



COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANZANITA, OREGON, REQUESTING THAT THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OPEN RULEMAKING ON A PROPOSED CHANGE TO OAR 736-024-0015(b)(A) and (B).

WHEREAS, motor vehicle travel is currently prohibited on the beach contiguous with the city of Manzanita except during the period from October 1 through April 30, between the hours of 7 am and 12 pm, and at any time for vehicles engaged in boat launchings; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle travel on the beach is no longer compatible with the safe enjoyment of the beach on a year-round basis by Manzanita residents, second-home owners, overnight lodging guests, and day trippers; and

WHEREAS, beach use increases substantially during the holiday season extending from Thanksgiving through New Years, on 3 day weekends including Indigenous Peoples Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and President's Day, and during Spring Break weeks in both Oregon and Washington, all of which occur during the October-April period when vehicles are currently permitted on the beach; and

WHEREAS, the city of Manzanita's visitors center has two beach wheelchairs and one electric all-terrain track chair that provide opportunities for disabled people to have reasonable beach access and use at no charge;

WHEREAS, motor vehicle travel on the beach adversely impacts the beach ecosystem in several ways that are harmful to inter-tidal marine life, shorebirds, wildlife and coastal vegetation; and

WHEREAS, boat launching on the beach in question is rare to non-existent, and two well used boat launching sites on Nehalem Bay adequately address this need;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Manzanita that we request the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission to open rulemaking for the purpose of changing OAR 736-024-0015 so that motor vehicle travel is no longer permitted on the beach in question.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on Jan 8-2025

This resolution is effective on Jan 9-2025

Kathryn Stock, Mayor



ATTEST:



Leila Aman, City Manager/ City Recorder