

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING*
A Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact accompanies this form

<u>Parks and Recreation Department</u>	736
Agency and Division	Administrative Rules Chapter Number
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RULE CAPTION

Revise Camping Rates for State Parks

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer
8-20-13	7:00 p.m.	South Beach State Park, Meeting Yurt, 5580 S. Coast Highway, Newport	Staff
8-21-13	7:00 p.m.	Champoeg State Heritage Area, Visitor Center, 8239 Champoeg Road	Staff
8-22-13	7:00 p.m.	The Cove Palisades State Park, Crooked River Campground Program	Staff
8-23-13	7:00 p.m.	Wallowa Lake State Recreation Area, Day Use Picnic Shelter, 72214	Staff

RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:

N/A

AMEND:

OAR 736-015-0006, OAR 736-015-0010, OAR 736-015-0015, OAR 736-015-0020, OAR 736-015-0026, OAR 736-015-0030, OAR 736-015-0035, OAR 736-015-0040, OAR 736-015-0043

REPEAL:

OAR 736-015-0006, OAR 736-015-0010, OAR 736-015-0015, OAR 736-015-0020, OAR 736-015-0026, OAR 736-015-0030, OAR 736-015-0035, OAR 736-015-0040, OAR 736-015-0043

RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

N/A

AMEND AND RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

N/A

Statutory Authority:

ORS 390.124

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:

ORS 390.111; ORS 390.121; ORS 390.124

RULE SUMMARY

Rules under OAR Chapter 736, divisions 15, Rates, establish rates for camping and day use in properties managed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The division also sets fee waivers for specific groups.

During the 2013 legislative session, OPRD received approval to increase camping rates. The proposed rule changes implement the legislatively approved fees and cover two additional items as follows:

- 1) Limits foster family fee waivers to 14 days within a calendar month to make it consistent with other fee waiver programs; and
- 2) Changes the fee structure for motorcycles in campsites to include up to two motorcycles for the extra vehicle fee, as opposed to just one motorcycle.

* Those who wish to make public comment during public hearings must register with the hearings officer on site by 7:30 PM on the day of the hearing.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

<u>08-30-2013 5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Vanessa DeMoe</u>	<u>vanessa.demoe@state.or.us</u>
Last Day (<i>m/d/yyyy</i>) and Time for public comment	Rules Coordinator Name	Email Address

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STATEMENT OF NEED AND FISCAL IMPACT
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Revise Camping Rates for State Parks

Rule Caption (Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.)

In the Matter of:

Amendments to rates under chapter 736, division 15 to revise camping rates, limit Foster fee waivers and clarify extra vehicle charges for motorcycles.

Statutory Authority:

ORS 390.124

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:

ORS 390.111; ORS 390.121; ORS 390.124

Need for the Rule(s):

The rule is needed to implement the legislatively adopted agency budget for the 2014-2015 biennium. The proposed fee changes align OPRD's rates with the rates of other campground operators in Oregon and help recover part of the costs needed to operate the OPRD facilities at the high-quality level the public has come to expect. Lastly, a few of the rule changes clarify existing fees and waivers to ensure fairness for all users.

Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available:

2012 Campground Rate Research, internal document available from OPRD

Fiscal and Economic Impact:

The proposed fee changes will have the greatest impact on the public members who use OPRD's facilities. However, the increases are fairly small (between \$1 and \$4 a night) relative to the value of the services provided. This proposed increase follows a four-year period of flat fees and is necessary to provide the funding to continue operation of camping facilities at the level of service the public expects at state park properties. The fee increases are expected to have a minimal impact on OPRD facility use or tourism in general. The fiscal impact on local communities may be positive, as some current OPRD users may move from OPRD campgrounds to other local campgrounds. In addition, local governments may see a slight increase in their lodging tax revenue as a result of greater OPRD fees.

Statement of Cost of Compliance:

1. Impact on state agencies, units of local government and the public (ORS 183.335(2)(b)(E)):

A) State Agencies: There is no apparent impact on state agencies, as this rule affects OPRD and the individuals who use its facilities. If a state agency decides to use OPRD facilities for business (meetings, staff retreats, etc.) they may be subject to a slightly higher user fee in 2014 than in the past. However, we expect the overall impact to be minimal, as state agencies are not our primary users, and the fee increases are fairly small overall.

B) Units of Local Government: The proposed fee changes may have a small positive fiscal impact on local governments. OPRD expects a small percentage of its customers (less than 3%) to be price sensitive and not camp at OPRD facilities during the first season after the fee changes take effect. In that case, it is possible that some campers may shift to local government facilities, which may result in slightly higher revenues for local governments. Furthermore, for the jurisdictions that charge a local lodging tax on a percentage basis, an increase in OPRD fees will result in greater local lodging tax revenue for local governments.

C) The Public: The proposed fee changes will have a fiscal impact on the public, who will be asked to pay slightly higher prices – on average between \$1 and \$4 a night depending on the type of camping facility. However, the changes represent a fairly small increase to the overall price and relative to the value of the services provided, and are expected to have a minimal if any impact on OPRD facility use or tourism in general.

2. Cost of compliance effect on small business (ORS 183.336):

a. Estimate the number of small business and types of businesses and industries with small businesses subject to the rule:

N/A This rule does not have a cost of compliance for small businesses.

b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services:

N/A

c. Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance:

N/A

How were small businesses involved in the development of this rule?

Private campground operators and camping organizations were asked to serve on the Administrative Rule Advisory Committee.

Administrative Rule Advisory Committee consulted?: Yes

If not, why?:

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