

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PORT ARANSAS CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 27 "PUBLIC BEACH", ARTICLE II "BEACH CAMPING", BY DELETING SECTION 27-50 "RECREATIONAL VEHICLE(S) CAMPING PERMIT REQUIRED; PERMIT FEES ESTABLISHED", IN ITS ENTIRETY; AMENDING SECTION 27-52 "CAMPING PROHIBITIONS", TO DEFINE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING AND PERFORMING GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE, READING, PENALTY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DELETION

~~Sec. 27-50. Recreational vehicle(s) (RV) camping permit required; permit fees established.~~

- ~~(a) Recreational vehicle(s) camping on the beach are prohibited without a valid annual permit obtained from the city or approved vendor. The permit must be properly displayed per instructions accompanying the permit and shall be prominently displayed during the duration of the permitted stay so as to be easily visible from at least ten (10) feet.~~
- ~~(b) Annual camping permits may be sold by the city or any vendor approved by the city manager and the fee is set by the city council by resolution.~~
- ~~(c) The permit is required in addition to a beach parking permit.~~
- ~~(d) Camping permits are non-refundable, non-transferable, revocable, licenses and may be withdrawn by order of the city manager or his designee, with or without notice or cause.~~
- ~~(e) The city manager or designee may waive camping permit fees for non-profit organizations.~~
- ~~(f) The city council or their designee may waive camping permit fees and location restrictions for a group or organization in conjunction with a permitted event.~~

~~([Ord. No. 2015-03, § 2, 4-16-15](#))~~

SECTION 2. ADDITION

Sec. 27-51 50. - Limitations on camping.

No person shall camp on the city beach for a period of time in excess of three (3) nights, during any three week period. This regulation will apply on an annual basis.

([Ord. No. 2015-03, § 2, 4-16-15](#))

Sec. 27-52 **51.** - Camping prohibitions.

- (a) Camping is prohibited in all public areas within the corporate city limits except for allowable beach camping.
- (b) Notwithstanding all other provisions contained herein, camping is prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of either edge of the obvious driving lane and in any location that would impede traffic or create an unsafe condition. Camping is also prohibited within two hundred (200) feet of any beach access road and within fifty (50) feet of the water's edge.
- (c) No person shall erect any structure with the exception of a tent, awning, or canopy for the purpose of establishing a camp site.
- (d) Tent camping is prohibited:
 - (1) Landward of the bollards; and
 - (2) South of the last city approved lavatory facility.

(e) Recreational Vehicles (RVs), whether parked or camping on the beach must be parked perpendicular to the water's edge of the Gulf of Mexico within the entire city limits beginning the third Friday in May and ending the first Tuesday in September.

([Ord. No. 2015-03, § 2, 4-16-15](#))

Sec. 27-53 **52.** - Health, safety, and sanitation of city beach.

- (a) Waste, grey or black water, from a self-contained recreational vehicle or any other portable camp toilet systems, portable showers, and kitchen or cooking waste may only be discharged at an approved facility designed for such collection.
- (b) All campsites shall be properly maintained. No trash, litter, refuse, or similar material may be visible in any campsite and all camping items shall be stored in a neat and orderly manner or outside of public view when not in use.
- (c) Any tent, awning, canopy, netting, or other temporary shelter; or any non-permitted sleeping bag, bed roll or other item left unattended on the beach or other public area for more than 24 consecutive hours shall be deemed abandoned property and may be removed and disposed of by the city, without further notice.
- (d) Any tent, awning, canopy, netting, or other temporary shelter; or any sleeping bag, bed roll or other item that is visibly broken, torn, or otherwise obviously damaged, (including damage caused by rising tides, wind, or other natural occurrences) and left unattended on the beach or other public area shall be deemed abandoned property and may be removed and disposed of by the city without further notice.

([Ord. No. 2015-03, § 2, 4-16-15](#))

Sec. 27-54 **53.** - Exceptions.

This section does not apply to:

- (1) Private property appropriately zoned or otherwise authorized by the city to allow for temporary, permanent, or semi-permanent, use of a RV(s) for living quarters;
- (2) To any boat or water vessel currently registered and moored at any boat dock or lawfully anchored in any waters within the corporate city limits; and
- (3) Recreational vehicle parks, resorts or campgrounds located on private property and zoned for or otherwise authorized by the city for use as a temporary camping facility.

([Ord. No. 2015-03, § 2, 4-16-15](#))

Secs. 27-55 ~~54~~—27-399. - Reserved.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

As provided by Article III, Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption on the third and final reading.

SECTION 3. READING.

As provided by Article III, Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance or the caption of it shall be read at three city council meetings with at least one week elapsing between each reading.

SECTION 4. SEVERANCE.

If any part of this ordinance is invalid or void or is declared to be so, then said part shall be severed from the balance of this ordinance and said invalidity shall not affect the balance of this ordinance, the balance of the ordinance to be read as if said invalid or void portion thereof were not included.

PASSED, ORDAINED, APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 21st day of OCTOBER, 2021.

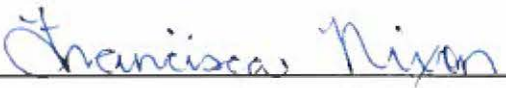


CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS

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Charles R. Bujan, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francisca Nixon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid black horizontal line.

Francisca Nixon, City Secretary

First Reading: August 19, 2021

Second Reading: September 16, 2021

Third Reading: October 21, 2021