



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 21, 2026, 6:00 PM

PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Call to Order

Commissioner Roll Call:

	Present	Excused	Comment
William C. (Billy) Sehmel, President			
Kurt Grimmer, Clerk			
Steve Nixon			
Maryellen (Missy) Hill			
Laurel Kingsbury			

ITEM 1 President's Report

ITEM 2 Executive Director's Report

ITEM 3 Special Presentations

3a. [January and February 2026 Financial Report](#)

ITEM 4 Board Committee Reports

4a. Park Services Committee

4b. Finance Committee

4c. Administrative Services Committee

4d. Recreation Services Committee

4e. Campaign Committee

4f. External Committees

ITEM 5 Public Comments:

This is the time set aside for the public to provide their comments to the Board on matters related to PenMet Parks. Each person may speak up to three (3) minutes, but only once during the citizen comment period. Anyone who provides public comment must comply with Policy P10-106 providing for the Rules of Decorum for Board Meetings. A copy of the policy is available at each meeting and at www.penmetparks.org

ITEM 6 Minutes

6a. [Approval of April 7, 2026 Study Session Minutes](#)

6b. [Approval of April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

ITEM 7 Consent Agenda



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- 7a. [C2026-006 Authorizing Submission of Recreation And Conservation Office Grant Applications](#)

ITEM 8 Unfinished Business

- 8a. [RR2026-002 Adopting Policy P20-101: Amended Rules for Park Use \(second reading\)](#)

ITEM 9 New Business

- 9.1 Purchasing Resolutions Requiring One Reading for Adoption
9.2 Single Reading Resolutions Requiring One Reading for Adoption
9.3 Two Reading Resolutions Requiring Two Readings for Adoption

ITEM 10 Comments by Board

ITEM 11 Next Board Meetings

May 5, 2026 - Study Session at 5:00 pm and Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm at PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

ITEM 12 Executive Session

- 12a. Executive Session for the purpose of considering the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (b).

ITEM 13 Adjournment

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING PROCEDURES

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Financial Review – January & February 2026

Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
April 21, 2026

General Fund

General Fund Revenue: Budget-vs-Actual

General Fund Revenue	Feb. 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals	2026 Budget
Real & Personal Property Tax	188,192	206,748	8,798,911
Sales Tax	58,397	106,718	561,600
Private Harvest Tax	0	0	2,080
Leasehold Excise Tax	1,043	1,074	5,200
REET/Impact Fees	0	0	500,000
Investment Interest	39,189	83,516	500,000
Deposits Received	3,192	3,047	0
Other General Fund Revenue	7,250	7,250	5,000
Sale of Machinery & Equipment	0	0	0
Total General Fund Revenue	\$297,263	\$408,353	\$10,372,791

- Interest rates were lower in January (3.768%) and February (3.739% vs. December (3.875%).
- Through February YTD, revenue is at 4% of budget for the year.

General Fund Expenses: Budget-vs-Actual

General Fund expenses are 5% of budget YTD through February.

General Fund Operating Expenses by Division	Feb. 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals	2026 Budget
Legislative	9,629	14,243	183,654
Development	18,724	31,738	236,461
Executive	53,966	84,850	653,654
Finance & IT	85,621	186,814	1,587,433
Administrative Services	36,497	62,199	898,615
Recreation Services	29,320	44,372	358,137
Maintenance & Operations	182,230	295,027	2,330,330
Park Services	69,880	113,459	699,361
Total General Fund Expenses	\$485,867	\$832,702	\$6,947,645

Recreation Enterprise Fund

Recreation Enterprise Fund

Revenues by Program Type

Rec Enterprise Fund Revenue	Feb. 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals	2026 Budget
Donations	0	0	2,500
Sponsorships	2,800	5,300	80,000
Program Fees – Sports & Fitness	90,568	142,942	745,467
Program Fees – Adaptive Recreation	403	5,062	33,857
Program Fees – Camps	1,140	2,509	280,508
Program Fees – Youth Programs	3,036	7,676	42,264
Program Fees – Adult Programs	1,185	3,012	27,524
Program Fees – Senior Programs	7,047	17,124	112,140
Program Fees - Events	0	0	6,000
Program Fees – Aquatics	0	0	99,520
Program Fees – Mini Golf	0	0	123,000
Other Recreation Revenue	180	612	3,705
Total Rec Enterprise Fund Revenue	\$106,359	\$184,237	\$1,556,485

12% of budgeted revenue has been earned through February YTD.

Recreation Enterprise Fund

Revenues by Program Type

Top revenue earned YTD:

- 19% - Sports & Fitness
- 18% - Youth Programs
- 15% - Senior Programs



Recreation Enterprise Fund

Expenses by Program Type

Recreation is 9% expended to budget YTD through February.

Recreation Enterprise Fund Expenses	Feb. 2026 Actuals	YTD 2026 Actuals	2026 Budget
General Recreation Expenses	22,285	44,338	349,325
Sports & Fitness	55,561	75,230	690,951
Adaptive Recreation	9,389	13,643	136,717
Camps	5,085	7,249	326,099
Youth Programs	10,624	12,919	85,605
Adult Programs	5,446	6,873	26,363
Senior Programs	16,931	24,991	164,858
Events	15,689	23,194	205,034
Aquatics	0	0	182,208
Mini Golf	0	0	43,085
Total Rec Enterprise Fund Expenses	\$141,010	\$208,437	\$2,210,245

Facility Enterprise Fund

Facility Enterprise Fund Revenue: Budget-vs-Actual

Facility Enterprise Fund Revenue	YTD 2026 Actuals	2026 Budget
Facility Rental Fees – Admin Bldg	0	8,375
Facility Rental Fees – Rec Center	25,546	309,015
Park & Field Rental Fees	39,297	223,100
Facility Rental Fees	21,146	120,000
Long Term Golf Course Lease	19,730	2,219,015
Housing Lease	3,699	22,194
Concessions	31	10,000
Concessions - Leased	1,152	4,450
Total Facility Enterprise Fund Revenue	\$110,601	\$2,916,149

Facility Enterprise Fund Revenue by Park/Facility

Top revenue earned YTD:

- \$31K – Athletic Fields
- \$25K – Recreation Center
- \$15K – Sehmel Pavilion



Facility Enterprise Fund Expenses: Budget-vs-Actual

Facility Enterprise Fund Expenses	YTD 2026 Actuals	2026 Budget
Wages & Benefits	107,897	765,699
Professional Services	0	20,000
Operating Supplies – Facilities	807	10,000
Operating Supplies – Concessions	0	7,500
Operating Supplies – Golf Course	11,655	1,657,259
Minor Equipment – Facilities	6,887	5,000
Sales Tax – Facilities	6,924	56,604
ActiveNet Fees – Facilities	1,640	19,815
Total Facility Enterprise Fund Expenses	\$135,810	\$2,541,877

