

**ORDINANCE #16-26**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S RULES  
AND REGULATIONS FOR BOROUGH PARKS  
AND RECREATIONAL AREAS**

**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.** Subsection 17-1.3 entitled "Rules and Regulations for Conduct Enumerated" of Section 17-1 entitled "Public Park Rules and Regulations" of Chapter XVII entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas" of the Sayreville Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; deleted language in ~~double-strikethrough.~~]

**CHAPTER XVII – PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS**

**17-1 – PUBLIC PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

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**17-1.3 Rules and Regulations for Conduct Enumerated.** The rules and regulations for the conduct of all persons is as follows:

- a. Tampering With Park Property Prohibited. No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving materials, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers or other structures or equipment facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
- b. Restrooms. All persons shall cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. No person above the age of five (5) years shall use the rest rooms and washrooms designated for the opposite sex.
- c. Removal of Soil, Rocks, Plants, Etc. No person shall dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs or plants or other wood or materials or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency.
- d. Construction of Buildings, Etc. No person shall construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except on special written permit issued hereunder.

- e. Damaging Trees or Plants. No person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark or pick flowers or seed of any trees or plant, dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
- f. Climbing or Walking on Trees or Monuments. No person shall climb any tree, or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, planters, fountains, railings, fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.
- g. Tying Domestic Animals to Trees or Plants. No person shall tie or hitch a domestic animal such as a dog or cat, to any tree or plant.
- h. Pollution of Waters. No person shall throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of the waters.
- i. Dumping Refuse in Waters. No person shall have brought in or shall dump in, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where same are provided; where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- j. Driving Restricted to Certain Areas. No person shall drive any vehicle on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas or such areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary areas including motorized vehicles such as mini bikes and mopeds, **e-bikes and e-scooters. This provision does not apply to vehicles operating in any official governmental capacity.**
- k. Parking Restricted to Certain Areas. No person shall park a vehicle in other than an established or designated area and such shall be in accordance with posted directions or with the instruction of any Borough employee who may be present.
- l. Parking Vehicles Overnight Prohibited. No person shall leave a vehicle standing or parked overnight in established parking areas or elsewhere in the park area.
- m. Bicycles to Be Placed in Racks. No person shall leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is space available.
- n. Bicycle Safety. No person shall ride a bicycle without reasonable regard to the safety or others.

- o. Bicycle Hazard. No person shall leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving or set against trees, or in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by them.
- p. Swimming or Wading. No person shall swim, bathe or wade in any waters or water-ways in or adjacent to any park except in those areas so designated for swimming, bathing or wading and in those designated areas in accordance with the instructions and directions of the Borough employees present and in charge.
- q. Boats, Rafts, Etc. No person shall bring into or operate any boat, raft or other water craft, whether motor-powered or not, upon any waters, except at places designated for boating. Such activity shall be in accordance with applicable regulations as set forth in other ordinances of the Borough.
- r. Firearm Prohibition. No person shall carry or possess firearms of any description, or air-rifles, spring-guns, bows and arrows, slings or any other forms of weapons potentially inimical to wildlife and dangerous to human safety or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges or any kind of trapping device. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is forbidden except instructional classes, such as archery as shall be under the direction of official Borough authorization.
- s. Picnicking. No person shall picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose.
- t. Exclusive Use of Picnic Areas. No person shall use any portion of the picnic area or any of the buildings or structures therein for the purpose of holding picnics to the exclusion of other persons, nor shall any person use such areas and facilities for an unreasonable time if the facilities are crowded.
- u. Extinguishing Fires and Trash Disposal. No person shall leave a picnic area before the fire is completely extinguished and before all trash is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are provided, then trash shall be carried away from the park area by the picnicker to be properly disposed of elsewhere.
- v. Certain Games Prohibited. No person shall take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, horseshoes, quoits, or model airplanes except in those areas set apart for such forms of recreation and upon specific authorization from the appropriate Borough official.
- w. Dogs or Cats Shall Be Leashed. No person shall allow a dog or cat of which the person is in charge to go upon any part of the park property or recreational area unless held by a leash not longer than six (6') feet.
- x. Sale of Goods and Advertising Unlawful. No person shall sell or offer for sale, any goods, wares or merchandise whatsoever, or to display or distribute any advertising device, circular or card in any park or recreational area

except upon a written permit issued by the appropriate and authorized Borough official.

- y. Dogs and Cats Prohibited. No person shall allow a dog or cat of which the person is in charge to go upon any part of any fenced in athletic field at any time, for any reason.
- z. Waterfowl Feeding Prohibited. No person shall feed, cause to be fed or provide food or other sustenance essential for growth or maintenance of, domestic or migratory waterfowl, including Canada geese, in the Borough of Sayreville. No person shall create or foster any condition or allow any condition to exist or continue, which results in a congregation or congestion of domestic or migratory waterfowl.
- aa. Smoking Confined to Certain Areas at Certain Events. No person attending an athletic and/or recreational event that takes place on Borough property shall smoke in any area closer than fifty (50') feet from the boundary of any athletic field and/or within fifty (50') feet of any of the event participants whether or not such participants are engaged in event activities. No smoking shall take place in any restrooms serving an athletic and/or recreational event on Borough property during the course of an athletic or recreational event. Smoking is prohibited within fifty (50') feet of any area where food or beverages are served. This prohibition shall apply only to those athletic or recreational events where any of the participants are eighteen (18) years of age or younger. Violations of this prohibition shall be punishable as prescribed by law.

**bb. The operation of e-bikes and e-scooters is not permitted on any paved or unpaved walkways within all Borough parks or open space. This provision does not apply to motorized mobility assistance devices.**

#### **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: June 15, 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: July 20, 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