

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-1824**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
AMENDING CHAPTER 10-18.2, ENTITLED “FIELD AND  
FACILITY USE FEE SCHEDULE”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell has several sports fields within its borders that are used for organized sports and other recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township and the community to provide for the process for the public's requests of the use of its sports fields; and

**WHEREAS**, upon recommendation from the Chief of Police and the Township’s Director of Parks and Recreation, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township of Hopewell and for the orderly use of the Township of Hopewell’s sports fields to amend Chapter 10-18.2, entitled “Field and Facility Use Fee Schedule” in order to properly maintain the sports fields; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby amends Chapter 10-18.2, entitled “Field and Facility Use Fee Schedule” to state as follows:

**SECTION I.** (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

**§ 10-18.2 Field and Facility Use Fee Schedule.**

Recreation Facility and the lighted fields at the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC). Scheduling shall be in accordance with the field use policy established by the Hopewell Township Recreation Advisory Committee.

User	Field and Court Use Fee Schedule (All rentals must be for at least 1.5 hours.)				
	Basketball/Tennis Court (per hour)	Grass Field (per hour)	Grass Field With Lights (per hour)	Turf Field (per hour) Permit Only	Turf Field With Lights (per hour) Permit Only
H/T Parks & Rec. Dept.	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
HVRSD*	No charge	No charge	N/A	No charge	N/A
Resident nonprofit	\$20	\$20	\$60	\$20	\$20
Nonresident nonprofit	\$30	\$30	\$70	\$60	\$20
Nonresident Nonprofit bulk rate**	\$25	\$25	\$65	\$50	\$100
For profit (includes private lessons)	\$20	\$40	\$80	\$80	\$60
Tournament surcharge per weekend***	\$225	\$225	N/A	NA	N/A

- \* No charge during established school use hours as per field use policy.
- \*\* Bulk rate applies to any nonresident nonprofit organization that uses a type of field/court for a minimum of 350 hours the previous year.
- \*\*\* Because tournaments require additional service due to events, organizations will be billed for the field/court rental plus the tournament surcharge.

**Twin Pines/Independence Park/MAC Park- Field Seasons**

Spring Season — March/April/May	Field Use Applications due by Feb. 1st Approvals sent Feb. 15th
Summer Season — June/July/Aug	Field Use Applications due by May 1st Approvals sent May 15th
Fall Season — Sept/Oct/Nov	Field Use Applications due by Aug. 1st Approvals sent Aug. 15th
Winter Season — Dec/Jan/Feb	Field Use Applications due by Nov. 1st Approvals sent Nov. 15th

Individuals and/or entities having a permit for use shall have the exclusive use of the permitted portions of the basketball/tennis court, grass field, and/or multi-purpose turf fields during the allotted time of the permit issued. A separate permit shall be required for each location. Except for the specific days and time frames wherein a permit for the exclusive use is issued by the Township as provided for herein, the use of the basketball/tennis courts, grass fields, and/or multi-purpose turf fields shall be open to the general public for low-impact, individual or small group (2-5 people, or up to 10 for the basketball court) use only. At no time shall amateur leagues use the grass or turf fields without securing a permit.

No vehicles of any kind are permitted on the fields and courts, except Township vehicles or Township contractors for the express purpose of maintenance.

The Township Administrator, Police Chief, or their designee, the Director of Parks and Recreation and/or the Director of Public Works or their designee and all members of the Hopewell Township Police Department shall have the authority to eject from the Township fields/courts any person or persons acting in violation of this subsection.

Individuals who refuse to comply will be considered to have violated this subsection and subject to fines and penalties in accordance with Chapter 3-1 of the Code.

**SECTION II**

**Severability and Repealer**

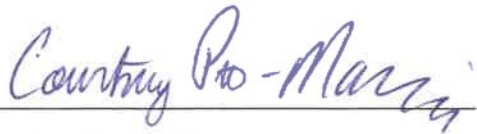
Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this article is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of and such portion of this article to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this article.

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Article are hereby repealed and amended to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION III**

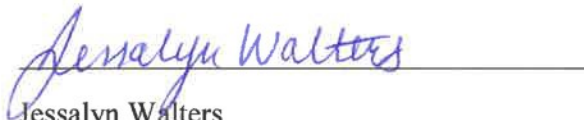
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Date Introduced: April 29, 2024  
Date Advertised: May 2, 2024  
Date Adopted: May 20, 2024



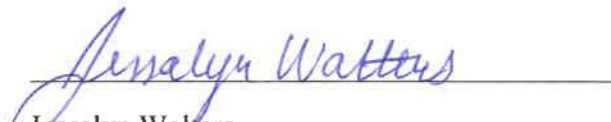
Courtney Peters-Manning  
Mayor

Attest:



Jessalyn Walters  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Hopewell Township Committee at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



Jessalyn Walters  
Deputy Municipal Clerk