

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1245**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH,  
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 4.64 AND 12.56 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE MULTIPURPOSE TURF FIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Imperial Beach ("City") had a soccer field at Veteran's Park that has now become a multipurpose turf field; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance seeks to update various references in the Imperial Beach Municipal Code sections related to the soccer field and set rules for the use of the multipurpose turf field in Veteran's Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as findings as though set forth in full.

Section 2. Various sections in Chapters 4.64 and 12.56 shall be amended to read as shown in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance (underline indicates new language and ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deleted language).

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following its passage and adoption.

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Imperial Beach hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, term, or word of this Ordinance, hereby adopted, be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have adopted all other portions of this Ordinance irrespective of any such portion declared invalid.

**INTRODUCED AND FIRST READ** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach, held on the 1st day of May 2024, and thereafter **PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach, California, held on the 15th day of May 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

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**PALOMA AGUIRRE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JACQUELINE M. KELLY, MMC**  
**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**JENNIFER M. LYON**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

**Exhibit “A” to Ordinance 2024-1245**

**§ 4.64.020 Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

"Alcohol" means an alcoholic beverage.

"Beach" means any public or private ocean front.

"Beach access way" means any sidewalk, stairway, driveway, road or path that provides access to the "beach."

"Park" includes, but is not limited to: Dunes Park; Veterans Park (including the multipurpose turf youth soccer field); Portwood Pier Plaza; Imperial Beach Sports Park (including the skateboard park); Tijuana Estuary Boardwalk; Reama Park; Teeple Park; any municipal park, trail, recreation, or reserve area that is owned, managed, or controlled by the City and under the jurisdiction of the City Manager; all dedicated parks and traffic islands maintained by the City; or any additional park space or recreation facilities identified on Table P-1 of the City's General Plan. "Park" does not include recreation facilities or tot lots owned and maintained by private associations.

"Pathway" means any paved or unpaved path or walkway owned by the City or other public entity that is specifically designed for pedestrian travel, other than a sidewalk.

"Person" means and includes all domestic and foreign corporations, associations, syndicates, joint stock corporations, partnerships of every kind, clubs, business or common law trusts, societies, and individuals transacting and carrying on any business in the City.

"Residential" means any area zoned exclusively as residential in Title 19 of the Imperial Beach Municipal Code.

"Roaming sidewalk vendor" means a sidewalk vendor who moves from place to place and stops only to complete a transaction.

"Sidewalk" means that portion of a highway, other than the roadway, set apart by curbs, barriers, marking or other delineation specifically designed for pedestrian travel and that is owned by the City or other public entity.

"Sidewalk vendor" means a person who sells food or merchandise from a pushcart, stand, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase, rack, or other non-motorized conveyance, or from one's person, upon a public sidewalk or other pedestrian path.

"Special event" means any special event described in Chapter **12.33**, or any successor section.

"Stationary sidewalk vendor" means a sidewalk vendor who vends from a fixed location.

**§ 12.56.010 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

"Camp" means to reside in or use a park for living accommodation purposes, as exemplified by

remaining for prolonged or repetitious periods of time not associated with ordinary recreational use of a park with one's personal possessions (including, but not limited to, clothing, sleeping bags, bedrolls, blankets, sheets, luggage, backpacks, kitchen utensils, cookware, and similar material), sleeping or making preparations to sleep, storing personal belongings as above defined, regularly cooking or consuming meals, or living in a parked vehicle. These activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

"Dunes Park" means the park located at 790 Seacoast Drive.

"Organized" means regularly scheduled or regularly recurring; or involving 15 or more participants; or scheduled, or publicized, or promoted in advance; or conducted or directed by an individual, or group of individuals, or an organization; or instructional or directional in nature; or participants wearing uniforms, vests, or other clothing and/or equipment that clearly designates opposing teams.

"Pier" means the public fishing pier located on the ocean in the City of Imperial Beach adjacent to Portwood Pier Plaza.

"Portwood Pier Plaza" or "Pier Plaza" means the park and plaza located at 940 Seacoast Drive.

"Public building" means any building owned or leased by the City.

"Public facility" means any place, structure, area or other facility owned, maintained or controlled by the City, not including public streets and sidewalks.

"Public park" includes, but is not limited to: Dunes Park; Veterans Park (including the multipurpose turf youth soccer field); Portwood Pier Plaza; Imperial Beach Sports Park (including the skateboard park); Tijuana Estuary Boardwalk; Reama Park; Teeple Park; any municipal park, trail, recreation, or reserve area that is owned, managed, or controlled by the City and under the jurisdiction of the City Manager; all dedicated parks and traffic islands maintained by the City; or any additional park space or recreation facilities identified on Table P-1 of the City's General Plan. "Park" does not include recreation facilities or tot lots owned and maintained by private associations.