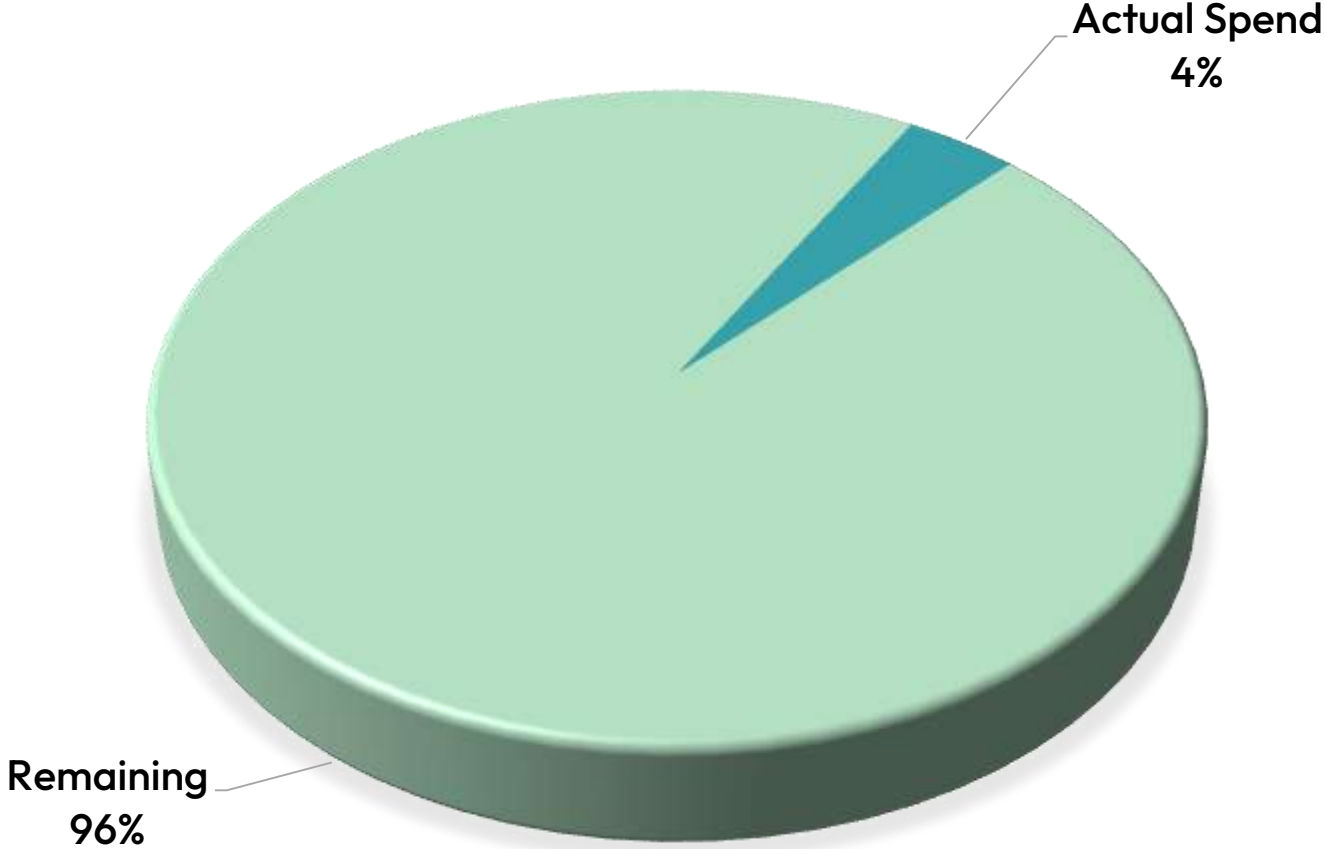
Capital Fund

Capital Fund 2026 Budgeted Projects

Project #/Description	Budget
2026-1: Planned Major Maintenance	\$1,050,000
2026-2: Property Acquisition	\$150,000
2026-3: Heavy Equipment	\$50,000
2026-4: Peninsula Gardens Phase 1	\$2,200,000
2026-5: Sunrise Beach Picnic Shelter/Restrooms	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$3,650,000



Capital Fund Previous Year Carryforward



We started the year with \$9,672,846 of approved project budgets & unallocated funds from previous years.

Capital Fund



Recreation Center

- \$325K



Tubby's Trail

- \$12K



Narrows Park

- \$9K

\$388K has been spent through February YTD.

Questions?



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STUDY SESSION – MINUTES

April 07, 2026, 5:00 PM

PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335

Call to Order Time: 5:00 pm

Commissioner Roll Call:

	Present	Excused	Comment
William C. (Billy) Sehmel, President	x		
Kurt Grimmer, Clerk	x		
Steve Nixon	x		
Maryellen (Missy) Hill	x		
Laurel Kingsbury	x		

Quorum? Yes

ITEM 1 Board Discussion

Volunteer Recognition Reception and Proclamation

1a. Proclamation 2026-001 in Recognition of PenMet Parks Volunteers

ITEM 2 Adjournment Time: 5:33 pm

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING PROCEDURES

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Approved By the Board on _____

William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President

Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk

Attest: Amanda Walston, Board Secretary



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April 07, 2026, 6:00 PM

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Call to Order Time: 6:00 pm

Commissioner Roll Call:

Secretary:

	Present	Excused	Comment
William C. (Billy) Sehmel, President	x		
Kurt Grimmer, Clerk	x		
Steve Nixon	x		
Maryellen (Missy) Hill	x		
Laurel Kingsbury	x		

Quorum? Yes

ITEM 1 President's Report

A number of comments have been shared by the community on how well the Egg Hunt went; also heard from a family who are thankful for the DeMolay Sandspit park, as they have seen whales multiple times from the park in recent weeks.

ITEM 2 Executive Director's Report

Director of Operations, Brynn Grimley, provides brief presentation on behalf of Executive Director Bujacich.

Introduction of new staff members joining PenMet in March: Gerard LeGrange, Facility Specialist and Summer Johndrow, IT Intern.

Recent Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt and Specialized and Adaptive Egg Scramble, both held at Harborstone Field, as well as the Spring Egg Hunt at Sehmel Homestead park were very successful; thanks to our staff and generous sponsors.

New Veteran's Walking Club program kicked off its inaugural walk on a rainy day earlier this month; the Board's generous support to sponsor this program, making it free for participants is greatly appreciated.

Summer Camp registration is underway, with over 1,100 already complete; overall camp fill rate is currently at approximately 38%.

