

Chapter 7.70 Child Safety Zone

(Ord. No. 1615)

§ 7.70.010 Purpose and Intent.

It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to protect children from registered sex offenders by restricting sex offenders' access to locations where children regularly gather. The City Council finds that City parks, beaches, jetties, piers, and adjacent City owned or leased parking lots are locations where children regularly gather. The City Council further finds that restricting sex offender access to such locations will reduce the risk of harm to children by impeding the ability of sex offenders to be in contact with children.

It is further the purpose and intent of this Chapter to provide additional restrictions beyond those provided for in state law by restricting sex offenders from certain locations, and by allowing for criminal penalties for violations of this Chapter. It is not the intent of this Chapter to allow conduct otherwise prohibited by state law, or to contradict state law.

§ 7.70.015 Child Safety Zone.

Therefore it is hereby established a child safety zone encompassing the following locations within the City: each City park, greenbelt, beach, jetty and pier, which shall include but not be limited to Almond Park, Arbor Park, Aster Park, Bluebell Park, Edison Park and Gardens, Eisenhower Park, Electric Avenue Greenbelt, Gum Grove Nature Park, Heather Park, Marina Community Center, Marina Park, McGaugh School Campus, North Seal Beach Center, Seal Beach Tennis Center, Zoeter Softball Facility and Park, Seal Beach Municipal Pier, Seal Beach rock jetty and all City owned or leased parking lots located immediately adjacent to any City park, beach, jetty, or pier.

§ 7.70.020 Prohibition.

No person required to register pursuant to California Penal Code sections 290 et seq. shall enter into or upon the child safety zone. Each entry into the child safety zone shall constitute a separate offense under this ordinance regardless of the time period between entries.

§ 7.70.025 Penalties for Violation.

Punishment for a violation of Section 7.70.025 shall be as follows:

A. Upon a first conviction, by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than six months, or by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by both imprisonment and a fine.

B. Upon a second conviction, by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not less than 10 days and not more than six months, or by both

imprisonment and a fine not exceeding \$500. Upon a second conviction, however, the person shall not be released on probation, parole, or any other basis until he or she has served not less than 10 days.

C. Upon a third or subsequent conviction, by imprisonment in a county jail for period of not less than 90 days and not more than six months, or by both imprisonment and a fine not exceeding \$500. Upon a third or subsequent conviction, however, the person shall not be released on probation, parole, or any other basis until he or she has served not less than 90 days.

§ 7.70.030 Other Prosecution Authorized.

Nothing in this ordinance shall preclude or prohibit prosecution under any other provision of law.

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