



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2013

TITLE: Resolution approving amendments to Parks and Recreation Rules and
Regulations

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution to amend the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations. Periodically, staff brings recommend changes of the Parks and Recreation Rules to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches (PRB) Board members. At its meeting of April 24, 2013, the PRB Board approved certain amendments to the Park and Recreation Rules and Regulations.

Background

At its meeting of April 24, 2013, the Parks, Recreations and Beaches Board approved certain amendments to the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations (Exhibit 2). Specific changes to the Rules and Regulations being recommended for approval are as follows:

After discussions with Birch State Park and City Ocean Rescue personnel, it was decided that the “Activity Area” on the beach should start at Lifeguard tower 16 instead of Lifeguard Tower 15 due to the amount of beach patrons that access the beach via the State Park tunnel.

The current rule prohibits soliciting, begging or panhandling, however, we are recommending adding “This includes tips or payment for any service, performance or instruction” to Rule 7.5(c). This addition is to clarify that no money is to be exchanged on the beach, unless authorized by the City.

The current rules prohibit attaching hammocks to trees or shower structures. However, the City has recently encountered issues with patrons attaching items, such as slacklines, to trees on beach property. This type of activity can cause damage to our trees and/or potential bodily harm. Therefore, we are recommending adding “any

objects, including but not limited to...ropes, slacklines, clotheslines, flags or banners” to Rule 7.5(g) in order to keep items off the trees and prevent harm to beachgoers.

All other changes are minor in nature:

- 4.3 Add in “service” to read “No person shall expose or offer for sale any article, service, or thing.”
- 4.5 Add in “portable generators” to read “No person or group shall play or operate any sound amplification device including radios, television sets....portable generators, or any other loud noise generating device which disturbs other persons.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with this recommendation.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 2 – Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Minutes – April 24, 2013

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