# BOROUGH OF BANGOR COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 975**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BANGOR, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SAFE, SECURE AND ENJOYABLE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Bangor Borough Council desires to establish rules, regulations and restrictions that protect Borough parks and recreational facilities in order to provide for safe, secure, and enjoyable facilities for all persons.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is hereby **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of the Borough of Bangor, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

#### SECTION 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

In order to provide for safe, secure and enjoyable facilities, Rules and Regulations shall be established to protect the health, safety and welfare of all persons using Borough park and recreational facilities. Said Rules and Regulations shall include hours the facilities are closed and shall provide reasonable restrictions for use of the facilities. Council shall, from time to time, review and adopt by Resolution, Rules and Regulations pertaining to parks and recreational facilities. Rules and Regulations adopted by Resolution shall be posted at the facilities to notify users of their expected behavior.

After the closing time of the park or recreational facility, as established by Borough Council, all activities in the park shall cease and all persons shall leave as soon as possible thereafter. No person, other than authorized employees of the Borough of Bangor, shall be in the park during closed hours.

No parking or standing of cars shall be allowed on park or recreational facility premises during hours of established closure; in no instances shall overnight parking be permitted.

Provided, however, the Borough Council, or if permitted by Borough Council the Park Advisory Board, shall be authorized to extend the time for closing the park to the public for the purpose of allowing organized activities open to the public or to allow other activities approved by Borough Council. When the park is open for such special activities; gathering, loitering, or congregating in other areas of the park not specifically used for the special activities will constitute a violation of the Ordinance. Other than activity organizers or those engaged in

cleaning up following an organized activity, no person shall remain on park premises more than one-half hour after the end of such specially permitted organized activities.

## SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND MACHINES

No person shall use, operate, or ride an all-terrain vehicle, motorbike, dirt bike, minibike, motor scooter, motorcycle, snowmobile, or other means of mechanized transportation within the confines of Bangor Memorial Park and Pennico Park in the Borough of Bangor. Specifically, no person shall use, operate or ride on the aforementioned or in the fields, common areas, walkways, sidewalks, landscaped areas, lawns, parking lots, stadiums, and courts within Bangor Memorial Park and Pennico Park.

This Ordinance shall not apply to registered motor vehicles, as defined under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, which shall be permitted to traverse any public streets that adjoin Bangor Memorial Park and Pennico Park, or the public access roads within Bangor Memorial Park and Pennico Park when said access roads have been opened to the public.

This Ordinance shall not apply to mechanized vehicles and maintenance equipment owned or operated by the Borough of Bangor. In addition, this Ordinance shall not apply to any special event vehicles or mechanized mode of transportation which has been approved by the Borough Manager.

#### **SECTION 3. NO PARKING ZONES**

Certain areas within parks and recreational facilities need to be designated as no parking areas to protect general public and visitors, as well as protecting equipment and fixtures at the facilities. All grassy areas, lawns, fields, as well as any areas over which train tracks traverse are hereby designated as no parking areas or zones within park and recreational facilities.

All areas designated as no parking areas or zones shall be properly posted as soon after enactment of this Ordinance as shall be practical.

#### **SECTION 4. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars plus restitution for any damages and costs of prosecution for each and every offence or be sentenced to imprisonment in the County jail for not more than thirty (30) days.

## **SECTION 5. REPEALER**

Ordinances #672 enacted September 11, 1978, #820 enacted April 14, 1997, #881 enacted October 11, 2004 and all Ordinances, or parts thereof, that conflicts with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

### **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, sub-section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause phrase or word in this Ordinance is declared by any reason to be illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any other section, sub-section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word or remaining portion of this Ordinance. Borough Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, sub-section, phrase and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, sub-sections, provisions, regulations, limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases or words may be declared illegal, unconstitutional or invalid.

#### **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this 14th day of May 2018.

Borough Council of the Borough of Bangor

BY: James Kresge, President

APPROVED by the Mayor this  $\frac{13}{12}$  day of

2018

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Brooke Kerzner, Mayor