopted.

(B) No person shall water ski in such manner as to endanger bystanders, swimmers, other skiers, or occupants of other vessels.

(C) No person shall obstruct the takeoff and landing areas designated for water skiing for any purpose other than for normal water skiing activities.

(D) No water skiing is permitted after sunset or before sunrise, except in areas designated for such use.

#### SECTION 12. FISHING

(A) The buying or selling of fish is prohibited within park property.

(B) Sport fishing is allowed within park property except where specifically prohibited.

(C) The use of a troll line for fishing purposes is prohibited within park property. Set cane poles are permitted if attended.

(D) All applicable State laws pertaining to fishing and licensing shall be enforced within Park property.

(E) The Director may establish specific fishing regulations for various water bodies within park property.

#### SECTION 13. FIREARMS

No person shall use or possess firearms, weapons or trapping devices within any park

property except with prior approval from the Director or in any area designated by the Department for such purpose. The Director shall establish rules and regulations pertaining to shooting or archery ranges. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is prohibited.

#### SECTION 14. PICNIC AREAS AND USE

(A) Except for reserved park/facility areas, individual picnic tables and associated grills are available on a "first come, first served" basis.

(B) No person shall use a grill or other device in such a manner as to burn, char, mar or blemish any bench, table, or other object of park property nor shall any person starting a fire leave the area without extinguishing said fire.

#### SECTION 15. CAMPING

No person shall camp within any park property except in areas designated by the Director for said purpose. The Department may establish rules and regulations for designated camping areas within park property. Rates for said use shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners. Camping units are to be of commercial manufacture and be of flame retardant material. House trailers are prohibited.

#### SECTION 16. HORSEBACK RIDING

No person shall engage in horseback riding within any park property except in areas designated by the Director for said purpose. In areas designated for horseback riding, horses must be thoroughly broken, properly restrained, and prevented from grazing and straying unattended. All riders must carry proof of their horse's negative coggins test.

#### SECTION 17. ANIMALS

(A) Except in specified areas, domesticated animals are permitted within Park property. Said animals must be restrained at all times at a distance not greater than six (6) feet in length from their handler.

(B) No person shall bring into, nor allow to enter, any park property any non-domesticated animals including, but not limited to, cattle, mules, swine, sheep, goats, fowl or

1 reptiles except where in conjunction with projects sponsored by County Departments or upon  
2 permit from the Director.

3 (C) Dangerous dogs, as defined in Chapter 767, Florida Statutes, are prohibited  
4 from park property.

5 (D) In conjunction with projects and facilities administered by County Departments or  
6 upon permit from the Director, animals may be allowed in designated areas of the parks at specified  
7 times without restraint.

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9 **SECTION 18. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

10 (A) The sale, purchase, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages  
11 as defined in Section 561.01(4), Florida Statutes, is hereby prohibited within park property except  
12 as specifically provided in accordance with the provisions set forth herein.

13 (B) Notwithstanding the prohibition set forth in Paragraph (A) above, the possession  
14 of alcoholic beverages in sealed original packages in any vehicle, vessel, or conveyance for  
15 purposes of storing or transporting such and not for purposes of selling or consuming such within  
16 park property shall not be a violation of this Ordinance.

17 (C) The Director may designate specific areas in which alcoholic beverages may be  
18 possessed and/or consumed. Designated areas may include, but are not limited to, picnic areas,  
19 areas reserved for large groups, and facilities for food service. Kegs of beer or other alcoholic malt  
20 liquor will be authorized only by permit and in conjunction with a reserved park facility area.

21 (D) The Director may permit, in writing, the sale, possession, and/or consumption of  
22 alcoholic beverages incidental to a special event. Said permission may not exceed four consecutive  
23 days.

24 (E) The Board of County Commissioners may permit the sale of alcoholic beverages  
25 by private contractors who operate or manage facilities within park property including but not  
26 limited to food service, performing arts, golf courses, and other facilities, as the Board of County  
27 Commissioner deems appropriate.

28 (F) At its option, the County may obtain, in its name, the necessary State licensing for  
29 the sale of alcoholic beverages. The County may, at its option, have such license transferred  
30 to contractor's or lessee's name, provided, however, that such licensing shall immediately revert to the

1 County upon termination, for any reason, of the contractor's agreement or lessee's lease with the  
2 County. The license holder shall take all action and execute all documents necessary to effect said  
3 transfer to the County.

