

## ORDINANCE NO. 14

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS  
PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE USE OF THE BUCKS  
COUNTY PARK SYSTEM AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bucks, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of said Board, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "BUCKS COUNTY PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS - Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms, as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

A. The term "PARK BOARD" shall mean the Bucks County Park Board.

B. The term "PARK" shall mean any lands or facilities owned or leased by the County of Bucks and designated or used by the County Commissioners for park purposes.

C. The term "PARK POLICE" shall mean any person appointed by the Bucks County Commissioners as a park policeman.

SECTION 3. HOURS FOR PARK USE - The parks shall be open from sunrise to sunset. The parks may be used during the hours between sunset and sunrise with the written permission of the Park Board.

SECTION 4. PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE - All persons using the park facilities shall protect, wherever possible, wildlife in the park. To accomplish this end, the following is prohibited:

A. No person shall injure, deface, climb, mutilate, pull up, remove, destroy any vegetation in the park, whether tree, brush, shrub, vine, fern, flower or fruit.

B. No person shall in any park hunt, trap, chase, capture or molest in any manner whatsoever wildlife of any kind or disturb the nests or eggs of birds or fish or homes of animals. Areas designated as "Special Use Areas" may not be entered except with prior written permission to do so by the Park Board.

SECTION 5. BUILDING OF FIRES - Fires shall be permitted in fireplaces and stoves especially provided for that purpose within the parks. Such fires shall be attended at all times and fully extinguished before being abandoned. Fires shall be permitted in other designated areas of the park only with prior written permission of the Park Board.

SECTION 6. USE OF FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, HATCHETS AND KNIVES, ETC.

A. The possession of or discharge of any type of firearm, bows and arrows, air guns, slingshots, or fireworks, or any/other type of weapon, including knives, axes or hatchets, within the limits of the park is expressly prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Park Board.

B. The Park Police shall confiscate any article or weapon in the possession of any person in any park which is in violation of Section 6 (A) above, of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. ASSEMBLY, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, GAMBLING, CONDUCT AND LANGUAGE.

A. No person shall become intoxicated, gamble or use threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, fight or commit disorderly or immoral conduct of any kind in any park.

B. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages within the park is prohibited. No person shall sell or possess beer, wine, or intoxicating beverages of any kind or sell, peddle or advertise any tickets, articles or services in any park, except at concessions duly licensed by the Park Board, or solicit alms or subscriptions or make collections of any kind.

SECTION 8. USE OF WATER AREAS

A. All persons shall bathe or ice skate in the park only in the areas designated by the Park Board. Each boat or other water craft used in any park shall be supplied with approved life jackets or preservers, and said craft must be used only in a safe, orderly manner so as not to endanger any person or property within the park. No water craft propelled by internal combustion motors shall be permitted except by special permission issued in writing by the Bucks County Park Board.

SECTION 9. CAMPING

A. Camping is not permitted in any park except with the prior written permission of the Park Board.

B. Campsites shall be maintained in a neat, orderly fashion with all trash, garbage or other types of litter disposed of in containers provided for that purpose.

SECTION 10. PETS - Pets, such as dogs, cats and other animals, may use the facilities of the parks provided they are on a leash no longer than six (6) feet and held by the person responsible for the animal.

SECTION 11. ATHLETIC SPORTS

A. Baseball, football, tennis, golf, cricket, croquet and games with bat and ball, and other games approved by the Park Board are permitted in designated areas.

B. All persons using any athletic or boating facilities furnished by the Park Board shall comply with the rules and regulations governing their use.

SECTION 12. BICYCLES - All persons using bicycles within the parks shall comply with the rules and regulations which may be published from time to time for their use by the Bucks County Park Board.

SECTION 13. HORSES AND BRIDLE PATHS - All persons bringing or having horses within the parks shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Bucks County Park Board concerning them.

SECTION 14. MOTOR VEHICLES - No motor vehicle shall be driven at a speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour unless a higher rate is posted; otherwise, the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall apply to park roadways.

SECTION 15. LITTERING - No person shall dispose of any paper, cloth, glass, metal or other refuse in any park, except in a receptacle provided for that purpose. If no receptacle is available, said material shall be removed from the park and disposed of in a manner not in violation of State or local laws.

SECTION 16. FISHING - Fishing shall be permitted in any park lake or stream in accordance with State laws and at such times and places as designated by the Park Board.

SECTION 17. BUCKS COUNTY PARK BOARD - The Bucks County Park Board is hereby delegated the power and authority to make additional rules and regulations governing the activities within the parks and the use of the parks, and violation of them may be cause for denying the privilege of using the parks.

SECTION 18. PENALTIES AND ARRESTS

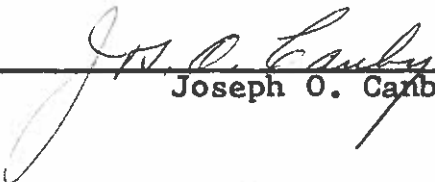
A. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, for every such offense, upon conviction thereof, in a summary proceedings before an alderman or Justice of the Peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, to be paid to the use of Bucks County and to pay the costs of prosecution, or to undergo imprisonment for a term of not more than thirty (30) days. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of the County of Bucks.

B. It shall be the duty of the Park Police, without warrant, forthwith to arrest any offender against the provisions of this Ordinance that they may detect in the commission of such offense, and to take the person so arrested forthwith before an alderman or Justice of the Peace having competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 19. SEVERABILITY - The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the County Commissioners of the County of Bucks that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause or section not have been included herein.

SECTION 20. All Ordinances and resolutions or parts of Ordinances and resolutions insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 22th  
DAY OF AUGUST, 1967.

  
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Joseph O. Canby

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Charles M. Meredith, III

  
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Walter S. Farley, Jr.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF BUCKS

Attest:

  
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Franklin L. Pursell

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