

**COUNTY OF YORK, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 1995-09**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

**ARTICLE I**

**Regulations for Parks and Recreational Facilities**

**A. DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

1. **Park or Recreational Facilities** - Unless specifically limited, shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, recreational areas, trails, recreational structures and facilities, and all entrances and approaches thereto, and all other land, property or structures under the jurisdiction of the County of York or its designated department (York County Board of Parks and Recreation) now or hereafter owned or acquired by the County of York for park and recreational purposes.
2. **Person** - Any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.
3. **Rules and Regulations** - Any rules and regulations hereby or hereinafter promulgated by the Board of Commissioners of York County or its designated department (York County Board of Parks and Recreation).

**B. PARK HOURS.**

All parks shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to dusk, unless otherwise authorized. Special use permits are available at the York County Board of Parks and Recreation Administration Office. Park hours may be changed by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation by publicly posting the current park hours. Any

recreational facility shall be open on the date indicated at the time indicated on the facility, which shall be prominently posted with the hours of operation or as determined by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation.

**C. PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

No person in attendance at a park or recreation facility shall:

1. Injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures, signs or fixtures, or any other property of the County located within the park.
2. Obtain access to any County building, box or facility that is locked or prominently marked as not being open or to be opened by any person other than one authorized specifically by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation.
3. Speed limits are established on all roads within County lands to be 25 mph. No person shall operate any vehicle beyond the speed limit of 25 mph unless the speed limit is changed by prominent posting, which may reduce or increase said speed limit.
4. Litter any area of the park or recreational facility with garbage, paper, bottles, cans or any other waste material, nor dispose of the same in any way except in receptacles designed for such purpose.
5. Kindle or maintain any fire in the park, except in fireplaces or areas specifically designated for that purpose and located by authority of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation. Gas stoves are permitted in areas designated safe by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation. No wood fires shall be built unless specifically in an area designated for that purpose.
6. Swim or wade in any lake or pond, unless the area is specifically designated as a place to swim or to wade.
7. Remove any bench, seat, table or other appliance or any item of property without permission of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation, or the York County Commissioners.

8. Injure, deface, destroy or remove any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place within the park by authority of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation or the York County Commissioners, nor shall any notice or placard or sign be posted within the park other than by authority of either the York County Board of Parks and Recreation or the York County Commissioners.
9. Set up any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article or service whatsoever within the limits of the park or recreation facility without permission of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation, distribute, sell, service or rent any services or commodity or solicit for any purpose without permission of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation.
10. Operate, stop or park any vehicle, bicycle or other means of conveyance except in areas where permitted or designated by proper authority of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation, or operate the same in a reckless or negligent manner, or in violation of the posted speed limit, or in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other area users.
11. Operate commercial vehicles unless providing authorized services. Specifically, no tractor trailer or any commercial vehicle except bus or busses that are used to gain access to the park or recreational facility shall be brought upon the premises.
12. Bring onto the premises, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs of any kind. No person shall enter the park in an intoxicated state, or otherwise under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
13. Carry or discharge any firearms, sling shots, firecrackers, fireworks or other missile-propelling instruments or explosives or arrows or other dangerous weapons which shall have properties as to cause annoyance or risk injury to any person or property, unless permission has been granted by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation for use in designated areas. Police officers and park rangers, in the performance of their duties, will be exempt from these provisions.

