

**SCC NO. 1776****AN ORDINANCE OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE  
AMENDING SECTIONS 9.36.030, 9.36.035, 9.36.040, 9.36.062, AND  
9.36.063, AND ADDING SECTION 9.36.084 RELATING TO PARK  
REGULATIONS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9.36.030, Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento County Code is amended to read as follows:

**9.36.030 Violation of Regulations—Sanctions.**

a. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1.01.190, and except as provided in Section 9.36.035(e), and unless otherwise stated in this chapter, a violation of any of the provisions of Chapter 9.36, or failure to comply with any of the regulatory requirements of Chapter 9.36, is an infraction subject to the procedures described in Sections 19.6 and 19.7 of the California Penal Code and punishable as provided in Section 9.36.035.

A violation of Sections 9.36.040, 9.36.062, 9.36.063, 9.36.065, 9.36.066(A), and 9.36.084 may constitute a misdemeanor, punishable as provided in Section 9.36.035. The following factors may be considered when determining whether a violation of one of these sections constitutes an infraction or a misdemeanor: age, prior arrest record, nature and extent of damage caused, prior citations or convictions for similar or related offense(s), and other relevant factors.

b. The Director shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding of violation of any regulation contained in this chapter or upon a finding of violation of other county ordinance or law of this state.

c. The Director shall have the authority to eject from any park facility any person acting in violation of regulations contained in this chapter.

d. The regulations contained herein shall not prohibit any person authorized by the Director from the normal exercise of requested, assigned, or contractual duties.

SECTION 2. Section 9.36.035, Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento County Code is amended to read as follows:

**9.36.035 Penalties.**

a. Except as provided in Section 9.36.035(e), every violation of Chapter 9.36 constituting an infraction is punishable by (1) a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first violation; (2) a fine not exceeding \$200 for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year of the first violation; (3) a fine not exceeding \$500 for each additional violation of the same ordinance provision within one year of the first violation, or as otherwise provided pursuant to law.

b. Except as provided in Section 9.36.035(e), every violation of Chapter 9.36 constituting a misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not in excess of \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than six months, or by both, or as otherwise provided pursuant to law.

c. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this chapter is committed, continued, or permitted by any such person, and shall be punished accordingly.

d. Malicious injury or destruction of any real or personal property which constitutes vandalism under the provisions of Section 594 of the Penal Code of the State of California, shall be prosecuted as a violation of Penal Code Section 594 and shall be punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony, as provided in Penal Code Section 594. Under Penal Code Section 594, if vandalism results in damage of \$1,000 or more, the vandalism may constitute a felony punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or up to a year in state prison, or both.

e. Effective July 1, 1993, any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of Sections 9.36.048(a), 9.36.048(b), 9.36.065(d), or 9.36.065(e) of this chapter shall be subject to civil penalties, fees, charges and procedures as set forth in Title 10, Chapter 10.04, Section 10.04.100 of this Sacramento County Code.

SECTION 3. Section 9.36.040, Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the Sacramento County Code is amended to read as follows:

**9.36.040 Closure of Facilities.**

The Director shall have the authority to close any park facility or portion thereof and require the exit of all persons therein when he or she determines that conditions exist in said facility or portion thereof which present a hazard to the facility or to public safety. Upon closure, all persons required to exit any closed park facility or portion thereof must do so immediately. No person shall enter or re-enter a closed park facility or portion thereof after closure.

## SECTION 4. Section 9.36.062, Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the

Sacramento County Code is amended to read as follows:

**9.36.062 Real Property—Appropriation or Encumbrance.**

No person shall deposit any earth, sand, rock, stone, or other substance within any park facility, nor shall any person dig or remove any such material from within any park facility, nor shall any person erect or attempt to erect any building, wharf, or structure of any kind by driving or setting up posts or piles, nor in any manner appropriate or encumber any portion of the real property owned, operated, controlled, or managed by the Department, without a permit from the Director.

