

SAFARI POLICIES 4-10-23

The policies below were adopted by the board to clarify situations that have arisen and/or could arise in the future. These are written here and will be posted on the website.

1. Adopted 9-2-20: Caretakers Storing Items in the Shop:

It seems every few years someone raises a question about why the caretakers are storing their personal items including motorcycles in the shop. In the past, the president has authorized this, but it has never been recorded as an official action by the board. The board will be asked to approve the following motion:

The caretakers may store their personal items including motorcycles in the maintenance shop provided that no Safari items are displaced out of the shop.

2. Adopted 10-5-20: Policy on Trees:

When Safari did the major tree removal assessment and project, there were some funds left over that we have been using for major tree trimming and removal. Those funds are now exhausted, and we are not planning on asking the members for another assessment.

Therefore, the following policy statement on tree trimming and removal is adopted:

- 1. Members are responsible for properly maintaining, trimming, and removing (when necessary) all landscaping and trees located on their sites in a neat and safe condition.*
- 2. Safari Association is responsible for maintaining, trimming, and removing (when necessary) all trees and landscaping located in community areas outside of member's sites.*
- 3. If a member fails to properly maintain, trim, and remove (when necessary) trees and landscaping located on their site in a neat and safe manner, it may result in a fine and an assessment for any costs paid by the Association to correct the problem on behalf of the member.*
- 4. For branches of trees that hang over lagoons, Safari will be responsible for having them trimmed when it is determined by the arborist that trimming is appropriate.*

3. Adopted 9-2-20: Policy on Retaining Walls in the Lagoons:

To build anything near the lagoons requires a Safari Site Improvement Permit. Additionally, if it might touch the water, it will require a permit from the Core of Engineers. Therefore, the following policy is adopted:

When a member wishes to build anything near a lagoon that would touch the water at any time, they must first obtain a permit from the Core of Engineers and any other appropriate government agency. Once they have these, they must submit a copy of the permit(s) along with the Safari Site Improvement permit to the board for approval.

4. Adopted 9-2-20: Policy on Notification of COVID Cases:

We contacted the County Emergency Operations Center for guidance on what to report in the future. They responded that they would not tell us of any case here in the park and that members should always be taking full precautions as if everyone they met had the virus. Therefore, we are adopting the following policy about COVID cases here in the park:
The board will make no notification of any possible COVID cases in the park unless the infected member requests it, nor will the board attempt to investigate any cases. The board will remind members to assume that everyone they meet might have the virus and take appropriate precautions.

5. Adopted 10-5-20: Policy on Flooded Sites:

We have a number of sites that can become flooded during heavy rains. The board adopts the following policy to address this:

A number of sites in the park can flood in the winter with the heavy rains. If the flooding reaches the street and does not recede within a reasonable time, Safari may attempt to alleviate it. In some cases, a storm drain may be installed by the Association at the Association's expense just off the street in a low spot. The member may grade their site to feed storm water into this drain at their own expense. They may not grade the lot to be higher than the street.

6. Adopted 01-09-23: Policy on Utilities and Responsibility Thereof:

There is some confusion on when a member or the association is responsible for the utilities on a given lot. The board adopts the following policy to clarify this:

To specify the responsibilities of the park and the member regarding utilities, the following guidelines will be used:

Electricity: *The park is responsible up to and including the electric meter **and bus bar as long as the member has kept the stanchion painted and rust free without modifications.** Anything beyond that including circuit breakers, plugs and panel covers, is the responsibility of the member. Keeping the electrical stanchion free of rust and in good repair is the member's responsibility.*

Water: *The park is responsible for the water pipes up to and including the main water shutoff valve for the site(s). Beyond that, it is the member's responsibility. If two sites share the same shutoff and they desire to install a separate shutoff, this is at the member's expense and must be done by either the caretaker or a licensed plumber in coordination with the caretaker.*

Sewer: *Members are responsible for maintenance, repair, and proper flow of all sewer lines located on and under their lot up to the point they join a sewer main. If there is a feed line from the main that splits to serve multiple sites, the association is responsible for the line up to the split provided that it is unaltered. Members may not alter the main or feeder lines in any way.*

