

City of Placerville MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: John Driscoll, City Manager/City Attorney

SUBJECT: AMENDED SKATEPARK ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 18 to Title 6 of the Placerville City Code relating to skate parks within the City of Placerville, and waive the first reading.

DISCUSSION

In July 2007, the City adopted an ordinance regulating conduct at skate parks located in the City of Placerville. The regulations relate to Joe's Skate Park, which is the only skate park located within the City. The regulations mirror those adopted by El Dorado County with respect to conduct at the skate park. A copy of the staff report relating to the City's ordinance is attached hereto for the Council's information.

The County has been experiencing continued enforcement problems at the Skate Park. In particular, the conflicts between users of the facility have increased. Some of these conflicts seem to center around use of the facility by individuals using equipment other than skateboards, in particular bicyclists, roller-skaters and inline skaters. In response to this, the County has amended its ordinance setting the rules and regulations for skate parks to exclude roller-skating, inline skating and bicycling. The amended ordinance only allows skateboarding at skate parks.

Because Joe's Skate Park is located with the City, City police are often called upon to enforce the regulations and issue citations. When citations are issued by City police they have been issuing them under the City Ordinance, therefore it is important that the City Ordinance regulating skate parks conform to the County's Ordinance. The amendments to the City's Ordinance before the Council tonight mirrors the changes adopted by the County and will provide for consistent enforcement of the regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

John Driscoll
City Manager/City Attorney