

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER
Resolution No. 2008-09-5**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICY FOR
NON-REVENUE BRIDGE CROSSINGS**

WHEREAS, the policy regarding bridge crossings for emergency response vehicles was adopted by the Port Commission in February 2003; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of the Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system there have been significant changes in the operations at the Toll Plaza that affect the methods by which the Port may address non-revenue crossings; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for local public safety agencies to pass unimpeded through the Toll Plaza during an emergency response and convenient for the agencies when carrying out other official duties that require bridge crossings, all of which provide benefit to the communities on both sides of the Columbia River; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide clear policy direction so that staff at the Toll plaza may address non-revenue bridge crossing requests; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the current policy and recommends changes to address the above issues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Statement of Policy regarding Non-Revenue Crossing of the Hood River Toll Bridge dated April 7, 2009 and attached to this Resolution shall be the policy of the Port of Hood River.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this 7 day of April 2009.



Fred Duckwall



Sherry Bohn

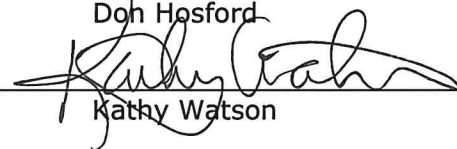


Hoby Streich

(Absent.)



Don Hosford



Kathy Watson

**Port of Hood River
Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge**

Statement of Policy Regarding Non-Revenue Passage

February 2003

Updated: April 7, 2009

It is the policy of the Port of Hood River to issue non-revenue toll tickets or transponder credit for police, fire, and ambulance vehicles crossing the bridge in response to life, safety, and health emergencies or for a limited number of crossings by police, fire or ambulance vehicles when personnel are conducting official business. Crossings that are compensated by insurance or other payment do not qualify for non-revenue tickets or credit.

Emergency responders will not be required to stop at the toll house when lights and/or sirens are activated during an emergency response.

Non-revenue bridge tickets or transponder credit issued by the Port for police, fire and emergency vehicle crossings shall not be used for personal use.

Active-duty military persons will be eligible for non-revenue crossing for the purpose of reporting for duty. Order papers must be submitted at the Port office to obtain tickets or transponder credit.

To obtain non-revenue tickets or transponder credit, public safety agencies must submit a written letter request annually in January. The request must include the type and number of vehicles anticipated to be used, reason for crossing and expected number of annual trips. Based on the submitted information, the Executive Director may approve an annual allotment of tickets or transponder credit. If that supply is exhausted, additional tickets or transponder credit must be purchased. Emergency response agencies will be provided a maximum of six transponders annually at no charge. Additional transponders must be purchased.

Only official Port of Hood River non-revenue tickets or transponder credit may be used at the toll plaza unless emergency response conditions exist as described above.

The Port of Hood River reserves the right to request an accounting of non-revenue ticket usage by agencies.

14. Event Site closes at dusk (when the street lights turn on).
15. Vendors and commercial businesses must obtain a Port permit and show it upon request.
16. Dogs must be on leash held by a person at ALL times. Animal waste must be picked up and disposed of in a garbage or sanitary sewer receptacle. Biodegradable Pet Pickup bags are provided as a courtesy.
17. If a person is cited for violations of Port Ordinance 22 or Event Site regulations two times, they will be required to leave the Event Site.



Michael McElwee, Executive Director

Date: 4/16/09
Ordinance 22 Adopted on May 20, 2003

REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT AT THE EVENT SITE

Ordinance 22 regulates conduct on Port land, Port waterways, and Port structures. The following regulations expand, define or regulate conduct in furtherance of the provisions of the Ordinance, and are specific to the area designated above.

1. Parking passes are required on all vehicles.
2. Daily, weekly, and annual parking passes are for day use only. Parking or camping at any time between 10 PM and 6 AM is prohibited.
3. Annual parking passes must be affixed to windshield; daily/weekly parking passes must be visible on dashboard.
4. Lost/stolen passes replaced at cost of a new pass; no refunds.
5. Overlength (exceeds 22 feet) vehicles must park in designated spaces.
6. Persons using more than one parking space must pay for each additional space used.
7. No parking in designated red Fire Lane. Vehicle will be towed.
8. No skateboard sailing in parking lot.
9. The Hood River Waterfront Access Zone, developed and coordinated by CGWA, CGKA and the Port through the Delta Management Plan (DMP), designates an area approximately 500 square feet on the river side of the Event Site as a SAFE ZONE and is marked by hazard buoys shown on signage. The full DMP agreement may be viewed at www.portofhoodriver.com.
10. The Safe Zone allows for windsurf launching only, 5mph sailing (no fast sailing or jibing within the Safe Zone). Kiteboarding is not allowed within the Safe Zone.
11. Kiteboarding shall be defined as pumping/drying kites, carrying inflated kites, rigging or attaching lines, launching and landing.
12. Kiteboarding is allowed from October 1 through April 30.¹
13. From May 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 kiteboarding shall be allowed subject to the following limitations:²
 - Kite drying and pumping and carrying inflated kites is only allowed within an area eastward of a line defined by signage installed by the Port.
 - Rigging or attaching lines is prohibited unless permitted by the Port for an exclusive use event.
 - An evaluation of this provisional activity shall be made by the Port in fall 2009 to determine whether it shall continue.
 - If the activity is allowed to continue a new regulation authorizing the use will be enacted.

¹ Approved by the Commission on November 20, 2007

² Approved by the Commission on April 7, 2009