

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SLACKLINING IN ALL DISTRICT PARKS

WHEREAS, the Isla Vista Recreation & Parks District (“District”) was organized in 1972 pursuant to California statutory authority to provide community recreation, park, and open-space facilities and recreation services within the Isla Vista community;

WHEREAS, slacklining is the sport of walking a small, flat nylon rope between two anchor points and is commonly practiced in public parks;

WHEREAS, the most common anchors points for slackline ropes in public parks are trees;

WHEREAS, there is a high potential for damage to tree bark through repeated use for slacklining due to the tension of the slackline rope;

WHEREAS, tree bark protects a tree’s vascular system that carries the plant food or sap from the leaves to the entire tree;

WHEREAS, if trees are not protected from regular slacklining use it is very likely those trees will show signs of ring bark damage and eventually die as a direct result of slacklining;

WHEREAS, slacklining in District parks has caused considerable damage to District property, including trees and fences; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to restrict slacklining on District property to mitigate and prevent damage to District property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Isla Vista Recreation & Parks District does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless it is apparent from their context that a different meaning is intended:

A) “Anchor points” include trees, shrubs, plants, fences, posts, ground anchors or any fixed device used to attach a slackline.

B) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the District.

C) “District” means the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District.

D) “District property” means any outdoor space, owned or operated by the District and open to the general public for recreation purposes, regardless of any fee or age requirement for use, including, without limitation, parklands, picnic areas, playgrounds, sports fields, walking paths, gardens, hiking trails, amphitheaters, bike paths, horseback riding trails, athletic fields, skateboard parks, and other open spaces.

E) “General Manager” means the General Manager of the District.

F) “Person” means any natural person, partnership, cooperative association, corporation, personal representative, receiver, trustee, assignee, or any other legal entity, except the District.

G) “Slackline” means a rope, wire or similar device.

H) “Slacklining” means the sport of walking a slackline between two anchor points.

Section 2. Restrictions on Slacklining on District Property. Except for slacklining authorized by the Board on District property containing designated slacklining facilities and conducted pursuant to Board established slacklining rules and regulations, no person shall participate in slacklining on District property without obtaining the prior written consent of the General Manager, or his or her designee.

Section 3. Acts Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to participate in, allow or permit slacklining prohibited by Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Violations and Penalties. Any person violating the provisions of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and punishable by a fine of Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) or the cost of repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed District property, whichever is less.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The Board hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage.

Section 7. Publication. The District Clerk shall cause the publication of this Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage in the Santa Barbara News Press, the Daily Nexus, or the Goleta Sound, which are newspapers of general circulation published and circulated within the Isla Vista community and the County of Santa Barbara, or post a certified copy of this Ordinance in the District Clerk’s office at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted and cause the publication of a summary of this Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: BUDA, KASATKINA, LAGERQUIST, MURDOCK

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: DREIZLER

CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATTEST:

GABRIEL BRETADO
DISTRICT CLERK

JEFF LINDGREN
GENERAL MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROXANNE DIAZ
DISTRICT COUNSEL

**ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
SLACKLINE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Slacklining shall only be allowed at the following parks and with proper tree protection:
 - A. Trigo Pasado Park
 - B. Window to the Sea Park
 - C. Little Acorn Park
 - D. Tierra De Fortuna Park
 - E. Anisq'Oyo' Park

2. Trees may be used as anchor points for lines, but must be protected from damage. Anchor point trees shall meet the following conditions:
 - A. Trees must be a minimum of 10 inches in diameter at the tie-off point.
 - B. Conifers and evergreen trees shall not be used as anchor points.
 - C. Tree protection standards:
 - i. Adequate protection of tree trunk shall be provided between the trunk and lines.
 - ii. Use of blankets, carpet or cardboard is suggested to protect tree trunk from damage.
 - iii. Tree protection must wrap all the way around the tree.
 - iv. Additionally, tree protection must not be attached to the anchor.
 - D. Lines shall be tied around trees, not screwed into them.
 - E. No branches shall be cut or broken or tied to facilitate location of lines.

3. Location of lines shall meet the following conditions
 - A. Lines shall not be attached more than 6 feet above ground level
 - B. Lines shall not block walkways, sidewalks or paths
 - C. Lines shall not be attached to any playground equipment, signs, bollards or any other structure within a park without prior approval from the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District General Manager or designee.
 - D. Lines shall not be left unattended
 - E. All lines must be removed at sundown

4. Slackline set-up requirements
 - A. Slackline set-up and use shall not damage trees as determined by District staff.