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**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

**§16-101. Definitions.**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

**PARK or PARKS** - unless specifically limited, all parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, tennis courts, basketball courts, playing fields, recreation structures and facilities and also entrances and approaches thereto, and all other land or property or structures now or hereafter owned, acquired or controlled by the Borough of East McKeesport for park or recreational purposes.

**PERSON** - any natural person, corporation, organization or persons, company, association or partnership.

**RESIDENT** - any person who is a resident of the Borough of East McKeesport.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS** - any rules and regulations hereby or hereafter promulgated by Council or anybody to whom such duty is delegated under the authority herein conferred.

*(Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §1)*

**§16-102. Park Hours and Age Appropriateness.**

In regard to the following parks, park hours and age appropriateness shall be as follows:

- A. All Borough parks shall be open from 8 a.m. to dusk.
- B. In regard to the Chicora Street playground, that playground shall be used only by children ages 12 and under.
- C. In regard to the Josephine Street playground, the playground shall be open to children of all ages but no more than six children over the age of 12 may use the playground at any one time.
- D. East Field shall maintain the same park hours as indicated, 8 a.m. to dusk.

*(Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §2; as amended by Ord. 828, 6/12/2003, §1; and by Ord. 899, 8/9/2012)*

**§16-103. Prohibited Conduct.**

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No person in attendance at a park shall:

- A. Injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures, signs or fixtures, or any other property of the Borough of East McKeesport located within the park.
- B. Litter any area of the park with garbage, paper, bottles, can or other waste material, nor dispose of the same in any way except in receptacles designated for such purpose.
- C. Kindle or maintain any fire in the park except in fireplaces or area specially designated for that purpose and located by authority of the Borough.
- D. Remove any bench, seat, table or other appliance without permission of the Borough.
- E. Injure, deface, destroy or remove any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place within the park by authority of Council, nor shall any notice or placard be posted within the park other than by authority of Council.
- F. Set up any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article or service whatsoever within the limits of the park without permission of Council; distribute, sell, service or rent any services or commodity or solicit for any purpose without permission of Council.
- G. Operate, stop or park any vehicle, bicycle or means of conveyance except in areas where permitted or designated by proper authority of the Borough of East McKeesport, or operate the same in a reckless or negligent manner or in excess of any posted speed limit or in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other area users.
- H. Operate commercial vehicle, unless providing authorized services.
- I. Bring onto the premises, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs of any kind; no person shall enter the park in an intoxicated state or otherwise be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- J. Carry or discharge any firearms, slingshots, firecrackers, fireworks or other missile propelling instruments or explosives or arrows, or other dangerous weapons which have such properties as to cause annoyance or injury to any person or property, unless permission has been granted by Council in designated areas; police officers in the performance of their duties will be exempt from these provisions.
- K. Play ball, swim, golf, pitch horseshoes, engage in archery, camp or launch, dock or land any boat, engage in finding buried objects with special detectors, or participate in any other form of recreation, sporting endeavor or pastime, except in those areas which may be designated from time to time for that

purpose by Council.

- L. Disrobe or change clothing except in buildings or facilities made available for that purpose.
- M. Disturb the peace by any conduct so as to annoy any other person using the park for recreational or proper purposes.
- N. Operate a snowmobile, minibike, motorcycle or any vehicle recreational or otherwise except in designated roads, trails or areas set aside for their use.
- O. Use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words.
- P. Commit any disorderly or immoral acts.
- Q. Hold any public meeting or rally with more than five person or engage in any marching or driving as members of a military, political or other organization without permission of Council. Council may require a statement of information, including the name of the organization, its purpose, number of persons expected to be invited, expected duration and name(s) of person(s) in charge.
- R. Disobey a proper order of a police officer or disobey or disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation, warning, prohibition, instruction or direction given by an authorized person and posted or displayed by sign, notice, bulleting, card, poster or when notified or informed as to its existence by Council.
- S. Hunt for, capture or kill, or attempt to capture or kill, or aid or assist in the capturing or killing of, in any manner, any wild bird or wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise, and to that end, it is unlawful for any person to carry onto or possess in any park, a shotgun or rifle or pistol or firearm of any make or kind unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by authority of Council. Police officers in the performance of their duties will be exempt from these provisions.
- T. Allow pets to run at large out of control.

*(Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §3)*

**§16-104. Reservations for Specific Uses.**

The use of all parks shall be on a first come, first serve basis for residents of the Borough of East McKeesport unless otherwise reserved:

- A. By annual permission granted by Council for the scheduling of various organized league games.

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- B. For school or college athletic games, practice, contests or exhibitions.
- C. For regularly scheduled Borough recreation programs. [*Ord. 899*]
- D. By permission granted by Council for specific requested use.

(*Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §4; as amended by Ord. 899, 8/9/2012*)

### **§16-105. Recreation Areas for Use by Residents.**

The parks of the Borough of East McKeesport shall be for the use of residents of the Borough. Any resident shall be allowed to bring no more than two nonresidents to any park for the use of park facilities. The nonresidents must be accompanied by the resident, otherwise they shall be prohibited from using the parks.

(*Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §5; as amended by Ord. 899, 8/9/2012*)

### **§16-106. Authorization to Promulgate Additional Rules.**

The Recreation Board is authorized to establish additional rules and regulations as deemed necessary and with the approval of Council.

(*Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §6*)

### **§16-107. Authority to Close Areas.**

Recreation facilities which become hazardous for public use due to weather, water, fire or other unforeseeable conditions may be closed only at the discretion of Borough Council and/or Mayor and/or police of the Borough of East McKeesport.

(*Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §7; as amended by Ord. 899, 8/9/2012*)

### **§16-108. Enforcement.**

The police officers of the Borough of East McKeesport are charged with enforcement of the provisions of this Part and any rules and regulations promulgated by the Recreation Board and/or Borough Council.

(*Ord. 705, 5/12/1988, §8; as amended by Ord. 899, 8/9/2012*)

### **§16-109. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon

conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 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 of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 705*, 5/12/1988, §9; as amended by *Ord. 828*, 6/12/2003, §1)

