

CITY OF NEWPORT

ORDINANCE NO. 2210

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NEWPORT MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING  
CHAPTER 4.35 - EMERGENCY SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) "megathrust" fault is a 1,000 km long dipping fault that stretches from Northern Vancouver Island to Cape Mendocino California. It separates the Juan de Fuca and North America plates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newport is located inland from the Cascadia Subduction Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, CSZ earthquakes are capable of producing earthquakes of 8.0 or higher; and

**WHEREAS**, CSZ earthquakes could produce devastating tsunamis to near shore communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the City of Newport lies within the tsunami inundation zone, including many of the lodging establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the safety of visitors to Newport, and particularly, to those staying in hotels, motels, recreational vehicle parks, and campgrounds within the tsunami inundation zone, to provide safety information in the event of a CSZ earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Newport Municipal Code is amended to add Chapter 4.35 as follows:

**4.35.010 Definitions**

- A. **Campground.** A place where camping is allowed on a lot or parcel of land, the primary purpose of which is to rent space for a charge or fee for allowing individuals to camp on the property.
- B. **Hotel.** A building in which lodging is provided for guests for compensation and contains a common entrance and where lodging rooms do not have an entrance opening directly to the outdoors (except for emergencies), with or without cooking facilities, and where 50 percent or more of the lodging rooms are for rent to guests for a continuous period of less than 30 days.
- C. **Motel.** A building or group of buildings in which lodging is provided for guests for compensation, containing lodging rooms with separate entrances from the building

exterior, with or without cooking facilities, and where 50 percent or more of the lodging rooms are for rent to guests for a continuous period of less than 30 days.

- D. **Recreational Vehicle Park**. A place where two or more recreational vehicles are located on a lot or parcel of land, the primary purpose of which is to rent space and related facilities for a charge or fee or to offer space for free in connection with securing the trade or patronage of a person.

#### **4.35.020 Posted Information Required in Hotel and Motel Rooms**

- A. All hotels and motels are required to provide tsunami information in every lodging unit (room). This information includes a map which shall be posted prominently in every lodging unit. The map shall describe the tsunami inundation zone, and the specific tsunami evacuation route from the lodging unit to the nearest assembly area.
- B. A list of telephone numbers, and websites, of emergency responders, including police, fire, medical, and other emergency services shall be provided in every lodging unit.
- C. The telephone number of the hotel or motel front desk or answering service who is available on a 24-hour basis, and able to respond within 30 minutes, shall be posted in a conspicuous location in every lodging unit.

#### **4.35.030 Posted Information Required for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds**

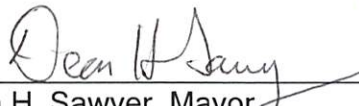
- A. All recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds are required to provide emergency evacuation information to assist guests in dealing with natural disasters, manmade disasters, and other emergencies. This information includes a map which shall be posted prominently in common areas of recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds. The map shall describe the tsunami inundation zone, and the specific tsunami evacuation route from the recreational vehicle park or campground to the nearest assembly area.
- B. A list of telephone numbers, and websites, of emergency responders, including police, fire, medical, and other emergency services shall be provided at the offices and common areas of recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds.
- C. The telephone number of the recreational vehicle park or campground office or answering service who is available on a 24-hour basis, and able to respond within 30 minutes, shall be posted in a conspicuous location in common areas.

**Section 2.** The deadline for compliance with the requirements of this ordinance is July 1, 2023.


**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on April 03, 2022.

Signed by the Mayor on April 05, 2022.

  
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Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Erik Glover, City Recorder