ITEM 3 Special Presentations – None

ITEM 4 Board Committee Reports

4a. Park Services Committee – Met 3/27/26

Discussion of progress on DeMolay Sandspit project design, permitting and accessibility as well as need for clear public communication, potential seasonal security measures as site transitions.



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Discussion of Signage Master Plan progress, additional stakeholder outreach.

Butterfield Forrest is on track for June opening, pending completion of cultural resource review and maintenance tasks.

Review ongoing maintenance priorities to ensure safe, high-quality parks.

Next meeting scheduled for 4/24/26.

4b. Finance Committee – Has not met since last meeting

4c. Recreation Services Committee – Has not met since last meeting

4d. Campaign Committee – Met 3/27/26

Capital Campaign 99% complete; working on raising last \$14,000 of \$4 million.

Discussion of PenMet Parks Foundation and District priority alignment; review of PenMet Parks Foundation first 'Pillars of Service.'

Next meeting scheduled for 4/24/26.

4e. External Committees

Tomorrow morning's YMCA Advisory Board meets tomorrow to celebrate outgoing Executive Director Efrain Gonzalez; hear update on interim plan.

ITEM 5 Public Comments:

NO SPEAKERS

ITEM 6 Minutes

6a. Approval of March 17, Study Session Meeting Minutes

6b. Approval of March 17, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.
 Commissioner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

ITEM 7 Consent Agenda

7a. Resolution C2026-004 Approving Asset Names for Certain PenMet Parks Recreation Center Campus Facilities

7b. Resolution C2026-005 Approving Vouchers from February and March 2026

Commissioner moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
 Commissioner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried

ITEM 8 Unfinished Business – None

ITEM 9 New Business

9.1 Purchasing Resolutions Requiring One Reading for Adoption – None

9.2 Single Reading Resolutions Requiring One Reading for Adoption – None

9.3 Two Reading Resolutions Requiring Two Readings for Adoption



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9.3a Resolution RR2026-002 Adopting Policy P20-101: Amended Rules for Park Use

Commissioner moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.
Commissioner seconded.

Director of Park Services, John Laughery, provides brief presentation, noting history of adoption and amendments; significant change and evolution of industry trends, best practices, emerging park use since last update; updated amendment reviewed and approved by Legal.

Staff recommends approval.

Board Comment: Appreciates the review and presentation; believes the update will help capture and address needs and issues; we will still likely need to examine and evaluate measures for enforcement; appropriate park use rules and regulations are prominently posted currently and still regularly see things like off leash dogs, fireworks, unauthorized e-bikes and others.

Second reading will be at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

ITEM 10 Comments by Board

Participated, with family, in the Great Sasquatch Hunt at SHP last week and had a great time; the park was in great shape, saw lots of others participating; kudos to Rec and Maintenance staff for a great event and for keeping our parks beautiful;

Also have heard from other neighbors and community members who are really enjoying the Great Sasquatch event; they are engaged and excited to play.

Commissioner Nixon will attend the next meeting remotely.

ITEM 11 Next Board Meetings

April 21, 2026 - Study Session at 5:00 pm and Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm at PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

ITEM 12 Adjournment Time: 6:19 pm

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Approved By the Board on _____

William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President

Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk

Attest: Amanda Walston, Board Secretary



DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMO

To: Board of Park Commissioners

Through: Ally Bujacich, Executive Director

From: John Adams, Interim Director of Park Services

Date: April 21, 2026

Subject: **Resolution C2026-006 Authorizing Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Applications**

Background/Analysis

PenMet Parks is committed to providing safe and enjoyable recreational spaces for the residents of our community. The District has identified strategic goals including delighting and engaging the community and balanced financial accountability. Seeking grant funding to construct park improvements, complete property acquisition, and develop trail connections meets the intent of these goals.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) provides grant funding opportunities typically in a two-year cycle, with 2026 being a significant grant application year. RCO is currently accepting applications for many programs including Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF), Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Local Parks, WWRP Trails, WWRP Water Access, and Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) with a submittal deadline of April 30, 2026. PenMet Parks desires to participate in these grant programs to the greatest extent possible as a means of obtaining additional funding to further projects including Sehmel Homestead Park Ballfield Lighting and Turf Replacement, Park Expansion and Trailhead project (property acquisition to provide a new trailhead and parking) and its partner project Connecting Parks Through Trails (trail connections serving Sehmel Homestead Park, Rotary Bark Park, and McCormick Forest), and a Waterfront Park Property Acquisition. The Executive Director may determine to modify applications based on negotiations for the potential property acquisitions.



Funding

Grant match is available for the Sehmel Homestead Park Ballfield Lighting and Turf Replacement project as shown in the adopted six-year Capital Improvement Plan (2027-29), and no additional match funding is needed.

Partial grant match is available for the Park Expansion and Trailhead and the Connecting Parks Through Trails projects in the adopted Capital budget. Additional match funding would be identified in the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

Staff intends to pursue two RCO grants for acquisition of the Waterfront Park property. If the District is unsuccessful in obtaining full grant funding for this project through RCO grants, it also intends to pursue a Pierce County Conservation Futures funding in 2027. If the District is successful in obtaining grant funding through RCO grant(s) and/or a Pierce County Conservation Futures grant for the Waterfront Park property acquisition, the grants would serve as match for each other and additional grant match from the Capital budget would not be needed. If one of the acquisition grants was successful, PenMet Parks funding match would be required.

Policy Implications/Support

1. The acquisition of RCO Grant funding is supported by the following goals and objectives:
 - Elevate the Community Experience.
 - PenMet Parks Serves Everyone in Our Community
 - Assess inclusion/accessibility to all aspects of service
 - Effectively manage and maintain assets to preserve existing infrastructure to provide parks and recreation opportunities for the community.
 - Create meaningful places.
 - Balanced financial accountability.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board pass Resolution C2026-006 authorizing the Executive Director to prepare and submit such forms and information as is required to make applications to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for projects including the Sehmel Homestead Park Ballfield Lighting and Turf Replacement, Park Expansion and Trailhead, Connecting Parks Through Trails, and the Waterfront Park Property Acquisition.



Staff Contact

If you have any questions or comments, please contact John Adams, Interim Director of Park Services at (253) 858-3400 or via e-mail at jadams@penmetparks.org.

Attachments

Exhibit A: Resolution C2026-006



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

RESOLUTION NO. C2026-06

AUTHORIZING RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE GRANT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District is committed to providing safe and enjoyable recreational spaces for the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office offers grants to support property acquisition, develop park properties, construct park improvements and maintain parks; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grants that align with the mission and objectives of PenMet Parks to create and maintain recreational spaces that contribute to the overall well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office requires signature and approval of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Applicant Resolution/Authorization, attached hereto as Exhibit A, by the resolving body of the grant applicant

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District hereby affirms its intent to apply for grants offered by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for the following projects: #26-1466 Sehmel Homestead Park Ballfield Lighting and Turf Replacement, #26-1699 Connecting Parks Through Trails, #26-1755 Park Expansion and Trailhead, #26-1960 Waterfront Park Property Acquisition, and #26-1700 Waterfront Park Property Acquisition.

IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Applicant Resolution / Authorization in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A, the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda Self-Certification Form attached as Exhibit B, and to prepare and submit any other such forms and information as is required to make applications to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.



The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District held on April 21, 2026.

William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President

Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk

Attest: Amanda Walston

Exhibit A to Resolution C2026-006



Applicant Resolution/Authorization

Organization Name (sponsor) Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Resolution No. or Document Name Resolution C2026-006 Authorizing RCO Grant Applications

Project(s) Number(s), and Name(s) #26-1466 Sehmel Ballfield Lighting and Turf Replacement, #26-1699 Connecting Parks Through Trails, #26-1755 Park Expansion and Trailhead, #26-1960 Waterfront Park Property Acquisition, #26-1700 Waterfront Park Property Acquisition

This resolution authorizes the person(s) identified below (in Section 2) to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of our organization and to legally bind our organization with respect to the above Project(s) for which we seek grant funding assistance managed through the Recreation and Conservation Office (Office).

WHEREAS, grant assistance is requested by our organization to aid in financing the cost of the Project(s) referenced above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. Our organization has applied for or intends to apply for funding assistance managed by the Office for the above "Project(s)."
2. Our organization authorizes the following persons or persons holding specified titles/positions (and subsequent holders of those titles/positions) to execute the following documents binding our organization on the above projects:

Table with 2 columns: Grant Document, Name of Signatory or Title of Person Authorized to Sign. Rows include Grant application, Project contact, RCO Grant Agreement, Agreement amendments, and Authorizing property and real estate documents.

The above persons are considered an "authorized representative(s)/agent(s)" for purposes of the documents indicated. Our organization shall comply with a request from the RCO to provide documentation of persons who may be authorized to execute documents related to the grant.

3. Our organization has reviewed the sample RCO Grant Agreement on the Recreation and Conservation Office's WEB SITE at: <https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SampleProjAgreement.pdf>. We understand and acknowledge that if offered an agreement to sign in the future, it will contain an indemnification and legal venue stipulation and other terms and conditions substantially in the form contained in the sample Agreement and that such terms and conditions of any signed Agreement shall be legally binding on the sponsor if our representative/agent enters into an Agreement on our behalf. The Office reserves the right to revise the Agreement prior to execution.
4. Our organization acknowledges and warrants, after conferring with its legal counsel, that its authorized representative(s)/agent(s) have full legal authority to act and sign on behalf of the organization for their assigned role/document.
5. Grant assistance is contingent on a signed Agreement. Entering into any Agreement with the Office is purely voluntary on our part.
6. Our organization understands that grant policies and requirements vary depending on the grant program applied to, the grant program and source of funding in the Agreement, the characteristics of the project, and the characteristics of our organization.
7. Our organization further understands that prior to our authorized representative(s)/agent(s) executing any of the documents listed above, the RCO may make revisions to its sample Agreement and that such revisions could include the indemnification and the legal venue stipulation. Our organization accepts the legal obligation that we shall, prior to execution of the Agreement(s), confer with our authorized representative(s)/agent(s) as to any revisions to the project Agreement from that of the sample Agreement. We also acknowledge and accept that if our authorized representative(s)/agent(s) executes the Agreement(s) with any such revisions, all terms and conditions of the executed Agreement shall be conclusively deemed to be executed with our authorization.
8. Any grant assistance received will be used for only direct eligible and allowable costs that are reasonable and necessary to implement the project(s) referenced above.
9. [for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Grant Programs Only] If match is required for the grant, we understand our organization must certify the availability of match at least one month before funding approval. In addition, our organization understands it is responsible for supporting all non-cash matching share commitments to this project should they not materialize.
10. Our organization acknowledges that if it receives grant funds managed by the Office, the Office will pay us on only a reimbursement basis. We understand reimbursement basis means that we will only request payment from the Office after we incur grant eligible and allowable costs and pay them. The Office may also determine an amount of retainage and hold that amount until all project deliverables, grant reports, or other responsibilities are complete.
11. **[for Acquisition Projects Only]** Our organization acknowledges that any property acquired with grant assistance must be dedicated for the purposes of the grant in perpetuity unless otherwise agreed to in writing by our organization and the Office. We agree to dedicate the property in a signed "Deed of Right" for fee acquisitions, or an "Assignment of Rights" for other than fee acquisitions (which documents will be based upon the Office's standard versions of those documents), to be recorded on the title of the property with the county auditor. Our organization acknowledges that any property

acquired in fee title must be immediately made available to the public unless otherwise provided for in policy, the Agreement, or authorized in writing by the Office Director.

- 12. **[for Development, Renovation, Enhancement, and Restoration Projects Only–If our organization owns the project property]** Our organization acknowledges that any property owned by our organization that is developed, renovated, enhanced, or restored with grant assistance must be dedicated for the purpose of the grant in perpetuity unless otherwise allowed by grant program policy, or Office in writing and per the Agreement or an amendment thereto.
- 13. **[for Development, Renovation, Enhancement, and Restoration Projects Only–If your organization DOES NOT own the property]** Our organization acknowledges that any property not owned by our organization that is developed, renovated, enhanced, or restored with grant assistance must be dedicated for the purpose of the grant as required by grant program policies unless otherwise provided for per the Agreement or an amendment thereto.
- 14. **[Only for Projects located in Water Resources Inventory Areas 1-19 that are applying for funds from the Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, State Lands Restoration and Enhancement, Riparian Protection, or Urban Wildlife Habitat grant categories; Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account; or the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program, or a Salmon Recovery Funding Board approved grant]** Our organization certifies the following: the Project does not conflict with the Puget Sound Action Agenda developed by the Puget Sound Partnership under RCW 90.71.310.
- 15. This resolution/authorization is deemed to be part of the formal grant application to the Office.
- 16. Our organization warrants and certifies that this resolution/authorization was properly and lawfully adopted following the requirements of our organization and applicable laws and policies and that our organization has full legal authority to commit our organization to the warranties, certifications, promises and obligations set forth herein.

This resolution/authorization is signed and approved on behalf of the resolving body of our organization by the following authorized member(s):

Signed _____

Title Board President/Board Clerk/Attested by Exec Dir Date 4/21/2026

On File at: PenMet Parks, 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

This Applicant Resolution/Authorization was adopted by our organization during the meeting held: (Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations Only):

Location: PenMet Parks, 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335 Date: 4/21/2026

Washington State Attorney General's Office

Approved as to form  2/13/2020
Assistant Attorney General Date

You may reproduce the above language in your own format; however, text may not change.

Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda Self-Certification Form

This letter certifies that the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District is not in conflict with the *Action Agenda* developed by the Puget Sound Partnership under Revised Code of Washington 90.71.310.

I understand that a project designed to address the restoration of Puget Sound cannot be funded if it is in conflict with the *Action Agenda*.*

The following is a brief description of RCO Project # 26-1690 Waterfront Park Property Acquisition and RCO Project #26-1700 Waterfront Park Property Acquisition (same property for matching grants):

Acquisition of 14.48 acres of waterfront property on Colvos Passage located with over 350 feet of direct beach access with abundant wildlife, opportunities for beach exploration, kayaking and fishing. The upland property is forested and untouched having been owned by the same family for generations and provides opportunities for trails, picnic areas, and further exploration.

- I certify that this project is within the Puget Sound basin (defined for these purposes as within Water Resource Inventory Areas 1-19).
- I further certify that this project is not in conflict with the *Action Agenda* developed by the Puget Sound Partnership because (please check all that apply):
 - When completed, this project will not result in water quality degradation in Puget Sound and meets or exceeds all permitting requirements.
 - When completed, this project will not result in loss of ecosystem processes, structure, or functions, and meets or exceeds all permitting requirements.

Applicant Name: Ally Bujacich _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Title: Executive Director, Peninsula Metropolitan Park District ____

Date: 04/17/2026 _____



DISTRICT COMMISSION MEMO

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Ally Bujacich, Executive Director

Date: April 7, 2026

Subject: **Second Reading of Resolution RR2026-002 Adopting Policy P20-101: Amended Rules for Park Use**

Background/Analysis

The Board of Park Commissioners passed Resolution R2007-008 adopting Park Use Regulations on May 21, 2007. The Park Use Regulations were subsequently updated in April 2013. The purpose of this policy is to establish reasonable conditions for the use of parks, trails, shorelines, facilities, and other property owned, managed, or operated by PenMet Parks in order to protect public safety, preserve natural and cultural resources, ensure equitable access, and maintain park quality and enjoyment.

Since the policy was last updated, public recreation and use patterns, Pierce County Code, and broader park management practices have evolved. In response, the District conducted a comprehensive review of its existing rules to ensure alignment with current County regulations wherever possible, reflect industry best practices, and address emerging recreation trends and challenges in park use.

Legal counsel has reviewed the attached amended policy.

Policy Implications/Support

1. The District has adopted goals that emphasize the prudent management of public resources and the responsible stewardship of District assets. The updated Rules for Park Use support these goals by establishing clear expectations for park use, reducing risk, and promoting efficient operations.
2. The Board passed Resolution R2024-010 Adopting 2025 Goals and Objectives, including the goal to establish and implement a framework for continuous process improvement.



Staff Recommendation

Staff requests that the Board approve Resolution RR2026-002 adopting the amended Policy P20-101: Rules for Park Use.

Staff Contact

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Attachments

Exhibit A: Resolution RR2026-002



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

RESOLUTION NO. RR2026-002

ADOPTING THE AMENDED POLICY P20-101: RULES FOR PARK USE

WHEREAS, Policy P20-101: Rules for Park Use (the “Policy”) establishes reasonable conditions for the use of parks, trails, shorelines, facilities, and other property owned, managed, or operated by Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) in order to protect public safety, preserve natural and cultural resources, ensure equitable access, and maintain park quality and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Policy constitutes the Rules for Park Use for all parks and facilities owned, managed or operated by PenMet Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Policy is intended to promote the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and its provisions shall be liberally construed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners passed Resolution R2007-008 on May 21, 2007 adopting the Park Use Regulations; amended the Policy in 2013, and wishes to further amend the Policy to ensure it continues to protect the public interest and ensure public trust

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners that PenMet Parks adopts the amended Policy P20-101: Rules for Park Use attached as Exhibit A, which supersedes all previous versions of the Policy.

The foregoing resolution was heard as a first reading on April 7, 2026, and was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District held on April 21, 2026.

William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President

Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk

Attest: Amanda Walston



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Rules for Park Use

Policy Number:	Resolution Number:	Date Approved:	Supersedes the following Resolutions and Policies:
P20-101	RR2026-002	April 21, 2026	April 2013 R2027-008 May 21, 2007

Policy: Rules for Park Use

Purpose: These Rules for Park Use establish reasonable conditions for the use of parks, trails, shorelines, facilities, and other property owned, managed, or operated by PenMet Parks in order to protect public safety, preserve natural and cultural resources, ensure equitable access, and maintain park quality and enjoyment.

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Section 1. Rules for Park Use

This document constitutes the Rules for Park Use for all parks and facilities owned, managed or operated by the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (“PenMet Parks”).

These rules establish reasonable conditions for the use of PenMet Parks’ owned, managed or operated parks, as defined below, in order to protect public safety, preserve natural and cultural resources, ensure equitable access, and maintain park quality and enjoyment.

These rules have been adopted by the PenMet Parks’ Board of Park Commissioners and are conditions of entry and use of PenMet Parks’ property.

Section 2. Liberal Construction

This document is intended to promote the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and its provisions shall be liberally construed.

Section 3. Definitions

The terms used in this document, unless clearly contrary to or inconsistent with the context in which used, shall be:

"Aircraft" means any contrivance now known, or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.

"Animal" means any nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile, or amphibian.

"Camp" means erecting a tent or shelter or arranging bedding or both, for the purpose of, or in such a way that permits remaining overnight, or parking a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.

"Director" means the Executive Director of PenMet Parks or the Executive Director’s designee.

"Drones" or "Unmanned Aircraft Systems" (UAS) or "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle" (UAV) means a powered, aerial vehicle that does not carry a human operator, uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift, and can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely. The vehicle may be expendable and recoverable.

"Fee" means the currently adopted fee schedule for use of any PenMet Parks’ park.

"Micromobility device" means a personal transportation device, such as bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, unicycles, mono wheel devices, surreys, electric personal assistive mobility devices, Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles as defined by RCW 46.04.169, and electric motorized foot scooters. A micromobility device includes all human-powered devices, including devices powered by more than one

person, and devices that are powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without the assistance of human propulsion. A micromobility device excludes personal transportation devices that contain an internal combustion engine or that use an electric motor capable of propelling the device in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour or provides assistance after reaching a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour. A bike that is powered solely by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour is not a micromobility device.

"Park" means and includes all parks, open spaces, squares, drives, meridians, boulevards, parkways, boulevards trails, linear corridors, docks, piers, moorage buoys and floats, boat-launching ramps, beaches, playfields, golf courses, playgrounds, recreation areas, community centers, and recreation areas and any other facilities either developed or undeveloped, that are owned by PenMet Parks or under the management or control of PenMet Parks.

