

**PORT OF SKAMANIA COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1**

**AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2019-1 REGULATING CONDUCT ON PORT OF SKAMANIA  
COUNTY PROPERTY IN STEVENSON AND ABUTTING PROPERTY IN SKAMANIA COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Port of Skamania County ("Port") maintains property for public and recreational use; and  
WHEREAS, RCW 53.08.220 contemplates that ports may adopt ordinances concerning the use of their property and seek enforcement of those ordinances by local authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission finds that seasonal changes to the Port's overnight vehicle parking rules are necessary to support public safety, seasonal operations, and management of limited parking availability during periods of increased summer use; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission desires to suspend overnight parking privileges on Port property from July 1<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission has determined that Section 9 of Ordinance 2019-1 should be amended to reflect this seasonal restriction;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Skamania County as follows:

**Section 1. Amendment of Section 9.**

Section 9 of Ordinance 2019-1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 9. Overnight Vehicle Parking.** No camping is allowed on Port property except as defined in this section.

**Definitions**

As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. "Self-Contained Vehicle Camper" means travel trailers, 5th wheel trailers, vehicle mounted campers, camper vans, busses, motor homes (Class A, B, & C), that are temporary in nature, used for travel, vacation, and recreation purposes, usually having permanently affixed cooking and sanitation facilities, equipped for sleeping or dwelling purposes, currently licensed, legal to be transported on the streets and highways by private means.
2. "Parking" means sleeping or remaining overnight in a self-contained vehicle camper as defined in 1 above, as applied to this Section 9.
3. "Designated Overnight Parking Areas" includes the designated vehicle overnight parking areas as marked on the pavement between East Point and Leavens Street, near the pedestrian walkway. Designated overnight parking spaces do not extend onto or across the pedestrian walkway.
4. "Noise disturbance" means that level of noise that causes disturbance to at least three other park users who have complained that the sound level is irritating beyond 15 feet from the origin of the noise. "Noise disturbance" includes, but is not limited to, artificial noises created by devices such as amplifiers for musical instruments and/or loud, profane or obnoxious language that cause a disturbance to any number of park users.

**Summary:** The rules contained herein have been established to allow recreation usage by allowing limited overnight vehicle parking in the designated parking spaces between East Point and Leavens Point from 4:00 p.m. Friday evening to 10:00 p.m. Sunday night; provided, however, that the Port shall not offer overnight parking privileges from July 1<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day weekend.

**Overnight Parking fee** is \$10 per night per designated parking space to be placed in the envelope provided and deposited into the "Iron Ranger" located on the west end of the waterfront parking area near Leavens Street. Overnight vehicles must display the receipt portion of the payment in the lower driver side windshield. No overnight parking fee shall be collected, and no overnight parking shall be permitted during the period from July 1<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day weekend.

**Overnight Parking Rules**

1. Overnight Parking at the Stevenson Waterfront is allowed in the designated parking spaces between East Point and Leavens Street, except that overnight parking shall not be offered from July 1<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day weekend.
2. \$10 per night per vehicle; self-registration required; receipt must be displayed in driver side windshield.

3. Designated Overnight Parking spots are available on a first-come, first-served, no reservations basis.
4. Port of Skamania County is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.
5. Vehicles may occupy space from 4:00 p.m. each day until 12:00 p.m. the next day.
6. Number of vehicles in a single parking space at one time shall be limited to one car, camper or one vehicle with trailer with no more than 4 persons per space.
7. Only self-driven, self-contained, registered vehicles as defined above are allowed and the vehicle must be equipped for sleeping or dwelling purposes and fit within the designated space.
8. No tractor trailers, box rental, or cargo utility trucks allowed.
9. No tents allowed.
10. There are no water, power or sewer hook ups available. Vehicles must be self-contained. No dumping of dish water, shower water, sewage, "black" or "gray" water is allowed.
11. Vehicles must be parked parallel in the spaces; no "circling" or "boxing" permitted.
12. All gear, chairs, trailer, vehicles etc. must stay within one space.
13. Fire lanes must remain clear at all times. Vehicles blocking any fire lanes will be subject to towing at owners risk and expense.
14. Littering is prohibited. Dispose of trash in receptacles only.
15. It is unlawful to destroy, injure, deface, remove or disturb any public building, sign, equipment, marker, or other structure or property or vegetative plant or natural feature.
16. No open fires allowed.
17. It is unlawful to possess, use or explode any fireworks or explosives of any kind except as allowed under Washington law.
18. Pets must be leashed while on Port Property and owners must clean up after them; owners are responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by their pet while visiting.
19. Quiet time is from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and Noise Disturbances as defined above are prohibited during these times. Internal and external sound systems must be maintained at a reasonable level.

**Section 2. Ratification.** Except as expressly amended herein, Ordinance 2019-1 shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after publication as provided by law.

Read at a public meeting of the Port of Skamania County Board of Commissioners on the 11th day of June 2026.

Passed the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026, by the Port of Skamania County Board of Commissioners.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Commissioner Ray Broughton (District 1)

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Commissioner Andrew Taylor (District 2)

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Commissioner Todd Kingston (District 3)

**ATTEST:**

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Pat Albaugh, Executive Director