"Public parking lot" means any place, structure or area owned or leased by the City and operated as an off-street parking facility.

"Public playground" means a place, structure, area, or other facility under the jurisdiction of the government body of the City used for community recreation purposes such as playing fields or courts, swimming pools, gymnasiums, auditoriums and meeting places.

"Skateboard park" means the skateboard park located at 425 Imperial Beach Boulevard immediately south of the Sports Park Recreation Center.

"~~Soccer field~~ Turf field" means the City's Veterans Park Youth Multipurpose Turf Soccer Field located at 1075 8th Street.

"Sports park" means the City's sports park located at 425 Imperial Beach Boulevard.

**§ 12.56.065**

~~Soccer field~~ Multipurpose Turf Field—Use and regulations.

In addition to the rules and regulations found in this chapter and Section 8.84.030(12) of this code, the following policies and restrictions shall also apply to use of the ~~soccer~~-Multipurpose turf field:

- A. The multipurpose turf field is open from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise permitted by the Imperial Beach Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.
- B. The multipurpose turf field is designated for active sports and recreation and organized athletic activity only. City programs, events and permitted filming/photography are exempt.
- C. The multipurpose turf field is a multi-use sports facility.
- D. The City Parks, and Recreation and Community Services Department shall be responsible for scheduling and permitting the use of the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field for all organized sporting events and other activities.
- E. The multipurpose turf field is located close to residential homes and is subject to the permit holder following good neighbor rules. Permit holders must require participants to refrain from excessive noise or using whistles prior to 8:00 am Monday – Saturday and 9:00 am on Sundays and avoid unnecessary amplified noise at all times. Permission must be received in writing from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to utilize amplified sound.
- F. The City shall, from time to time by resolution, establish applicable fees for use of the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field.
- G. Unless the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field is reserved for use in an organized sporting event coordinated by a community group, non-profit, or sports league and reserved with a permit through the City Parks and Recreation and Community Services Department, the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field shall be available for use by members of the general public on a first-come, first-served basis for non-organized use.
- H. No organized, reoccurring or commercial vendor use permitted on the multipurpose turf field without a permit issued by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.
- I. It is unlawful for any person or group of persons, who have not reserved the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field to fail or refuse to promptly leave the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field following a request to do so by a representative of the City, or a law enforcement officer.
- J. Any reservation permit is for the designated multipurpose turf field space only. The open green space and parking lots are public access ways and not part of the rental. All permit groups must keep a copy of their permit on hand in case a conflict or inquiry occurs. Permits must be made available to view by City staff persons during permitted time if requested.
- K. Golfing is prohibited on the field.
- L. Every player using the soccer field shall clean his or her footwear prior to accessing the field to avoid soiling or staining the field from dirt or mud.
- M. Metal cleats and V cleats are prohibited on the field. Users must wear molded cleats or other athletic shoes. ~~only, metal cleats or "V" cleats are prohibited.~~
- N. Sharp objects, including tent stakes, corner flags, or other objects that can penetrate the surface of the field, are prohibited.
- O. Only existing marked athletic lines may be utilized by users. No additional athletic lines/markings allowed.

- P. P. Permit users may only use freestanding field markers and sports equipment on the multipurpose turf field may be used on the field.
- Q. No food, beverages, cans or bottles (whether plastic or glass) shall be permitted in the activities area of the ~~soccer~~ multipurpose turf field. ~~No alcohol or tobacco products shall be permitted in the area of the soccer field.~~ Water is allowed in a closed container.
- R. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all City parks pursuant to Chapter 8.84.
- S. No pets are allowed on the field.
- T. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters or other unapproved vehicles are prohibited on the field.
- U. Only approved athletic equipment listed on permit application and approved may be used on the field.
- V. ~~All trash and refuse must be deposited in a park trash receptacle. All litter and debris must be picked up and deposited into trash receptacles, where provided, or removed from the premises. All turf field users are responsible for the condition in which they leave the facility.~~
- W. Only the gates shall be utilized to enter and exit the field. "Fence hopping," or sitting on the fence is prohibited.
- X. No music is allowed at the field without a sound amplification permit.
- Y. A temporary banner permit is required to place banners/signs on field perimeter fences.
- Z. No outside lights are allowed to be used at the field.
- AA. Any behavior or activity that is determined by the onsite staff person as unsafe, a violation of park rules or unsportsmanlike conduct is prohibited. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include, but are not limited to: aggressive, intimidating, abusive or threatening actions, cursing or fighting. Law enforcement officials may be called, and violators may be required to vacate the premises or may be subject to arrest.