

# News Release

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## Rules amended to prohibit camping on ocean shore in Brookings

SALEM, Oregon—The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission adopted [proposed rule changes](#) to add Brookings to the list of cities where overnight camping is prohibited along the ocean shore within the city limits.

The proposed rule change was requested through a petition from residents living near Mill Beach in Brookings. Residents identified concerns over public health, risks to public safety and impacts on the marine ecosystem along the ocean shore as reasons for proposing the closure of camping on the ocean shore within the city limits.

Public comment received by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) strongly favored adding restrictions to camping. Over 90% of the more than 90 comments received by the agency expressed support for the change.

Brookings will join the cities of Seaside, Cannon Beach, Manzanita, Rockaway Beach, Lincoln City, Newport, Bandon and Gold Beach where camping is currently prohibited along the ocean shore within the city limits. Camping is also prohibited on portions of the ocean shore in Clatsop and Tillamook counties, under different rules within OPRD's division 30. The last time a new area was added to this list was in 2000 when sections of the Tillamook County area were included.

Signage and other materials will begin communicating changes to visitors as soon as December 1, 2024. Rangers will continue to focus on visitor education to reduce the impact to natural resources and gain rule compliance.