

CHAPTER 16

PARKS AND RECREATION

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§101. Definitions.

BOROUGH COUNCIL - the Borough Council of Hatfield Borough. [Ord. 431]

BOROUGH MANAGER - the Borough Manager of Hatfield Borough. [Ord. 431]

PARK - the open space, both active and passive, as well as playgrounds and other recreational facilities owned and/or operated by the Borough of Hatfield. [Ord. 445]

PARK SYSTEM - all lands owned or designed by Hatfield Borough to be used for any type of recreational purpose or activity. The said lands shall include, but not be limited to, detention basins, park areas, open space land areas, pipe easements, but shall not include areas on which principal municipal buildings are located. [Ord. 431]

REMAIN - to loiter, idle, wander, stroll or play in or upon.

(Ord. 258, 7/6/1976, §1; as amended by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991; by Ord. 403, 8/19/1998, §1; by Ord. 431, 11/20/2002, §1; and by Ord. 445, 2/16/2005, §1)

§102. Park Closed Certain Hours. It shall be unlawful for any person to remain in or upon the parks between dusk and dawn. During this period of time parks shall be closed to the public. The hours may be extended with previous approval by the Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council. (Ord. 258, 7/6/1976, §2; as amended by Ord. 275, 4/8/1979, §1; by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991; and by Ord. 445, 2/16/2005, §2)

§103. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding six hundred (\$600.00) dollars and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 258, 7/6/1976, §3; as amended by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

§104. Exception to Curfew. Where there are special events, programs and functions by properly organized and supervised organizations which have been granted permission by the Borough to conduct same, this curfew and prohibition of remaining in the parks shall not apply, at the discretion of the Chief of Police. (Ord. 258, 7/6/1976, §4)

§105. Rules and Regulations. The below listed rules and regulations shall apply to the Hatfield Borough park system:

A. No person shall enter or leave a Borough park except by the entrances provided for that purpose.

B. No person shall stand or lie on benches or tables in a Borough park.

C. No person shall enter a toilet set apart for the use of the opposite sex located within the park system.

D. No illegal drugs shall be sold, possessed, distributed or consumed within the park system. No intoxicating beverages shall be consumed in the park system except as specifically permitted by the Borough Manager or Borough Council.

E. No intoxicated person or persons under the influence of illegal drugs shall be permitted in a Borough park.

F. No gambling or obscene or indecent act shall be allowed in the park system.

G. No abusive, indecent or threatening language or conduct shall be allowed in the park system.

H. Panhandling is prohibited in a Borough park.

I. No animals shall be permitted in a Borough park except:

(1) Dogs are permitted on a leash and under the control of a handler.

(2) Dog waste must be cleaned up and disposed of in a waste container by the handler.

J. No person shall sell or expose for sale any tickets of any kind or expose any articles for sale in a Borough park, unless previously approved by the Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council.

K. No person shall discharge any fireworks in a Borough park, unless previously approved by the Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council.

L. No person shall operate a mini-bike or snowmobile in any area of a Borough park. No person shall park an automobile or any other vehicle on the grass, in any roadway or section of ground except in spaces definitely allocated for parking purposes. In addition, no person shall operate any form of motorized vehicle in any area of the park system unless specifically authorized by the Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council.

M. No person or persons shall occupy a parked vehicle on the grounds of or in the parking lot of a Borough park between dusk and dawn. [Ord. 445]

N. No person shall, in any way, injure or foul any building, equipment or water within the park system.

O. No person shall carry firearms, bows and arrows, in the park system or throw stones within the park system.

P. No person shall throw any dead animals or offensive matter or substance of any kind within the boundaries of the park system.

Q. No person shall scatter, drop or leave in any portion of the park system, except in the receptacles provided for the purpose, any piece of paper, rag, garbage, dead flowers, glass, tin container or other rubbish.

R. No person shall injure, deface or destroy any notices, rules or regulations for the governing of the park system posted or in any other manner permanently fixed within the limits of the same.

S. No placard, advertisement, public notice or personal card, except park notices, rules and regulations, shall be distributed, posted or affixed in any manner in the park system unless specifically authorized by Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council.

T. No person shall annoy, strike, injure, maim or kill any birds or animals in the park system.

U. No person shall disturb or feed the water fowl in the streams, pools or ponds, or birds, nest or eggs in any part of the park system except as specifically authorized by the Borough Manager or Borough Council.

V. No person shall remove, disturb, interfere with or take any of the blossoms or fruit growing from trees, shrubs or bushes in the park system.

W. No person shall climb any tree or break, cut down, trample upon, or remove, or in any manner injure or deface any ornament, tree, plant, shrub, fern, flower, flower bed, turf or any of the buildings, fence, rock or stone within the park system, or pick or carry away any fern or flower except violets, buttercups, daisies or dandelions within the park system.

X. No person shall light or permit a fire to burn in the park system.

Y. No person shall conduct any musical or theatrical entertainment in the park system unless previously approved by Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council.

Z. No gathering or meeting of any kind assembled through advertisement shall be permitted in the park system unless previously approved by Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council. Meetings or gatherings for political or industrial purposes are not permitted.

AA. No person, except as herein before provided, shall be allowed in a Borough park except between dawn and dusk. The hours may be extended with previous approval by the Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council.

BB. No groups or parties in excess of twenty-five (25) persons shall occupy a Borough park unless a permit has been secured and approved for such occupancy from the Borough office.

CC. No automobile or other vehicle shall exceed the speed of

fifteen (15) miles per hour in a Borough park.

DD. No person or group of persons shall be permitted to loiter on or in the premises of a Borough park or to annoy or disturb, in any manner, any person while on the park premises.

EE. No vehicle shall be allowed to remain parked on the grounds of or in the parking lot of a Borough park between dusk and dawn. The hours may be extended with previous approval by the Hatfield Borough Manager or Borough Council. [Ord. 445]

(Ord. 258, 7/6/1976, §5; as added by Ord. 403, 8/19/1998, §2; and as amended by Ord. 431, 11/20/2002, §2; and by Ord. 445, 2/16/2005, §3)