



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM

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BACKGROUND

Staff has been made aware that the Council may be interested in establishing an ordinance for public parks within the City of Breezy Point. The goal of this discussion is to determine whether developing a park ordinance is a priority and, if so, to direct staff to begin drafting one for future Council consideration.

OVERVIEW

The City owns six public areas for recreational use:

- Public Beach
- City Hall Park
- Breezy Point Drive Park
- Disc Golf Course
- Fishing Dock
- Four Seasons Trail

The purpose of a park ordinance is to establish clear rules and expectations for how public parks and recreational areas are used, maintained, and protected. Such an ordinance also provides the authority for the Police Department to enforce these rules and issue citations for violations when necessary.

Currently, the City has an existing ordinance specifically governing the Public Beach (see Attachment A). This could act as a good starting point for a broader ordinance. It is common for cities to adopt a broader park ordinance to ensure that all public recreational spaces are governed by consistent, enforceable, and well-understood regulations.

If directed, this would be the tentative timeline for approval:

1. Staff will collaborate, gather information, review other city's ordinances and provide a draft for Council to review early 2026
2. Council review and provide feedback to staff on changes or additions to be made
3. Final version to go to legal for review
4. Public hearing to consider approval ordinance in spring 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council discuss whether establishing a park ordinance is a current priority and the advantages and challenges if implemented. If the Council directs, the goal would be to adopt the ordinance prior to the start of the 2026 recreation season.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attachment A- Public Beach Ordinance