## SECTION 5. Section 9.36.063, Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the

Sacramento County Code is amended to read as follows:

**9.36.063 Property—Use Of.**

No person shall, without a permit from the Director:

- a. Dig up, pick, remove, mutilate, injure, cut, or destroy any turf, tree, plant, shrub, bloom, flower, artifact, or archeological site, or any portion thereof;
- b. Cut, break, injure, deface, or disturb any building, sign, fence, bench, structure, apparatus, equipment, or property, or any portion thereof; or
- c. Make or place on any tree, plant, shrub, bloom, flower, building, sign, fence, bench, structure, apparatus, equipment, or property, or any portion thereof, any rope, wire, mark, writing, printing, sign, card, display, or similar inscription or device;
- d. Excavate, dig, or alter the topography of the ground;
- e. Place or use a bounce house or other inflatable apparatus that requires the use of electricity or a generator to remain inflated within a Regional Park facility.

In addition to the penalties described in sections 9.36.030 and 9.36.035, any person who violates this section shall also be required to pay the costs of restoration due to the damage caused by their actions.

## SECTION 6. Section 9.36.084, Chapter 9.36, Title 9, of the

Sacramento County Code is added to read as follows:

**9.36.084 Trespassing on Golf Courses and Sports Complexes.**

A. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this section is to protect the safety of the public, maintain the integrity of publicly owned golf courses and

sports complexes, and prevent property damage and disturbances by prohibiting unauthorized entry and activity.

B. Definitions.

As used in this section:

1. "Golf Course" means any parcel of land publicly owned, designed and used primarily for the playing of golf, including fairways, greens, tees, roughs, driving ranges, practice areas, and any associated facilities such as clubhouses, maintenance areas and parking lots.

2. "Sports Complex" means a multi-facility venue housing various indoor and outdoor areas for different sports, training, and events, combining fields, courts, arenas and sometimes fitness centers to support recreational play, organized leagues, tournaments, and professional training in sports like soccer, baseball, basketball, hockey, football, and gymnastics.

3. "Trespass" means to enter or remain upon a golf course or sports complex property without the express consent of Regional Parks, or the owner, operator, or authorized agent of the golf course or sports complex property.

4. "Authorized Person" means any individual granted permission by Regional Parks, or the owner, operator, or authorized agent of the golf course or sports complex to enter the premises, including employees, guests, or individuals participating in permitted recreational or maintenance activities.

C. Prohibited Conduct.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

a. Enter or remain on a golf course property or sports complex without express permission from the owner, operator, Regional Parks staff, or authorized representative;

b. Cross or cut through a golf course property or sports complex on foot, bicycle, electric bike, motor vehicle, or any other conveyance without express permission from the owner, operator, Regional Parks staff, or authorized representative;

c. Enter upon a golf course or sports complex for the purpose of fishing, hunting, swimming, retrieving golf balls, or engaging in any activity not authorized by the property owner; or

d. Enter or remain upon a golf course or sports complex outside of its regular operating hours unless specifically permitted by Regional Parks, the owner or operator.

D. Exceptions. This ordinance shall not apply to:

1. Law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, or county officials performing official duties;

2. Utility workers or contractors performing authorized work with prior notice to the property owner or operator;

3. Individuals participating in a permitted public event approved by the county, the golf course operator, or the Sports Complex operator.

E. Violations.

1. Each entry onto a golf course or sports complex in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 7. This ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2026, and on May 12, 2026, further reading was waived by the unanimous vote of the Supervisors present.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, said publication to be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sacramento.

On a motion by Supervisor Serna, seconded by Supervisor Kennedy, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, this 12th day of May 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Desmond, Hume, Kennedy, Serna, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSAL: None  
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))



*Rosario Rodriguez*  
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Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
of Sacramento County, California

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
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Clerk, Board of Supervisors

FILED by the Board of Supervisors on  
May 12, 2026

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In accordance with Section 25103 of the Government Code of the State of California a copy of the document has been delivered to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento on May 12, 2026 by *James Criston*, Deputy Clerk