

**CITY OF BUCKLEY
NEWS RELEASE**



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RE: City of Buckley SKATEBOARD PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Buckley, WA – The City of Buckley recently completed reconstruction of the skatepark and has scheduled a grand opening to formally dedicate the new facility on August 11, 2016. Prior to the grand opening the City had new signs made stating the Skatepark Rules. These rules were initially established by the City Council when the original park was opened in 2005. One of the more controversial rules was the prohibition of bicycles within the park. This rule was initially established due to damage that bicycle pegs did to the ramp surfaces on the skate structures.

As the new park was nearing completion the City re-evaluated this policy and sought advice and recommendation from the contractor, Grindline, as to whether this was a concern with the concrete skate surfaces. Their recommendation was that the policy should remain intact for the very same reason that it was initially imposed.

The City understands that this is not a popular decision but it is one that protects the integrity of the skatepark and doesn't jeopardize the warranty of the work.

The City Council understands the need within the community for a bicycle facility and has planned for a new BMX pump track in the recently adopted Parks Plan. The plan currently proposes to construct a dirt track on the City's Agriculture Property on Collins Road, but no schedule and/or funding has been set for developing this facility. Other locations may be available for this type of facility but the City Council needs to hear from the community. The City is interested in public support, ideas, suggestions and volunteers to help make this a reality.

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