

PARKS – CLOSING ACCESS, SIGNAGE, FINES, LITTER PATROLS, POLICE PATROLS, RANGERS, AND DRONE PATROL

BETHLEHEM

Access -

- Areas closed to general vehicular access, including the driving or operating a vehicle in any park or in any area therein which is designated and posted as being closed to general vehicular traffic access, except for the duly authorized Department or other Township employees in the performance of their official duties.
- To drive or ride in or on any vehicle in any park when the park is not open to the public or when the park, roadway or parking lot is, by order of the Manager, closed to entry or use by vehicles except on a street serving as necessary access through such park to a residential or commercial area.

Operating Hours –

Park operating hours, including the entering or going upon, or a failing or refusing to leave any park when a park is not open to the public. General park operating hours shall be between sunrise and sunset. The Bethlehem Township Municipal Park at Farmersville Road extend one-half hour before and after operating hours of the Bethlehem Township Community Center, with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays which shall be between sunrise and sunset. In addition to the general park operating hours, the Northside Athletic Complex hours shall extend one-half hour before and after scheduled events.

Littering –

- Littering, including the throwing or depositing any refuse or other material in any park, except in receptacles designated for deposit of trash by the public, or to take garbage or refuse to a park for disposal in the park or to deposit garbage or refuse generated outside a park in a receptacle within the park designated for deposit of trash by the public.

Prohibited Activities -

The following are violations of this chapter and subject the violator to park exclusion pursuant to § 170-9, and to the penalties set forth in § 170-11:

- A. The posting of signs, posters and notices, including the use, placement or erection of any signboard, sign billboard, bulletin board, post, pole or device of any kind for advertising or notification in any park or to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod or cord to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within any park, except as may be expressly permitted by the Manager.
- B. The distribution of handbills, including the distribution of any handbills, circulars or signs in any park in any manner that interferes with or obstructs the normal passage of people in vehicles.
- C. No-trespassing areas; removal or destruction of property; structures or obstruction. Except for duly authorized Department or other Township employees in the performance of their official duties or other persons duly authorized pursuant to law:
 - (1) To enter or go upon any area which has been designated and posted by or under the authority of the Manager as a "no admittance" or "no

trespassing" area for the purpose of protecting such area or person or other property from potential harm.

- (2) To fail or refuse to leave, upon the request of any Township employee, any area no posted as "no admittance" or "no trespassing" but which, because of weather or emergency conditions, cannot be occupied or used without a risk, in the opinion of the Director, of causing potential harm to such area or persons or other property.
- (3) To remove, mutilate, deface, damage or destroy any public notice, structure, lawn, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, geological formation, plant, flower, lighting system, sprinkling system, gate, barricade or lock or other property lawfully in any park or to remove rocks, sand, soil or sod in any park.
- (4) To place or erect in any park a structure or obstruction of any kind without a permit from the Manager.

EASTON

Operating Policy –

A. Hours of operation.

(1) Recreation, park and conservation areas shall be open daily to the public according to official posted or advertised hours. In the absence of official posting or advertisement of hours or possession of a permit for park use after official hours, the recreation, park and/or conservation area shall be closed for all occupancy at dusk. City-sponsored recreational events extending beyond dusk are exempt. No person or persons, other than City personnel conducting City business therein, shall occupy or be present in such park during any hours in which the park is not open to the public. Permits must be obtained for use after official hours for specific activities. Any section or part of the recreation, park or conservation areas may be declared closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals. During such periods of time, no person shall enter upon or occupy such areas or portions thereof contrary to posted regulations.

Fines -

No person shall play golf or drive golf balls in any City parks, playgrounds or fields of play. Failure to comply shall result in the following penalties:

- (1) First offense: warning.
- (2) Second offense: fine of \$50.
- (3) Third offense: fine of \$100.
- (4) Fourth and successive offenses: fine of \$250 for each offense.

Tobacco use. No person shall smoke tobacco or use smokeless tobacco products at any City of Easton-owned or City-leased park or swimming facility. All areas in which smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco are prohibited shall be properly posted. Failure to comply shall result in the following penalty:

- (1) A fine of \$100 and requirement to cease tobacco use or removal from premises.
- (2) Definitions. As used in this subsection, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
SMOKING — The carrying by a person of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device used for tobacco.

TOBACCO USE — Use, including smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco in any form.

J. Metal detection. Metal detecting is not permitted in any City park unless special permission, in writing, is received from the Director of Public Works.

Enforcement Authority –

The City Police and other designated agents, the Director of Public Works, Supervisor of Parks, Recreation Program Coordinator, and/or their designated agents shall administer the provisions of this chapter, including the establishment and collection of fees, preparation of application forms, issuance and revocation of permits, promulgation of rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this chapter and all other decisions relative thereto. When acts or conduct of individuals or groups is determined to be in violation of this chapter or rules and regulations promulgated by the authority of this chapter; or not to be in the best interest of the recreation, park or conservation area; or when such acts are deemed to be disruptive to the surrounding neighborhood, the City Police, the Director of Public Works, Supervisor of Parks, Recreation Program Coordinator, and/or their designated agents assigned to such areas or programs shall have the authority to cause such acts to be terminated or to expel the individuals or to file a complaint for the violation of this chapter with the Magisterial District Judge.

