

MEMORANDUM

To: Board Agenda, June 18, 2020

From: Joel F. Foreman

Re: **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLES I, II, III, AND VI OF THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE USE AND REGULATION OF COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

Date: June 11, 2020

The attached draft Ordinance 2020-08 would, if adopted, unify the County's park and recreational area regulations while incorporating the Board's desires for changes at Rum Island Park such as parking enforcement and the creation of a park permit to be issued for those wishing to make regular commercial use of any park.

The ordinance imposes the Board's regulations while recognizing the role of the County Manager under Charter to see to the care and custody of the County's property. The Parks and Recreation Director is also authorized, with the County Manager, to create and implement rules that are necessary for the operation of particular parks. For example, the rules at Southside may differ from rules that would apply to Alligator Lake park, but the general regulations would be the same while Board would retain the ability to set many regulations such as hours of operation and entry fees. This will afford staff more discretion in balancing the needs of the public and limitations necessary to ensue the parks remain in good condition.

Recommended motion:

To adopt Ordinance 2020-08.