

CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT TOM MATTMULER * Chief

TO:

Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM:

Tom Mattmuller, Chief The

DATE:

September 21, 2016

SUBJECT:

Request to Amend City Ordinance Section 46-1

Sir,

Recently an action to enforce a park rule violation resulted in a Notice to Appear. The Notice to Appear was dismissed by the court because the area was identified as, "Marina Park and Boat Ramp".

Amendments to City Ordinance Sections 46-1., 46-186(7), and 46-186(9) to provide a consistent legal description of the Venice Avenue Boat Ramp and Marine Park will allow the Venice Police Department to enforce City Ordinances relative to park rules and conduct.

Additional changes include prohibiting fishing and swimming in the vicinity of the marine park seawalls as this area is designated to launch and retrieve vessels.

The suggested wording proposal is:

Section 46-1

Legal description changed from "Marina Park and Boat Ramp" to "Venice Marine Park and Boat Ramp"

Section 46-186(7)

Include seawalls, Dive from or swim in the vicinity of docks and seawalls.

Section 46-186(9)

Include seawalls, Fish from the docks and seawalls.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me.