ERIE

Operating Policy -

(a) Hours. Except for the following and except for special events under the supervision of the Director of Parks and Public Places, parks and public playgrounds shall be open to the public only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

- (1) The following parks and public playgrounds, or parks thereof, shall be open 24 hours per day:
 - A. Chautauqua Park, Cranch Park, Euclid Park, Lake Park, Perry Square East and Wayne Park (passive part only).
 - B. Kosciuszko Park and Playground (passive part only).
 - C. Griswold Park.
 - D. Frontier Park, Gridley Park and Perry Square West.
 - E. Washington Park (passive part only).
 - F. Zuck Park (hours to be regulated by the County of Erie, Lessee).
 - G. John C. Carney Park (passive part only).
 - H. Burton Park and Playground (passive part only).
- (2) The following parks and public playgrounds shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.:
 - A. Joseph C. Martin Golf Course.
 - B. Erie Golf Course.
 - C. Downing Golf Course.
- (3) The following parks and public playgrounds shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.:
 - A. Gregory Stuart Baldwin Park.

Closed Areas –

Closed areas. No person in a park shall enter an area posted as "Closed to the Public," nor shall any person use, or abet the use of any area in violation of posted notices.

Closed areas. Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Director at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals, daily or otherwise, and either entirely or merely to certain uses, as the Director shall find reasonably necessary.

Enforcement -

(a) Officials. The Director of Parks and Public Places and any park attendant or police officer shall, in connection with their duties imposed by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) Ejection. The Director and any park attendant or police officer shall have the authority to eject from the park any person acting in violation of this article.

Seizure of property. The Director and any park attendant or police officer shall have the authority to seize and confiscate any property, thing or device in the park, possessed or used in violation of this article.

Penalty -

Whoever violates any provision of this article or any regulation legally promulgated under authority thereof, upon prosecution before any District Justice of the City shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$300, together with the cost of prosecution, or in default of payment of same shall undergo imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

LANCASTER

Access –

(16) Reserved facilities. Use reserved facilities in any manner which may deviate from the following rules governing such facilities:

- (B) No grant of permission to use park or park facilities shall carry with it the right to exclude City staff, including members of the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Parks, or their representatives from the property or facilities of any park or other property when they are on official business. Any member of these City agencies, or any of their representatives, shall have full and free access at all times to any part of any property or facility when on official business or when such access does not infringe upon the privileges of those people already using said facilities. The City will not divest itself of right to exclusive control over the property or facilities of any park at any time.

Hours –

No person shall be permitted within a park between sunset of any day and sunrise of the following day (as determined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or as otherwise determined with the rules and regulations), except upon the issuance of a permit issued in accordance with this chapter or except where allowed by any rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

Enforcement, authority and penalties –

- A. Enforcement powers.
 - (1) Individuals designated by the Director of Public Works have full power and authority to enforce this chapter. Additionally, the Animal Law Enforcement Officer and all City police officers may enforce any and all provisions of this chapter in accordance with applicable Pennsylvania law and ordinances of the City of Lancaster. For purposes hereof, animal law enforcement officers and designated officials of the Department of Public Works, in the performance of their duties under the provisions of this chapter, shall have the powers and authorities of a police officer, other than the power of arrest, as conferred by law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- B. Violations and penalties. Any person who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, shall upon conviction, be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for each offense, together with the cost of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof may be imprisoned for not more than 90 days. All fines and other money proposed are collected under the provisions of this chapter and shall be paid into the City Treasury.

READING

Time of Use –

- A. Parks are open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. prevailing time from October 1 through April 30 and 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. prevailing time from May 1 through September 30, except with a permit. During hours the park area is closed, law enforcement authorities described herein shall have the ability to clear the area of all parties and property.
- B. This shall not apply to City personnel engaged in the performance of their duties or to those having a permit or authorization from the Public Works Director, or his designee, Police Department, Pagoda Foundation or the Reading Recreation Commission to conduct activities during closed hours.

Violations and penalties –

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, shall be, upon conviction thereof, sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and cost, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Severability -

If any provision, paragraph, word, section, or subsection of this ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Enforcement -

The Park Code of the City of Reading shall be enforced by City of Reading Police Department. The provisions of the Park Code may be enforced by the Central Berks Police Department and the State Police in all areas owned by the City of Reading including the Mount Penn Preserve.

Any device, equipment or property used to broadcast sound or music without the required permit that disturbs or breaches the public peace may be seized by the law enforcement agency as per § 396-305 Rules of conduct subsections A.(12) and A.(18) herein.

The device, equipment or property seized may be returned to the owner as per the policy of the law enforcement agency. However, on the third citation and seizure, the seized device, equipment property will not be returned to the owner. If the device, equipment or property remains unclaimed for 45 days, the device, equipment or property shall be deemed forfeited and disposed of by the responding law enforcement agency.

Penalty -

Whoever violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this Part, or any regulations made thereunder shall be, upon conviction thereof, sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.