

ORDINANCE PROHBITING SEXUAL PREDATORS IN PENDER COUNTY
PARKS

ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the children of Pender County from sexual predators by prohibiting registered sexual offenders from Pender County Parks. It is recognized that sexual offenders have a high rate of recidivism and this ordinance is designed to protect children from the risks of such recidivism.

ARTICLE 2 PROHIBITION

Registered Sexual Offenders

It shall be unlawful for any person registered as a sexual offender in the State of North Carolina, in any other State of the United States, or with any Federal Agency to knowingly enter into or on any park owned, operated or maintained by Pender County.

ARTICLE 3 PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

Civil Remedies

Any violation of this ordinance may be subject to civil remedies as set forth in North Carolina General Statutes 153A-123. This ordinance shall be enforceable by citation, injunction and restraining order. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty for each violation in the amount of ONE HUNDRED Dollars (\$100.00). Each entry into a park shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Criminal Remedies

A violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor pursuant N.C.G.S. 153A-123 and shall be subject to punishment pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-4.

Enforcement

The Director of Parks and recreation and the Pender County Sheriff and his sworn deputites are authorized to written citations in the name of the county for

violations. Civil penalties must be paid within three (3) working days after a citation has been issued. The Pender County Sheriff and all sworn law enforcement officers shall have the authority to enforce the criminal provisions of this ordinance.

Article 4 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon approval by the Pender County Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF August, 2008.



James David Williams, Jr.
Chairman



ATTEST