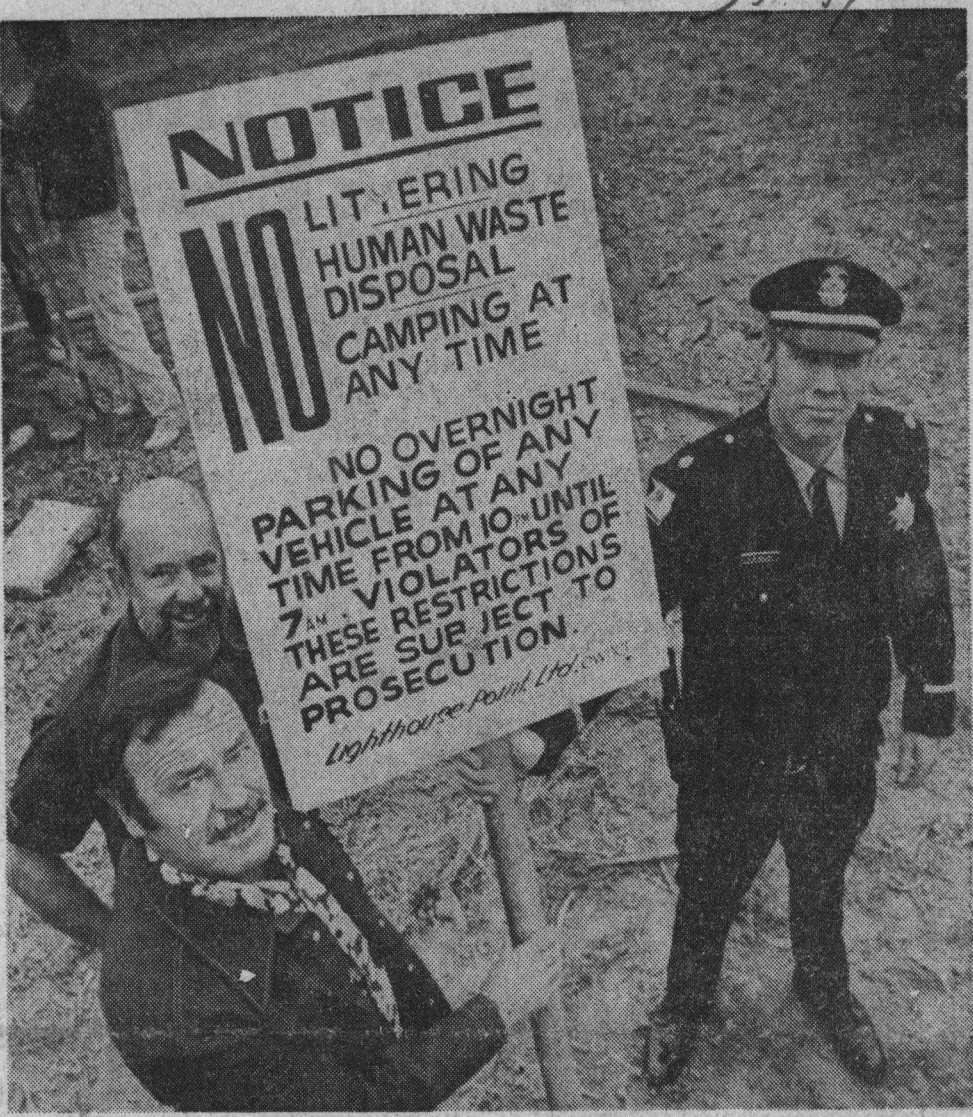


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The signs went up today officially kicking campers off Lighthouse Field. Fenner Angell, foreground, vice-president of Teachers Management Investment Corp., owners of the land, was on hand for the installation of the signs along with Bob Bell, rear, chairman of a city-county committee which is seeking ways for a

public agency to purchase the field from TMI, and Police Chief Supervising Officer Don Hollen. Police, under power granted them Tuesday by the Santa Cruz City Council, will be able to give the boot to anyone illegally staying on the property.

# 'No Camping' Signs At Lighthouse Field

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Campers and illegal residents at Lighthouse Field have officially been given the boot by the Santa Cruz City Council.

The council by a unanimous vote Tuesday enacted an emergency ordinance which will allow police to stop camping in the litter-torn parcel of land which has been the site of hot and heavy dispute the last few years.

The owners of the property, Teachers Management and Investment Corp. (TMI), put up signs today proclaiming "No Camping or Overnight Parking."

To control the camping, which had brought screams from the residents of the area because of litter, tree damage and raw sewage resulting from the campers, the council had to enact an emergency ordinance aimed at controlling all unimproved properties within the city. City Attorney Rod Atchison explained that the city could not legally target one parcel, such as Lighthouse Point, in its ordinance. It was all or none, he said.

The ordinance prohibits camping, sleeping in vehicles or parking permanently on the property.

Before enacting the ordinance, councilmembers asked Police Chief Geno Pini how difficult it will be to kick out the campers at Lighthouse Field now, and how expensive it will prove to be to keep the field free of illegal visitors.

"I don't know the answer as to the cost," he said, "but we will have problems." He added that the situation may be handled routinely, or it may result in some added enforcement costs. It depends on how well the public complies with the new ordinance, Pini said.

Lighthouse Field was the site on which a convention center and motel complex was proposed a few years ago. Such a proposal raised the ire of residents and conservationists and was eventually voted down. Since that time, Lighthouse Field has been used rather casually by visitors and transients as an area to camp overnight, a week or longer.

Residents of the area became upset over what the campers were doing to their beloved field.

Time and again they registered complaints to a special city-county committee and the city council over the mess and health hazard at Lighthouse Field.

In fact, Atchison reported that he had been in touch with the county health department, which had termed Lighthouse Field in its current state as "a health hazard."

Todd Lansborough, a part-time resident at Lighthouse Field, told the council that the people who stay at the field "don't want to live there ... they are just out there to have a good time."

He said the city must make allowances for campers who float into town — "I don't know, (Continued on Page 2)

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maybe you could take one of the brussels sprouts fields and make that into a park" for motor homes.

But Ed Porter, who lives near Lighthouse Field, said he was disgusted with the campers because "they are destroying Lighthouse Field."

Meanwhile, the city and county, through its

joint committee, is continuing its effort to arrange a purchase by a public body of Lighthouse Field from TMI.

A TMI Vice-president, Fenner Angell, said TMI was happy with the ordinance the city passed. He added that TMI is not interested in putting up no trespassing signs, but instead encourages citizens to enjoy the field as long as they don't ruin it.