4 (G) The permission granted under this Section shall be subject to all ordinances, laws  
5 rules and regulations applicable in Palm Beach County, and any grantee shall be responsible for  
6 compliance thereto. The permission granted may also be subject to, and granted with, specific  
7 conditions as set forth by the Department, and the grantee shall be responsible for insuring  
8 compliance thereto.

9 (H) No person who is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will be permitted in  
10 parks or recreation areas.

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12 **SECTION 19. FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES**

13 (A) No person shall bring into or have in his possession, or set off or otherwise cause  
14 to explode or discharge or burn within any park property any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets or  
15 other fireworks or explosives of flammable material, or discharge them or throw them onto any  
16 park property from land or water adjacent thereto. Parents or guardians shall be held strictly  
17 responsible and accountable for the actions of minors. Violators will be subject to prosecution  
18 accordingly.

19 (B) The Director may permit organizations and entities to conduct fireworks displays  
20 within Palm Beach County Parks, subject to full compliance with the Palm Beach County Fire  
21 Code or other applicable County Ordinances, or the ordinances of any municipality having  
22 jurisdiction to regulate said fireworks display.

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24 **SECTION 20. PARK USAGE**

25 (A) It is the policy of Palm Beach County to afford all citizens the opportunity to utilize  
26 County parks and also to participate in free speech activities within park property to the fullest  
27 extent permitted by law. The Parks and Recreation Director has the authority to establish  
28 guidelines for the permitting of special events, demonstrations, gatherings, performances or other  
29 mass assemblages at county parks.

30 (B) No person shall be or remain in any part of any park property between sunset and

1 sunrise or as specifically posted, The provisions of this section shall not apply to police officers or  
2 department employees while in the discharge of their duties nor to persons having a permit in  
3 writing issued by the department to be or remain in any part of the parks between such hours. The  
4 Department Director has the authority to establish exceptions to the closing hours as set forth above  
5 when it is in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare and such exceptions shall be posted.

6 (C) No person shall loiter in or around any park areas including, but not limited to,  
7 restrooms, dressing rooms or bathhouses, picnic shelters/areas, wooded or natural/undeveloped  
8 areas.

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10 **SECTION 21. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES**

11 (A) No person shall park or station on any park property any vehicle displaying a sign  
12 or notice with the intent of offering said vehicle for sale or exchange.

13 (B) No person shall advertise or offer for sale any article, material, or service, nor  
14 place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale, trade or display of any article, material,  
15 or service for sale or trade within any park area unless in conjunction with a permitted use of a  
16 reserved park/facility area.

17 (C) No person shall distribute, display or affix any printed materials or advertisements  
18 to or within any park property. Exceptions to this rule are printed materials or advertisements  
19 permanently affixed on vehicles or on clothing, distribution of printed handbills or leaflets the  
20 purpose of which is not solely commercial, announcements of park sponsored or sanctioned events;  
21 authorized signs located entirely within concession structures, and signs or distribution of printed  
22 materials in conjunction with a permitted use of reserved park/facility area.

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24 **SECTION 22. RESERVED PARK/FACILITY AREAS**

25 Park/facility areas shall not be reserved except by permit issued by the Director. Said  
26 reserved park/facility areas include athletic fields, group picnic shelters and associated facilities,  
27 recreation and civic facilities, and those areas requested for use for special events. Persons  
28 permitted for use of reserved park/facility areas must comply with all applicable rules and  
29 regulations as may be established by the Department. Permits requested for use of reserved  
30 park/facility areas for for-profit activities require approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

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3 **SECTION 23. PERMITS**

4 The Director has the authority to develop permitting systems and related rules and  
5 regulations for the use of Park facilities. Violations of permit requirements shall result in  
6 suspension or revocation of such permit.  
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8 **SECTION 24. NOISE**

9 No person shall make such loud, excessive, unnecessary noise so as to create a nuisance in  
10 any County park. Noise shall be considered a nuisance where it produces actual physical  
11 discomfort and annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities.  
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13 **SECTION 25. AIRCRAFT**

14 No one operating, directing or responsible for any aircraft, seaplane, helicopter, glider,  
15 balloon, dirigible, parachute or other aerial apparatus shall take off from or land within Park  
16 property except in emergency law enforcement situations or when written permission has been  
17 obtained from the Director.  
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19 **SECTION 26. POLLUTION OF WATERS**

20 No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of  
21 any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water within Park property any substance,  
22 matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.  
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24 **SECTION 27. REFUSE, TRASH AND LITTER**

25 (A) No person shall take into, dump, deposit or litter any bottles, broken glass, ashes,  
26 printed material, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or other trash upon any  
27 park property. Persons shall place all bottles, broken glass, ashes, printed material, paper, boxes,  
28 cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or other trash in the proper receptacles where provided;  
29 where receptacles are not provided, same shall be carried away from park property by the person or  
30 persons responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.