"PenMet Parks" means the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District.

"Permit" means any and all permits, licenses, or approvals required by federal, state or local law, or required by PenMet Parks.

"Person" means all natural persons, firms, partnerships, entities, corporations, clubs and all associations or combination of persons whenever acting for themselves or through an agent, servant or employee.

"Regional Trail" means the Cushman Trail and any other non-motorized, multi-modal network extending into neighboring jurisdictions, serving as recreational and commuter corridors. Regional Trails link parks, open spaces, public facilities, cities and towns, and other destinations of interest.

"Sound-amplifying device" is any machine or device for the amplification of the human voice, music, or any other sound. "Sound-amplifying device," as used in this section, shall not be construed as including standard radios or similar equipment when used in accordance with Chapter 8.72 of the Pierce County Code, nor warning devices on authorized emergency vehicles nor horns or other warning devices on other vehicles and used only for traffic safety purposes.

"Trail" means:

- A. Any way identified as a "trail" or "path" at paved or graded prepared entrance points; or
- B. Any way that is not marked parking area or highway as defined in Title 46 RCW; or
- C. Any way not of sufficient width or grading to permit its safe use by standard passenger automobiles moving in both directions simultaneously along its entire length.

"Vehicle" shall have the meaning set forth in RCW 46.04.670 as currently enacted or hereafter amended, and shall also include (1) trailers, including trailers designed to be towed behind any vehicle, (2) golf cars, (3) off road vehicles including wheeled all-terrain vehicles as set forth in RCW 46.09.310, all-terrain bikes powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour, and similar devices intended for off-road use, and (4) any personal transportation device such as bicycle, scooters, skateboards, unicycles, surreys, or mono wheel devices that are powered by an internal combustion engine that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. A "micromobility device" is not a "vehicle".

"Watercraft" means any floating device, powered by internal combustion engine, battery, wind or human power, capable of traveling on or under water.

Section 4. Permit Required Activities

- A. The following shall not be allowed in any park, without first securing a permit from the Director:
 - 1. Use a public address system or other sound amplifying device;
 - 2. Use, place or erect any signboard, sign, billboard, bulletin board, post, pole or device of any kind for advertising in any park or to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod or card to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure, or erect a structure of any kind;
 - 3. Sell refreshments or merchandise or engage in any business or occupation;
 - 4. Use any park for the purpose of having any watercraft for hire;
 - 5. Launch motorized waterborne craft from any shoreline except from specifically designated areas or with a specific permit;
 - 6. Take up collections or to act as or apply the vocation of a solicitor, agent, peddler, beggar, strolling musician, organ grinder, exhorter, barker or showman within a park;
 - 7. Hold any organized runs, walks, races, trials, or competitions;
 - 8. Hold any shows, festivals, fundraisers, carnivals, parades, or similar activities;
 - 9. Host organized activities, rallies, demonstrations, or other organized activities that:
 - a. Involve more than twenty-five (25) persons; or
 - b. Utilize amplified sound; or

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- c. Obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular access, circulation, or use of park; or
 - d. Utilize a substantial portion of a park area or restrict or require exclusive use of park property.
- 10. Host commercial activities that charge for services, such as lessons or clinics;
 - 11. Sailboard, other than in designated areas;
 - 12. Operate drones, aircraft, model aircraft, model rockets, or hot air balloons;
 - 13. Parachute;
 - 14. Hang glide;
 - 15. Parasail;
 - 16. Moor watercraft, other than in designated areas;
 - 17. Engage in paint balling or survival games;
 - 18. Participate in archery, other than in designated areas;
 - 19. Engage in disaster drills;
 - 20. Operate any vehicle other than in designated areas;
 - 21. Metal detect, excavate, remove, or deface any historical, archaeological, or cultural resource; or
 - 22. Commercial photography or filming that involves the use of props, sets, staging, models, large equipment, tripods, lighting, drones, exclusive use of space, or that otherwise interferes with public access or PenMet Parks' operations.
- B. If the Director finds that the safety, comfort, and convenience of the public in the use of a park, or in the use of the area adjacent to the park, would be unduly disturbed, the Director may deny the permit application, impose restrictions upon the permit or issue a permit for a different date, time, park, or park area to alleviate such disturbance.
 - C. The Director may issue a permit for use of a park during hours when the park is closed.
 - D. All permits issued hereunder shall also be subject to applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances and regulations. The persons to whom such
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permits are issued (“permittees”) shall be bound by said law, code, ordinance and regulation as though the same were fully stated in such permits. A permittee shall be liable for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by any person by reason of the negligence, unlawful or wrongful conduct of the permittee, as well as for any breach or violation of the permit conditions, or any applicable laws, codes, ordinances, or regulations, to the person or persons suffering a loss, damage, or injury as a result.

Section 5. Permit Administration and General Requirements

- A. Any person who has obtained a permit from the Director must produce and exhibit such permit upon request.
- B. No person under the age of 21 may sign for a reservation or obtain a permit.
- C. The Director reserves the right to cancel a permittee's activity or revoke a permit for any reason.
- D. All permittees must leave the park in a condition considered satisfactory to the Director. No group shall conduct activities causing extra custodial or grounds maintenance work unless a prior agreement has been made to pay for such work.
- E. At all assemblies that include persons under 18 years of age, responsible adults must be present throughout the entire event.
- F. A person using a park, or a portion thereof, by reservation or agreement may be required to indemnify, protect and hold PenMet Parks, its elected and appointed officials and employees harmless from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, due to personal injury, death, or damage to property in any way arising out of the acts or omissions of the person and/or their agents, employees, or representatives. Users of any park do so at their own risk. PenMet Parks assumes no liability or responsibility due to accidents or injury through authorized or unauthorized use of a park.

Section 6. Prohibited Activities

It is prohibited for any person to:

- A. Cut, remove, damage, destroy, mutilate, mark, or deface any turf, tree, plant, shrub, flower, structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, utility system, irrigation system, facilities, or other property in any park, except when such activity is expressly authorized by PenMet Parks as part of a volunteer activity, or conducted under similar oversight and approval by PenMet Parks.

