

ORDINANCE #2134-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 261, SECTION 6 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS ADDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DOG PARK, BASKETBALL COURTS, GALLOWAY NATURE PRESERVE AND PICKLEBALL COURTS; AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 261, SECTION 7 TO THE TOWNSHIP OF GALLOWAY'S CODE.

WHEREAS, the Township of Galloway has certain Parks and Recreation Areas for members of the community including a Dog Park, Basketball Courts, a Nature Preserve, and Pickleball Courts ; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Galloway must amend Chapter 261, Section 6 of its Code in order to add Rules and Regulations for the Dog Park, Basketball Courts, the Nature Preserve, and Pickleball Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Galloway must add Chapter 261, Section 7 to its Code providing the Violations and Penalties associated with this Chapter; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Township of Galloway, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 261-6 of the Galloway Code shall be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 261-6. Parks and Recreation Area Rules and Regulations.

A. Galloway Township Dog Park

1. Anyone entering the Dog Park assumes all liability and agrees to hold the Township of Galloway harmless of any damages;
2. No children under the age of 18 are permitted in the Dog Park, unless they are accompanied by their legal guardian;
3. No more than 2 (two) dogs per handler are permitted within the Dog Park at one time;
4. Aggressive Dogs are not permitted to enter the Dog Park;
5. All dogs entering the Dog Park must be licensed by the Township of Galloway;
6. When entering or exiting the Dog Park a person must close the gate them prior to opening the next gate;
7. All dogs entering the Dog Park must be spayed or neutered;
8. All dogs entering the Dog Park must have the following vaccinations: rabies, bordetella, and DHLPP;
9. The hours of operation of the Dog Park are from 9 a.m. to dusk;
10. Leashes must be used when you and your dog are not in the fenced in area of the Dog Park. No leash is required in the Sand Area of the Dog Park only;
11. Please clean up the pet waste from your dog at the Dog Park. Pooper Scooper bags are available at the Dog Park;

12. Professional Dog Trainers are not permitted to use the Dog Park without written consent of the Township of Galloway;
13. No smoking, vaping, alcohol, food or glass containers are permitted at the Dog Park;
14. Anyone entering the Dog Park must accompany and monitor their dog at all times;
15. If a dog is under 35 pounds, the dog owner must utilize the Dog Park area for those dogs that are under 35 pounds;
16. If a dog is over 35 pounds, the dog owner must utilize the Dog Park area for those dogs that are over 35 pounds.

B. Basketball Courts

1. The Basketball Courts are for basketball play only;
2. There are no pets permitted within the Basketball Court areas;
3. There are no food or glass containers permitted at the Basketball Court areas;
4. There is no smoking, vaping, alcoholic beverages or drugs permitted at the Basketball Court areas;
5. There is to be no littering at the Basketball Court areas;
6. Adult Supervision is required for minors while utilizing the Basketball Court areas;
7. Foul language is not permitted at the Basketball Court areas;
8. Shoes are required for all utilizing the Basketball Court areas;
9. Anyone who utilizes the Basketball Court areas plays at their own risk and Hold Harmless the Township of Galloway for any Liability;
10. The hours of operation at the Basketball Park areas are from dawn until dusk.

C. Galloway Township Nature Preserve

1. The Nature Preserve is open all hours between sunrise and sunset;
2. All dogs must be kept on a leash while at the Nature Preserve areas;
3. People utilizing the Nature Preserve must not disturb any trees, plants or wildlife;
4. People utilizing the Nature Preserve must use the existing trails and not attempt to create their own trail(s).
5. No motorized vehicles, including but not limited to trail/dirt bikes, ATV's, boats, and snowmobiles are not permitted at the Nature Preserve. This does not include ADA wheelchairs or other devices approved by the ADA;
6. Hunting or trapping is not permitted at the Nature Preserve;
7. No swimming, paintball or horseback riding are permitted at the Nature Preserve;
8. No camping or campfires are permitted at the Nature Preserve;

9. No alcoholic beverages, glass, smoking or vaping are permitted at the Nature Preserve;
10. All people utilizing the Nature Preserve must properly dispose of all trash and recycling in the provided receptacles;
11. Winter sledding is only permitted at the designated sledding hill by the Pavilion of the Nature Preserve;
12. By entering the Nature Preserve, you agree to do so at your own risk and agree to Hold Galloway Township Harmless of any Liability.

D. Nature Preserve - Sledding Hill

1. The hours of operation at the Sledding Hill located within the Nature Preserve are from dawn to dusk;
2. Users of the Sledding Hill assume full responsibility for determining if conditions are safe for sledding;
3. As an operator sledding downhill, it is your responsibility to stay in control of your sled and avoid hitting other people or objects;
4. Makeshift ramps or jumps at the Sledding Hill are strictly prohibited;
5. When walking back up the Sledding Hill, you must stay to the sides of the Sledding Hill. Do not walk up the center of the Sledding Hill;
6. Sledders are responsible for their own equipment while using the Sledding Hill;
7. All sledding participants shall wear safety equipment including helmets;
8. No motorized equipment is permitted on the Sledding Hill;
9. Sledding involves some inherent risks that all participants accept and assume responsibility when utilizing the Sledding Hill. The participant shall sled at their own risk and agree to Hold Galloway Township Harmless of any Liability.

E. Pickleball Courts.

1. All participants agree to use the Pickleball Courts at their own risk and agree to Hold Galloway Township Harmless of any Liability;
2. The Pickleball Courts are for Pickleball use only;
3. All players must observe proper Pickleball etiquette and Rules of Good Conduct;
4. All players have a time limit of one hour of Pickleball play while other players are waiting;
5. There is to be a maximum of four (4) Pickleball players on a single Pickleball Court at one time;
6. No pets, food, glass, smoking, vaping, or alcoholic beverages are permitted at the Pickleball Courts;
7. No Rollerblades, Skateboards or Bicycles are permitted on the Pickleball Courts;
8. All participants on the Pickleball Courts must wear proper athletic footwear;

9. Children under twelve (12) must be accompanied by an adult;
10. Pickleball participants are prohibited from using the Pickleball Courts when the Courts are wet;
11. The Galloway Township Recreation Committee has priority to use the Pickleball Courts for its sponsored events;
12. The Pickleball Courts are permitted to be used during the hours of Sunrise to Sunset;
13. Paid Private Instruction and Organized use of the Pickleball Courts are prohibited unless consent is provided by the Galloway Township Recreation Committee.

Section 2. Chapter 261-7 shall be added to the Galloway Code and shall read as follows:

Section 261-7. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article, or any regulation promulgated pursuant hereto, shall, upon conviction, be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged park property or shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, imprisonment for not more than 90 days and/or a period of community service for not more than 90 days, or both replacement, repair or restoration and a fine, imprisonment or community service, for each offense.

Section 3. The Township Clerk shall immediately, upon final passage and publication of this Ordinance, make and file in the Office of the Clerk of Atlantic County, a copy of this Ordinance together with a copy of the proof of publication hereof, duly certified by her, under the corporate seal of the Township of Galloway, for recording as required by law.

Section 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Section 6. To the extent that any part or parts of this Ordinance are repealed or otherwise modified or voided by State statute or case law, the remaining sections of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in and passed the first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Galloway, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, held on April 23, 2024, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Complex located at 300 E Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ 08205, on May 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

BY ORDER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GALLOWAY

TOWNSHIP OF GALLOWAY

Kelli Danieli, RMC /s/

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Township Clerk

Recorded Vote:	MOTIONS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Amato		X			
Bassford		X			
Clute		X			
DiPietro	1	X			
Sudler	2	X			
Umar		X			
Coppola		X			