1 (B) No person shall affix printed material or any other item to any vehicle within park  
2 property other than their own vehicle.

3 **SECTION 28. PUBLIC UTILITIES**

4 Public utilities serving park property or traversing park property shall be subject to  
5 reasonable regulations as may be hereafter adopted in the public interest in order to protect County  
6 parks from unsightly and inconveniently located fixtures, installations and facilities.

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8 **SECTION 29. PARK HOURS**

9 (A) Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies and twenty-four (24) hour boat  
10 launching, fishing and camping areas, all parks shall be open to the public every day of the year  
11 during hours designated by the Director. The opening and closing hours shall be posted at each  
12 park in order to give notice to the public.

13 (B) The Director, acting as agent of the Board of County Commissioners, may declare  
14 any section or part of any park closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time, either  
15 temporary or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and either entirely or merely for  
16 certain uses.

17 (C) No unauthorized person shall be or remain within park property during those  
18 hours when the park is closed.

19 (D) No person shall enter upon park property which is under construction, in a state of  
20 disrepair, or withheld from general public usage in the interest of public safety, health and/or  
21 welfare.

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23 **SECTION 30. ENFORCEMENT**

24 (A) It shall be the duty and responsibility of all law enforcement officers within their  
25 jurisdiction to enforce all State laws, municipal ordinances, County ordinances, and County traffic  
26 regulations within park property and other areas maintained and operated by the Department.

27 (B) It shall be the duty and responsibility of law enforcement officers and designated  
28 Department employees to enforce all park rules and regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person  
29 to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by these rules or for any person to fail to  
30 comply with any lawful and reasonable order given by law enforcement officers. Violators of this

1 Ordinance may be ordered to leave Park areas by law enforcement officers and designated  
2 Department employees. Failure to leave once ordered constitutes a separate violation of this  
3 Ordinance.

4 (C) It shall be the duty and responsibility of law enforcement officers and authorized  
5 Department employees to enforce all provisions of permits issued by the Department. It shall be  
6 unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by any permit  
7 issued by the Department. Copies of regulations pertaining to reserved park/facility areas ~~may~~ shall  
8 be furnished with each permit issued.

#### 9 10 SECTION 31. PENALTIES

11 Failure to comply with the provisions set forth in this Ordinance shall constitute a violation  
12 of a County Ordinance and shall be punished upon conviction, pursuant to Section 125.69(1),  
13 Florida Statutes, by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 dollars per violation per day for as long as the  
14 violation continues or imprisonment not exceeding sixty (60) days, or both fine and imprisonment.  
15 Violations of this Ordinance that are continuous with respect to time may be abated by injunctive or  
16 other equitable relief. The imposition of a penalty does not prevent equitable relief.

#### 17 18 SECTION 32. SAVINGS CLAUSE

19 This Ordinance shall not affect or impair the processing and implementation of any permit  
20 issued or any act authorized pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 96-44. All permits and  
21 authorizations initiated under said Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until completed.  
22 Upon expiration of an existing permit or authorization, the permittee or authorized person must  
23 apply for a new permit or seek authorization in accordance with the provisions as set forth herein.

#### 24 25 SECTION 33. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT

26 Ordinance No. 96-44 is hereby repealed in its entirety. All local laws and ordinances in  
27 conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### 28 29 SECTION 34. SEVERABILITY

30 If any provision, article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this



1 Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such  
2 holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

3 **SECTION 35. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

4 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Laws and  
5 Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The Articles and Sections of this Ordinance may be  
6 renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to  
7 "Section," Article," or any other appropriate word.

9 **SECTION 36. EFFECTIVE DATE**

10 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of  
11 State.

13 APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach  
14 County, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2004.

16 ATTEST:

17 DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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20 By Judith A. Wilken By: Karen T. Marcus  
21 Deputy Clerk COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
22 CHAIR  
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24 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
25 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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29 County Attorney

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DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 10/21/04. 16  
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