

May 30, 2002

Chairperson and Members of the
Parks, Recreation and Community
Resources Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting of
June 4, 2002

MUNICIPAL PIER ORDINANCES

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Review the Ordinances related to uses on the Municipal Pier; and
2. Consider whether or not to recommend amending the Ordinances with regards to the allowance of dogs on the Pier and/or bikes, skateboards and skates.

Background

At the May 7, 2002 meeting, the Commission requested a review of the Ordinances related to the Municipal Pier.

The existing laws prohibit dogs, bikes, and skateboards /scooters/skates/etc. on the Pier.

Analysis

The impetus for this request was primarily focused on people walking their dogs along the Strand who may wish to walk to the end of the Pier.

While the original intent of the Ordinance is not known, it can be speculated that there may have been concerns about conflicts between fishing activities and dogs and pier clean-up.

If dogs were permitted on the Pier, some of the people fishing would likely bring their dogs for the duration of their fishing activity perhaps adding to the clean-up impacts at the end of the Pier and pedestrian conflicts.

The intent in prohibiting bikes, etc. from the Pier was likely to reduce liability issues between pedestrians, fishing lines, and various conveyances.

If the Commission wishes to recommend amending these ordinances, a proposed amendment would be submitted to City Council for consideration and a Public Hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Attachment:

Chapter 12.24 Municipal Code – Municipal Pier

Respectfully submitted:

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