Title 10 – Community Health
Chapter 10 – Recreation and Special Event Safety

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Legislative History

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Ordinance 388 Amending STC Title 10: Amending Chapters 1 & 6, Repealing and
Enacting Chapter 2, Enacting Chapters 9, 10, & 11 (12/4/18).

[Ed. Note. The Recreational Sanitation Code was previously codified at Title 10, Chapter 2, Subchapter 3.]

10-10.010 Purposes.

The purposes of this Chapter are:

(A) To ensure that conditions at sites used for public recreation and special events are
reliably safe and clean.

(B) To help sustain the physical and cultural health of the Swinomish Indian Tribal
Community and guests to the Swinomish Reservation, the Senate encourages outdoor
recreation and special events.


10-10.020 Findings.

(A) The Senate finds that regulation of public recreation and special event sites is
necessary to minimize safety risk and to encourage development of recreation and
community gathering opportunities.
(B) The Senate recognizes that outdoor recreation and special events benefit personal and community health.


10-10.030 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this Chapter.

(A) “Recreation site” refers to an area subject to regular use for regulation by multiple people, such as youth camps, campground sites, and picnic areas.

(B) “Special event” means any activity involving the attendance of thirty (30) or more persons for a period of more than one (1) hour, that is not held in or around a private home, business, or Tribal government building.


10-10.040 Notification and Permitting.

Any person wishing to conduct a planned special event on the Reservation shall notify the Health Official at least ten (10) days prior to commencement of operations. The Health Official, may, at his or her discretion, require the person to provide plans for compliance with this Title, may impose reasonable conditions as necessary to ensure public safety, and may further require the person to pay a reasonable fee as necessary to allow for adequate inspection and enforcement.


10-10.050 Location.

Recreation sites and special event sites shall be located in areas reasonably accessible by emergency services.


10-10.060 Site Conditions.

Recreation sites and special event sites shall occur in reasonably safe locations and conditions, on a well-drained area free of heavy undergrowth and health hazards, such as hazard trees, poison oak, and open pits. Activities may not take place at a recreation site or special event during dangerous weather, such as lightning storms, high winds, or excessive cold or heat.

10-10.070 Water Supply.

Recreation sites and special event sites shall provide convenient access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water. Water stations shall be properly drained to prevent standing water. Where water pressure is available, self-closing faucets shall be used. When water is unavailable at the site, it shall be transported, stored and dispensed in a sanitary manner.


10-10.080 Toilet Facilities.

Clean, safe and adequate toilet facilities shall be provided or available convenient to all recreation sites and special event sites.


10-10.090 Refuse Containers.

If an activity at a recreation site or special event site involves the generation of garbage or rubbish, an adequate number of refuse containers shall be provided. Storage and disposal of refuse shall meet the requirements of the solid waste sections of this Title.


10-10.100 Food Services.

Recreation sites and special event sites featuring food services shall meet the applicable food service requirements of this Title.


10-10.110 Inspection of Special Event and Recreation Sites.

The Health Official is authorized to inspect special event and recreation sites and special event sites to enforce this Chapter.


10-10.120 Inspection of Swimming Areas.

The Health Official may inspect public swimming areas periodically. He or she shall submit written reports to the Board of Health when he or she finds special problems related to health or safety. The Tribe does not generally provide life guards, and all swimming on the Reservation is at the risk of the swimmer and his or her guardian.