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- B. Leave any rubbish in a park except in a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes;
 - C. Deposit any household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste or rubbish which is brought from any private property in any garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purpose located within a park;
 - D. Drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper or vehicle except into disposal areas or receptacles designated specifically for that purpose;
 - E. Pollute or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing any waste or refuse of any nature, kind or description, including human waste or bodily waste, in any park and/or any stream, river, lake or other body of water running in, through or adjacent to any park;
 - F. Clean fish or other food or wash any clothing or other articles for personal or household use or bathe any dog or other animal except in areas in the park designated specifically for that purpose;
 - G. Clean or wash any vehicle in any park except in areas designated specifically for that purpose;
 - H. Possess, discharge, set off or cause to be discharged in or into any park, any firecracker, torpedo, rocket, firework, explosive or other substance harmful to the life or safety of persons or property. Legal fireworks as part of a permitted function which are licensed and in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws may be discharged in a manner meeting all safety requirements if authorized by the Director and if handled by a licensed professional;
 - I. Discharge across, in or into any park any weapon including, but not limited to, a firearm, air or gas weapon, slingshot, beanshooter, paintball gun or similar implement or equipment, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal or damaging or destroying any public or private property;
 - J. Annoy, bother, molest, insult or offer an affront to any other person within a park;
 - K. Play in an aggressive or unsafe manner that puts self or others at risk;
 - L. Play games, sports, or horseplay in parking lots and roadways;
 - M. Practice or play golf, baseball, cricket, lacrosse, polo, archery, hockey, tennis or other games of like character or to hurl or propel any missile except at places designated specifically for that purpose;
 - N. Smoke or vape any product derived from or containing nicotine within a park, unless the product has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as a tobacco cessation product, such as transdermal nicotine
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- patches, nicotine gum and nicotine lozenges, or for other medically approved purposes and is being used for that approved purpose. For the purposes of this Section, "smoke" or "smoking" means the carrying, holding, or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other object that is used for smoking.
- O. Display, possess or consume alcoholic beverages in a park, except that such beverages may be opened, served and consumed at designated locations within a park by persons who have obtained all requisite permits including, but not limited to, the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Banquet permit, comply with all federal, state and local laws applicable to alcoholic beverages, and have approval from the Director;
 - P. Open a package containing cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis-infused products, or cannabis concentrates, or consume cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis-infused products, or cannabis concentrates, in a park. "Cannabis" means cannabis as defined by RCW 69.50.101 as now or hereafter amended.
 - Q. Interfere with any PenMet Parks' personnel in the exercise of his, her or their official duties;
 - R. Have open fires, portable units using flammable material, fireplaces, fire rings, barbeques or grills, except in areas designated specifically for that purpose or with the written approval of the Director;
 - S. Blow, spread, or place any nasal or other bodily discharge, or spit, urinate, or defecate on the floors, walls, partitions, furniture, fittings, or any portion of a park, except directly into the particular fixtures provided for that purpose;
 - T. Go out onto ice in or from a park, except in areas designated specifically for that purpose. This includes ice on lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, rivers, and other natural bodies of standing water;
 - U. Make any public disturbance noise, or public nuisance noise as defined in Chapter 8.72 of the Pierce County Code unless such noise is necessary to a permitted activity or function;
 - V. Jump, dive, or swim from any dock, pier, bridge or trestle located in a park.
 - W. Knowingly move on a trail other than by human power or an authorized micromobility device. PenMet Parks-owned or operated vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles as defined by RCW 4.04.040 are exempt from this subsection. Movement on the trail for the sole purpose of crossing the trail when such movement is made in the most direct and safe manner possible is exempt from this subsection.
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- X. Moor or secure any vessel to any dock, except with the written approval of the Director. Any vessel moored in violation of this Section may be subject to immediate removal at the registered owner's expense.
 - Y. Erect, install, or place any structure within a park, except as provided herein. "Structure" means any structure or shelter, including but not limited to any temporary makeshift dwelling units, tents, lean-tos, shacks and/or trailers, comprised of tree branches, wood, plastic, metal, nylon, tarp or any other materials. This section shall not apply to any structure erected installed or placed within a park by PenMet Parks or with the written approval of the Director.

Section 7. Animals

- A. Animal Control. Any animal in a park is subject to Title 6 of the Pierce County Code. Animals must always be under the physical control of the owner, except in a designated off-leash area. The following additional requirements apply:
 1. Dogs, pets, or domestic animals shall be kept on a leash no longer than 8 feet or confined and under control at all times, except within a designated off-leash area, where subsection C of this Section shall apply.
 2. It is prohibited for a person accompanied by an animal in a park to fail to provide for, remove and properly dispose of their animal's fecal matter.
- B. Animals are restricted from any golf course, public building, environmentally sensitive areas, and other areas deemed inappropriate for animals. Users shall follow posted signs.
 1. No horses shall be permitted in any park except where designated and posted to specifically permit such activity or as permitted by the Director.
 2. No person shall ride any horse or other animal in such a manner that might endanger life or limb of any person or animal, and no person shall allow a horse or other animal to stand unattended or insecurely tied.
 3. Owners of dogs or other animals damaging or destroying a park will be held liable for the full value of the property damaged or destroyed, in addition to impounding fees and the penalty imposed for violation of these provisions.
 4. Service animals, as defined by RCW 49.60.040, are permitted in all areas open to the public.
- C. Designated Off-Leash Areas. Areas for off-leash dogs are provided in some parks, which allow dogs, under verbal/voice control of their handlers, to be off-leash within the designated confines of the off-leash park. All other provisions of

this document shall apply within off-leash areas. The following additional provisions shall also apply within off-leash areas:

1. Off-leash areas are for use by dogs only; all other animals are prohibited. Micromobility devices are prohibited.
2. Dogs who are aggressive, sick, unlicensed, in heat, and puppies under four months of age are prohibited.
3. Owners or handlers are legally responsible for the behavior and any damage caused by their dog.
4. Dogs shall always be within visual range of their owner/handler and under verbal/voice control.
5. Dog handlers shall be at least 16 years of age, and children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
6. Owners or handlers shall carry one leash for each dog in their care.

D. Fish and Shellfish:

1. All federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations relating to seasons, limits and methods of fishing are applicable to fishing or gamefish, and taking shellfish or fish food in a park.
2. No person may fish for or possess any fish taken from any dam, dike, bridge, dock, boat landing or beach which is posted with a sign prohibiting fishing.
3. The Director may, upon a finding of good cause, close certain areas for specific periods of time to fishing and/or the taking of shellfish. Such closed areas shall be posted with appropriate signs.

E. Molesting or Feeding Animals. No person shall molest or harass any wildlife or non-domesticated animal in a park. It shall be unlawful for any person to give, offer, or attempt to give to any wildlife or non-domesticated animal within a park any tobacco, drink, or other substance known to be dangerous or noxious to wildlife or non-domesticated animals. It is also unlawful to feed any wildlife or non-domesticated animal in a park, except with the written approval of the Director.

