

ORDINANCE NO. 614

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, amending Lakewood Municipal Code Section 8.76.500; relative to permitting under certain circumstances model aircraft in City parks.

WHEREAS: Flying model airplanes is an exhilarating hobby and the sport has increased in popularity in recent years; and

WHEREAS: Flying model airplanes is not allowed at City of Lakewood Parks; and

WHEREAS: Local hobbyists have asked the City to consider finding a public site that could be safely used for remote controlled flying and are willing to support this use with community service and funding; and

WHEREAS: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was tasked with researching this activity and considering community input, impacts, potential locations, administrative rules and other site based conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1: Section 08.76.500 LMC entitled “Model Aircraft and Rockets,” is amended to read as follows:

A. No person shall fly rockets or [remotely piloted and powered aircraft](#) in any park area unless in an area designated by the City Manager.

B. Notwithstanding LMC 8.76.580, a violation of this section shall be an infraction punishable by a fine in the amount set forth in LMC 8.76.570.

Section 1. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take place thirty (30) days after its publication or publication of a summary of its intent and contents.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 20th day of July, 2015.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

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Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Heidi A. Wachter City Attorney