

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
COUNTY OF YORK, PENNSYLVANIA,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE 2003-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE YORK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 75,
PARKS AND RECREATION, AUTHORIZING COUNTY PARK RANGERS

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by t he Board of Commissioners, County of York, Pennsylvania, the following Ordinance amending Chapter 75 of the York County Code by adding the following Sections:

1. Definitions.

"Act 235" means the Lethal Weapons Training Act of October 10, 1974 (P.L. 705, No. 235, 22 P.S. Section 41 et seq.).

"County" means County of York, Pennsylvania.

"Equipping" includes but is not limited to uniforms and lethal and non-lethal weapons.

"Parks" means County recreation facilities, whether owned or leased.

"Park Rangers" means County park police.

2. Authority and Purpose.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 323, August 9, 1955, codified at 16 P.S. Section 2511, the County authorizes the employment or appointment, and equipping of persons as County Park Rangers for the following purposes:

a. performing all necessary duties relating to the establishing, making, enlarging, extending and maintaining County public parks.

b. enforcing Parks rules and regulations ordained or resolved by the County Board of Commissioners.

3. Duties of Park Rangers

It shall be the duty of County Park Rangers appointed to duty in County Parks:

a. to issue a citation, or arrest without warrant, any person detected in the violation of any County Park rule or regulation adopted by the County Board of Commissioners by ordinance or resolution.

b. to take the arrested person before the District Justice having jurisdiction.

c. to secure all crime scenes, including persons and evidence, when there is probable cause to believe that there is or has been a violation of any provision of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. County Park Rangers shall immediately request County Control -911 to dispatch a police officer with jurisdiction to the scene and shall assist the officer as directed or requested.

4. Qualifications of Park Rangers.

a. All County Park Rangers who are required as a condition of employment to carry and use lethal weapons shall be certified pursuant to Act 235 or possess Municipal Police Officer certification.

5. Review by County Sheriff.

The County Sheriff shall have the duty and responsibility:

a. to review the qualifications of individual County Park Ranger employment applications and make recommendations to the Parks Director prior to their employment or appointment.

b. to review County Park Ranger General Directives and Standard Operating Policies, including annual training requirements, and recommend changes to the Parks Director, if required.

c. to investigate incidents involving County Park Rangers and make recommendations for disciplinary actions, including termination if warranted, to the Parks Director.

6. Training.

County Park Rangers shall successfully complete annual training requirements as required in County Park Ranger General Directives and Standard Operating Policies. Training shall include standard operating procedures to comply with the duties in Section 3(c) above.

7. Headings. The headings of sections and parts thereof are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

8. Severability. Should any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

9. Repealer. This Ordinance shall supersede and repeal all ordinances, resolutions and parts thereof inconsistent or conflicting herewith.

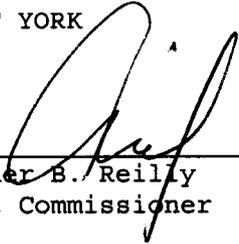
10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

Ordained and enacted this 22nd day of October, 2003.

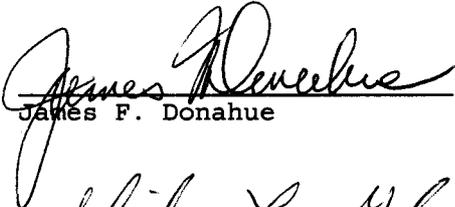
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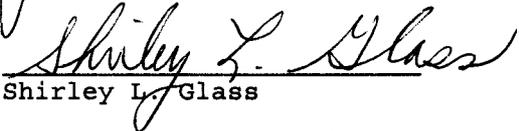
COUNTY OF YORK


Charles R. Noll
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(SEAL)


James F. Donahue


Shirley L. Glass

Ordinance 2003-11 was ordained, enacted, and adopted this 22nd day of October, 2003 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of York duly advertised and assembled upon motion of James F. Donahue and seconded by Shirley L. Glass and passed by a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.