

# **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** Lane County Ordinance No. 7-06

**DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT:** September 27, 2006

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**NATURE OF STORY:** Lane Code amendment regulating parking at or near public boat ramps in Lane County.

## **DETAILS:**

On September 27 the Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the Lane Code that provides for regulation of parking at or near public boat ramps in Lane County.

**Effective October 27, 2006 persons are prohibited from parking “On or near any public boat launch ramp in a manner that obstructs or impedes the use of the boat launch ramp, except while the vehicle is attended and actively engaged in the loading or unloading of watercraft.” LC 6.430**

**Additionally, “Vehicles left unattended on or near any public boat ramp in violation of Lane Code 6.430 (3) may be towed and stored at the expense of the vehicle owner in accordance with state law governing custody and removal of vehicles constituting a hazard.” LC 6.475**

Violation of LC 6.430 is a Class D traffic violation with a fine of \$97. In addition to a citation, vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Until now there has been virtually no regulation of parking at boat ramps in Lane County. Frequently, vehicles are parked at or near boat ramps blocking the use of the ramp by persons seeking to launch or remove a boat from a blocked ramp. Additionally, blocking of ramps has prevented emergency rescue access to the water by public safety personnel, hampering rescue efforts and endangering the safety of the public using the county's waterways.

The Lane County sheriff's office marine patrol will begin enforcement as the new regulations become effective on October 27.

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