

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING
RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF TOWNSHIP PARKS,
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Section 2203 of the Second Class Township Code provides the Board of Supervisors with authority to adopt an ordinance to regulate the use and enjoyment by the public of any park or recreation grounds owned and operated by the Township for the use of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to preserve its public parks, open space areas, recreational facilities and similar facilities for the perpetual enjoyment of the parks, open space and recreational facilities and to prevent any nuisances to Township residents who are appropriately utilizing the parks, open space and recreational facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania that Title IX: General Regulations of the Codified Ordinances is amended as follows:

SECTION 1: A new Chapter 94. is hereby created as follows:

§94.01 APPLICABILITY.

Any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation using a public park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility shall comply with the rules and regulations contained herein. Each and every failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter shall be considered a separate violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

§94.02 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

It shall be unlawful for any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation using a public park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility to either perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts within such locations:

1. Enter or remain in a public park after dusk and before dawn, unless the posted hours allow otherwise.
2. Possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances.
3. Engage in disorderly conduct, use indecent language, be intoxicated or engage in other nuisance behavior.

4. Allow pets to be unleashed or to engage in nuisance type or dangerous behavior towards other park users.
5. Fail to remove and properly dispose of all pet fecal matter.
6. Hunt, trap, camp, horseback ride, hit golf balls, operate off-road vehicles (i.e., ATVs, 4 wheelers, motorcycles) and ride snowmobiles.
7. Discharge a firearm, crossbow or other weapon.
8. Damage, deface or remove any park property.
9. Litter or fail to clean up all trash, garbage and debris produced by one's activities.
10. Possess glass containers.
11. Operate a motorized vehicle outside of a designated area.
12. Smoke or use any tobacco product.
13. Selling of food, concession or solicitation of any kind without a permit.
14. Accessing a park, open space or recreation area from a location not designated for access by the Township.
15. Establish alternative entrances to the park, open space or recreational facility.
16. Operating or using a bicycle in an unsafe or hazardous manner.
17. As a bicyclist, fail to yield the right-of-way to other park/trail users.
18. Install any signage that is not approved by the Township.
19. Throw or propel stones, projectiles or missiles of any kind.
20. Possession or use of fireworks.
21. Obstruct any paths or roadways.
22. Cut, remove, or destroy any trees, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass, except with a permit issued by the Township.
23. Remove or cause to be removed or to dig any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulder, rock, gravel or sand, except with a permit issued by the Township.
24. Post any sign, banner or advertisement of a political or commercial nature.
25. Building, starting or lighting any fires except at those places and structures provided therefore.
26. Injure or destroy any wildlife.
27. Deface, write upon or mutilate any posted Township notice.

§94.03 ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

Any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation using a public park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility assumes personal responsibility and risk.

§94.04 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation

using a public park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility in violation of this Chapter shall be punishable, upon conviction thereof by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). In addition, any person, party, entity, firm, group, association, organization, or corporation using a public park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility who has removed, destroyed, damaged, defaced, or befouled or permitted the removal, destruction, damaging, defacing or befouling of any Township park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility, or the contents thereof, shall be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement of such damaged property, in addition to the fine. Violators may be excluded from future use of any Township park, trail, open space area, recreation facility or similar public facility.

SECTION 2: Repealer. This Ordinance hereby repeals any provision inconsistent with the Code of Ordinances now in effect, to the extent of such inconsistency. All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Springfield Township, not inconsistent herewith, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this ____ day of _____, 2021.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Jim Nilsen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jason Wager, Township
Manager

Anthony Matzura, Vice Chair

Raymond Kade, Member

Jim Hopkins, Member

Bill Ryker, Member