Section 8. Regulation of Outdoor Rental Areas

- A. Group Picnic Areas and Other Reservable Areas. PenMet Parks will make available a list of outdoor areas for reservation. Use of picnic shelters and other outdoor reservable areas may be available by reservation. If reservation of such

areas is not required or a reservation is not held for that time, use of such areas is on a first-come, first-served basis.

B. Camping:

1. Camping is not allowed in any park unless as part of a permitted event wherein camping is a permitted use and user fees are paid.
2. Camping shall be permitted only in areas specifically designated and/or marked for that purpose and as specified in the event permit.
3. Camping occupancy shall only be permitted for the duration of the event or the amount of time specified in the permit.

C. Outdoor Cooking. Outdoor cooking utilizing charcoal or wood pellets may only take place in areas designated specifically for such use and that are also equipped with hot coal disposal containers. Outdoor cooking utilizing compressed gas such as propane or liquid gas equipped with an on/off switch is allowed in areas designated specifically for such use.

Section 9. Regulation of Vehicles and Micromobility Devices

A. Parking:

1. No operator of any vehicle shall enter a park unless the operator is using the area for an authorized and designated recreational purpose.
2. Vehicles shall only be parked in any area designated specifically for parking. No vehicle may be parked in violation of signs or pavement markings, or where prohibited by signs or pavement markings, except with the written approval of the Director.
3. No person shall park, leave standing or abandon a vehicle after park closing time except with the written approval of the Director.
4. Any vehicle found parked in violation of this Section may be cited and/or towed away at the owner's or operator's expense.

B. Operation:

1. No person shall operate any vehicle in a park unless such park has been specifically designated and posted for such use. Subject to the provisions of this document, no person shall operate a vehicle within a park except on roads, streets, highways, parking lots or parking areas; provided, that traveling upon such roads, streets, highways, parking lots or parking areas has not been prohibited by proper posting.

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2. Use of authorized micromobility devices is permitted on roads, sidewalks, paths, or trails in a park, unless otherwise prohibited. Users shall follow posted signs.
- C. Speed:
1. Parks: No person shall drive a vehicle or micromobility device within any park at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour (mph) unless otherwise posted, having due regard for the traffic and the surface and width of the travel way, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property or wildlife.
 2. Trails: No person shall operate a micromobility device on a regional trail at a speed greater than 15 mph, or any other trail at a speed greater than 10 mph, unless otherwise posted, having due regard for the traffic and the surface and width of the travel way, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property or wildlife.
- D. It is prohibited to enter or leave a park other than by established entrances and exits.
- E. The washing and servicing of vehicles is prohibited, including oil changes, other than emergency repairs.
- F. Individuals are not authorized to engage in, conduct, or hold any trials or competitions for speed, endurance, or hill climbing involving any vehicle or micromobility device without a permit.
- G. Except where specifically amended by this document, all vehicle and micromobility device regulations contained in this document or the Revised Code of Washington shall apply to all roads, highways, parking lots, or parking areas within a park.

Section 10. Aircraft

- A. No aircraft shall land or take off from any body of water or land area in a park not specifically designated for landing aircraft. All landings must be by permit and with the written approval of the Director.
- B. Model aircraft, drones, and rockets:
1. Individuals are not permitted to operate motorized model aircraft, drones, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), or unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) except where specifically designated for that use or with the written approval of the Director.

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2. The operation of drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) shall comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations.
 3. All engines over .25 cubic inches used in model aircraft shall be muffled.
 4. All persons flying model aircraft shall abide by the official American Model Academy (AMA) safety code.
- C. No person shall fly or land a hot air balloon, sky lantern or other device that uses a flame for lift or propulsion or other similar implement, in a park except with the written approval of the Director.

Section 11. Trail Use

- A. No person shall travel on a trail at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent based on current trail conditions. Speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with others. In no event shall speed exceed 15 mph on regional trails or 10 mph on all other trails unless posted otherwise.
- B. No person shall travel on a trail in a negligent manner. For the purposes of this Section, "travel on a trail in a negligent manner" shall be construed to mean any form of travel on a trail in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any persons, property or wildlife.
- C. For the purposes of this Section, "travel" shall be construed to include all forms of movement or transportation on a trail including, but not limited to foot, horse, or micromobility device.
- D. Travel on trails is restricted to the designated use.
- E. Vehicles are prohibited on trails except with the written approval of the Director.
- F. Off-road vehicles, including devices powered by an electric motor that are capable of propelling the device in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour, are prohibited on trails except with the written approval of the Director.
- G. Various trail users may be encountered on multi-use trails. Trail users with dogs shall yield to all other trail users. Cyclists shall yield to hikers and equestrians. Hikers shall yield to equestrians. Equestrians should make every effort to communicate with hikers and cyclists about how best to pass.
- H. Every person traveling on a trail shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto and placed in accordance with applicable laws unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- I. Every person who shall use or travel on a trail shall follow the posted signage.

Section 12. Park And Trail Hours; Emergencies

- A. Parks are considered open from dawn until dusk, unless otherwise expressly determined by the Director or otherwise posted at the park. Any person entering or remaining in a park when it is closed and without a permit is subject to arrest and prosecution for criminal trespass. Any vehicle remaining in a park when the park is closed and without a permit may be impounded and any personal property or structure remaining in a park when the park is closed may be removed.
- B. The Director may extend open hours for prearranged, special group activities or regularly established concessions or activities.
- C. Vehicular gates are open from 7 a.m. to dusk unless posted otherwise.
- D. In case of an emergency, or in case where life and property are endangered, all persons, if requested to do so by the Director or other PenMet Parks' employee or a first responder, shall depart from the portion of the park specified by the Director, such employee or officer, and shall remain off the same until permission is given to return. Any person who remains within a park after being required to leave by the Director, a PenMet Parks' employee or by a police officer, or who returns to the park without permission, will be considered trespassing.

Section 13. Authority to Adopt Procedures and a Code of Conduct

The Director is hereby authorized to create, approve and maintain procedures designed to carry out the intent of this document. The Director is hereby further authorized to create, approve and maintain a code of conduct that regulates any activity or behavior in parks to protect the public's health and safety, to promote respect for the rights and needs of others, and to preserve park property. The use and enjoyment of parks are enhanced when patrons abide by a code of conduct that promotes health and safety, that requires respect for the rights and needs of others, and that requires respect for the park property.

Section 14. Violation – Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this document or applicable provisions of the Revised Code of Washington while in a park may be subject to immediate ejection from the park. The Director, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, the Gig Harbor Police Department, and any other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction are authorized to enforce the provisions of this document. Nothing herein limits the authority of fire districts or other first responding agencies to control emergency scenes or exercise their lawful authority as provided by state law.

Section 15. Severability

If any provision of this document or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this document or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

PenMet Parks' Rules for Park Use is current through Resolution RR2026-002 passed on April 21, 2026.