

**ORDINANCE #11-26**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S REGULATIONS AND  
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHING ON BOROUGH PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Sayreville has been selected to participate in the NJ Fish and Wildlife's Trout Stocking Program; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Trout Stocking Program requires that stocked trout be available for lawful harvest in accordance with State regulations, which requires amendments to the Borough's catch and release regulations ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council find it to be in the best interests of the Borough and its citizens to amend its regulations on fishing, specifically to revise its catch and release regulations, in order to participate in the Trout Stocking Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Borough of Sayreville, is hereinafter supplemented and amended as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Chapter XXXVI entitled "Hunting and Fishing Regulations" of the Sayreville Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby supplemented and amended to add new Section 36-9 to be entitled "General Fishing Regulations" to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; deleted language in ~~double strikethrough~~.]

**36-9 – GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS.**

**All fishing conducted on Borough Property, whether permitted or not, shall be subject to the following regulations.**

a. **All fishing on Borough Property shall be on a catch-and-release basis, which means the fish shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed upon the completion of the catch.**

1. **There shall be an exception to the Borough's catch-and-release regulation for the fishing of trout at the John F. Kennedy Park Pond. Catch-and-keep fishing for trout at the John F. Kennedy Park Pond shall be permitted for the duration of the Borough's participation in the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Trout Stocking Program.**

b. **The catching of any and all turtles is strictly prohibited.**

**SECTION TWO. Severability Clause.**

If any article, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**SECTION THREE. Repealer.**

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions which are inconsistent with provisions of this Ordinance shall be, and are hereby, repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**SECTION FOUR. Mayor Approval.**

Within five (5) days after its adoption by the Council, this Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d). If the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance with either his approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to him, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved

**SECTION FIVE. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law; and approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d).

**INTRODUCED/APPROVED ON FIRST READING**

DATED: April 13, 2026

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Jessica Morelos, R.M.C.  
Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville

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(Recreation Committee)

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

DATED: April 27, 2026

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Jessica Morelos, R.M.C.  
Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville

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(Recreation Committee)

**APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor  
Borough of Sayreville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Borough Attorney