



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: November 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 22-008 amending the following sections of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Sanibel Boat Ramp and Beach Parking Areas:

Chapter 66 - Traffic

- Subdivision I – General
 - Section 66-58 – Official parking zone map and general prohibition.
- Subdivision II – Permits
 - Section 66-76 – Types of Permits.
 - Section 66-77 – Availability.
 - Section 66-85 – Fees; hours.

Chapter 74 – Waterways

- Article III – Boat Ramps
 - Section 74-97 – Parking and use of the parking area adjacent to the city public boat ramp facility.

BACKGROUND:

City Council is asked to consider approving Ordinance 22-008 at Second Reading after conducting a public hearing and receiving public comment on the proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances. The proposed Ordinance amendments were presented to the City Council on November 1, 2022. The following provides a summary of proposed amendments to the Sanibel Code of Ordinances.

At the July 19, 2022, City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to develop a Pilot Program that would increase the availability for resident parking at the City boat ramp on weekends and busy holidays. The draft Ordinance amendment was presented to the City Council at the September 12, 2022, City Council meeting. Based on the City Council's discussion and direction, the following changes were made for the First and Second Reading draft Ordinance:

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- References to boat and/or vessel were changed to watercraft.
- Section 66-76(a)(8) was added to clarify the specific date when permits expire and that permit fees will not be prorated based on the date purchased.
- Section 66-85(a)(4)(d), which referenced the proration of permit fees, was deleted in favor of the language inserted in 66-86(a)(8).

The concept for a Pilot Program was to establish changes for one-year where the impact on access, use, and revenues would be reviewed periodically throughout the year. Unless the City Council directs staff to amend the Ordinance within the 1-year pilot program period, the Ordinance being amended today will remain in effect.

Amendments to the Section 66-76 will require the City's Beach Parking Map and Beach Parking Application forms to be updated too. The revised Beach Parking Map is included in the agenda packet.

Several sections of the Code require amendments. The following summarizes the draft Ordinance amendment:

Chapter 66 - Traffic

Section 66-58

1. Page 1 – Updated the date of the City's Beach Parking Map and minor changes related to permit name.

Section 66-76

1. Page 1 – (a)(1) – Minor revisions to the Residential Beach Parking Permit.
2. Page 1 & 2 – (a)(2) – Changes the title of the permit from Restricted to non-residential.
3. Page 2 – (3) – Deleted and substituted with Day Permits on page 2 & 3.
4. Page 2 – (4) – Creates a section for Residential Boat Ramp permit. The AC permit is already in use.
 - a. Please note that the permit is issued for "use", which includes launching and retrieving a boat at the ramp and for parking.
5. Page 2 – (5) Creates a section for Non-Residential Boat Ramp permit. The BC permit is already in use.
 - a. Please note that the permit is issued for "use", which includes launching and retrieving a boat at the ramp and for parking.
6. Page 2 & 3 – (6) – Changes the title of permit from General to Day parking permits at City Beach Parks.
 - a. The list of beach parks included Causeway Beach which is the reference to the beach area at the boat ramp. s
 - b. Please note that there is a reference to an internet pay application as an option to pay for parking. The application is in development and staff will provide the City Council with an update on this application at the October meeting.
7. Page 3 – (7) – Creates a section for Day use and parking permits for the boat ramp. Day parking permits are not available on weekends and holidays. Only AC and BC permits will be accepted on those dates.

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- a. Please note that the permit is issued for “use”, which includes launching and retrieving a boat at the ramp and for parking.
 - b. Definitions for weekend and holiday have been provided.
 - c. Vehicles with trailers with day passes parked in lot must remove the vehicle and trailer prior to the start of the weekend or holiday.
 - d. A list of holidays is provided.
8. Page 3 – (8) – Specifies where Lee County Regional park passes are accepted.

Section 66-77

1. Allows the City Manager to determine where beach passes will be distributed. Passes are currently distributed at the Recreation Center.

Section 66-85

1. Revises titles for permits.
2. (f) – Clarifies that fees must be paid for use of the boat ramp which is launching and retrieving a boat.
3. (c) (1) – Establishes the civil penalty for violations at the boat ramp at \$250.
4. (c) (2) – Clarifies that the civil penalty for violations at beach parks (other facilities) is \$150

Chapter 74 – Waterways

Section 74-97

1. (c)(1) – Increases penalty for commercial use at the boat ramp, from \$35 to \$250.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Conduct a Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance amendments. Approve Ordinance 22-008 amending Chapter 66 – Traffic; and Chapter 74 – Waterways; of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances as written (or as amended by the City Council).