14. Play ball, swim, golf, pitch horseshoes, engage in archery, camp or launch, dock or land any boat, engage in finding buried objects with special detectors, or participate in any form of recreation, sporting endeavor or past-time, except in those areas which may be designated from time to time for that purpose by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation. Any person who desires to engage in any of these activities for which no designated area has been made shall obtain special permission from the York County Board of Parks and Recreation.
15. Disrobe or change clothing, except in buildings or facilities made available for that purpose.
16. Disturb the peace by any conduct so as to annoy any other person using the park for recreational purposes.
17. Operate a snowmobile, mini bike, motorcycle or any vehicle, recreational or otherwise, except on designated roads, trails or areas set aside for their specific use.
18. Use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words.
19. Commit any disorderly or offensive or immoral acts that adversely affect the proper use and enjoyment of the park by other members visiting therein.
20. Hold any meeting or rally (with more than five persons) or engage in any marching or driving as members of the military, political or other organization without permission of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation, which shall require a statement of information including the name of the organization, its purpose, number of persons expected to be invited, the expected duration and name of the person in charge. The York County Board of Parks and Recreation are authorized to impose a reasonable charge for issuing a permit permitting a public meeting designated herein. Such permit charge shall be limited to a fee of Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, unless the meeting can reasonably be expected to create additional expense, cleanup, or otherwise, to the County, for which the permit charge in such event shall be negotiated to reflect any actual expected costs that will be created for the County of York.

21. Disobey a proper order of a police officer or park ranger, or disobey or disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation warning, prohibition instruction or direction given by an authorized person and posted or displayed by sign, notice, bulletin, card, poster, or when notified or informed as to its existence by an authorized person.
22. Hunt for, capture or kill, or attempt to capture, kill or aid or assist in the capturing or killing of in any manner any wild bird or wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise; and to that end, it is unlawful for any person to carry on to or possess in any park a shotgun, rifle, pistol or firearm of any make or kind, unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by authority of the York County Board of Parks and Recreation.
23. Allow pets to run at large out of control.

**D. FISHING.**

All laws pertaining to fishing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall apply to fishing in parks and recreation areas, and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated by reference.

**E. RESERVATION FOR SPECIFIC USES.**

The use of all parks and recreation areas shall be regulated by the York County Board of Parks and Recreation. Should the York County Board of Parks and Recreation not have promulgated any specific rules or regulations, then the use of all parks shall be on a first come, first serve basis.

The York County Board of Parks and Recreation may grant permission for a specified requested use by schools, colleges, or any person who shall have presented a request to the York County Board of Parks and Recreation which has been granted.

**F. AUTHORIZATION OF PROMULGATE ADDITIONAL RULES.**

The York County Board of Parks and Recreation are authorized to establish additional rules and regulations which, when prominently posted, shall be followed by all persons utilizing the park or recreational area.

G. AUTHORITY TO CLOSE AREAS.

The York County Board of Parks and Recreation may close any park or recreation area which becomes hazardous for public use due to weather, water, fire or unforeseeable conditions.

H. ENFORCEMENT.

The County Park Rangers and any police officer having jurisdiction may enforce the provision of the rules and regulations hereinafter established, in accordance with the procedure set forth herein.

ARTICLE II

Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before a District Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six hundred (\$600.00) dollars and/or imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, and costs of prosecution.

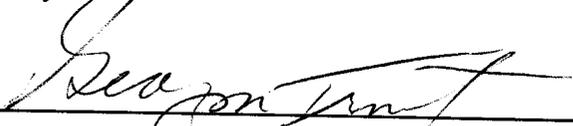
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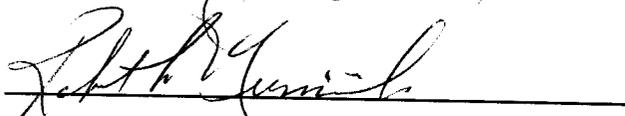
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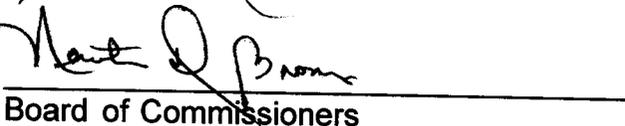
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 29th day of March, 1995, by the Board of Commissioners of York County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
Chief Clerk

The above Ordinance was ordained, enacted and adopted this 29th day of March, 1995, at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of York, Pennsylvania, upon motion of Robert A. Minnich seconded by Newton D. Brown, and passed with a vote of 3 Yes and 0 No.