Cable TV/Internet: *Charter/Spectrum is responsible for the cable until there is a connection point on the member's lot. Beyond that connection point and into any RV, the cable is the responsibility of the member. If Charter/Spectrum determines that there is signal noise on the line coming from the cable that is the member's responsibility, they may disconnect the cable until such time as the noise is corrected.*

Telephone: *Land line telephone cable and equipment is the responsibility of the telephone provider and the park will not maintain that system.*

7. Adopted 8-9-21 Policy on Membership Site Boundaries

Individual memberships in Safari Association do not own real property and thus have no surveyed and recorded property lines. Memberships do have site boundaries that are recognized by the Association. These site boundaries were first established from original plat maps, but over time, any markers that were initially placed may have been lost, moved, or destroyed. Site boundaries have subsequently been maintained through various other indicators including (but not limited to): neighborly agreements, member installed markers, fences, and member-drawn diagrams. On occasion these indicators may not agree with, nor measurements accurately reflect, the true location of the site boundary. When a site boundary is in question, a majority of the board will, upon due diligence and careful consideration of all relevant and dependable information available to them at the time, establish where the membership site boundary will be.

8. Adopted 10-11-21 Member Hiring Policy – DELETED 7-11-22

9. Adopted 11-08-21 Policy on Aging, Impaired Health, or Cognitive Impairment

The mission statement of the Safari Association of Ilwaco as stated in our bylaws is “to provide a great place to live.” One of our value statements, also from the bylaws, includes the statement “We value helping each other in times of need.” This value is not the mission, only a statement of the kind of behavior we hope our members exhibit.

We recognize that we will all age and reach a state where we might not be able to properly take care of ourselves without additional help. It is imperative that when this stage is reached, we acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the affected member(s) to seek help and not the association to provide it.

In such cases where a member is unable to provide suitable care on their own to maintain the minimum activities of daily living or suffers from significant cognitive impairment as defined by Long Term Care Insurance providers, the Safari Association will be obligated to contact the emergency contact, as listed in the records, to provide the needed care. In the case where they will not provide for the needed care, the association will have no choice but to require that the member find other living arrangements such as may be available in the community.

It is not our intent to refuse aid or assistance within reasonable bounds to members with temporary disabilities or limitations, but the association does not have the resources or expertise to provide nursing, custodial or rehabilitative care. Since we are not licensed as a facility to provide these types of care, we are unwilling to accept the liability to do so.

This policy shall remain in effect until such time as it is superseded by a bylaw amendment or some other form of communication restating the association’s responsibility in these matters.

10. Adopted 4-11-22 Policy on School Age Children Residing in Safari During the School Year

In the Safari Rules, there is the statement "SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN (K-12) MAY NOT RESIDE IN SAFARI ASSOCIATION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR."

Three questions arise from the wording of this rule: What ages are school age; What defines the school year; and what is meant by "reside"? This policy will attempt to answer these three questions.

1. What ages are school age? "School age" is defined as being between the ages of 5 and 17.
2. What defines the school year? Since the school years of the various districts in the nation can vary widely and even within the state of Washington, they vary due to snow days, we shall define the school year as the months of September through May.
3. What is meant by "reside"? The definition of the word *reside* is spelled out in RCW [46.16A.140](#). Summarizing that description and applying it to our situation, a person resides in Safari when their principal residence is in Safari. That means if their driver's license, hunting license, fishing license, or voter's registration shows the Safari address, they are a resident of Safari. If they receive any type of benefits using the Safari address as their address for eligibility for these benefits, they are a Safari resident.

NOTES:

- School age children, by definition, are minors and as such, do not declare their own residency, but rather, use that of their parent(s) or legal guardian. Thus, for purposes of this policy, the residency of the parent(s) or legal guardian is used as the determinant.
- As long as children do not meet the residency restrictions described above, they may be in the park on a temporary basis during the school year.

I hereby certify that I have read the above Safari Policies:

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