

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 9, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD REGULATIONS FOR PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS COURT USAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has recently completed constructed Pickleball courts as part of improvements to the recreational facilities within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the needs of the community, the Township desires to update regulations regarding court usage to protect the investment made by the Township and ensure the public is able to reasonably access and use the courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to adopt applicable revisions to the Township Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 9, Recreational Facilities, § 9-1, Use Regulations, § 9-1.3, Use of Facilities, of the Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 9-1.3 Use of Facilities.**

- a. The use of the Township's pool, owing to the limited capacity, is hereby restricted to residents of the Township, members and passholders, and their guests. Notwithstanding this restriction, nonresidents who are participating or attending an activity sponsored or approved by the Township or the Township's Recreation Committee may use the Township's pool.
- b. In scheduling use of the Township's athletic fields, owing to their limited number, the Township Recreation Committee shall give preference to Township residents.
- c. The use of the Township's tennis courts and pickleball courts are open to all that follow the rules and regulations set forth. Due to limited capacity, commercial use of the Township's tennis and pickleball courts by tennis and pickleball professionals for private lessons is prohibited, except for instruction sponsored or approved by the Township or the Township's Recreation Committee.
- d. Due to limited courts and capacity, court time is limited to a period of one (1) hour when the courts are at capacity with every court being in use. Once a court has been relinquished, the relinquishing player(s) may subsequently use a court once all waiting player(s) have obtained a court and a court is available.
- e. Tennis/Pickleball players must wear non-marking footwear. Pets, skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades/skates, use of non-plastic bottles, and littering are prohibited in all court areas.

- f. The use of the Township's parks and playgrounds are open to the public and may be used by residents and nonresidents alike.
- g. Notwithstanding Subsection 9-1.3b, the use of Township's parks and/or playgrounds by any group authorized by, or scheduled by, the Township of Mahwah shall have priority over any other group seeking to use the Township's parks and/or playgrounds.
- h. Dogs or other domestic animals subject to the provisions of Subsection 9-1.4 are permitted in any area except tennis and pickleball courts, but must be leashed and not left unattended at any time. Dog waste must be picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 9, Recreational Facilities, § 9-1, Use Regulations, § 9-1.4, Prohibited Activities, subsection (a)(25), of the Township Code is hereby amended, to read as follows:

- 25. Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrow, javelins, horseshoes, or model airplanes except in those areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of team sports such as football, baseball, lacrosse, basketball, tennis, pickleball, and soccer is prohibited except on the fields and courts or designated areas. Roller skating shall be confined to designated areas.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 9, Recreational Facilities, § 9-1, Use Regulations, § 9-1.6, Tennis Fees, of the Township Code is hereby repealed.

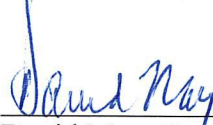
**SECTION 4.** Ordinances, resolutions, regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 5.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

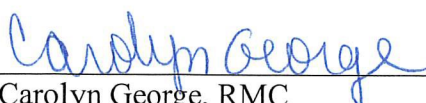
**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days following final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Introduced: 10/2/23  
Adopted: 10/16/23  
Effective Date: 11/5/23

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH

  
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David May, Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Carolyn George, RMC  
Municipal Clerk