

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 24-22**

Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 “Administration”, Section 2-20.5 “Service Charges and Fees For Use Of Recreation Facilities” Of The Municipal Code Of The Township Of Warren, Somerset County, New Jersey, To Require Payment Of A Security Deposit For Use Of Township Pavilion

Whereas, the Township Committee recognizes the importance of maintaining and enhancing the recreational facilities within the Township for the benefit and enjoyment of its residents; and

Whereas, the Township permits approved applicants to use the Township Pavilion in accordance with all Township Ordinances and the Pavilion Rental Rules provided to the applicants; and

Whereas, the approved applicants are required to remove all trash and restore the Pavilion and its amenities to the same condition upon which received; and

Whereas, the Township Director of Sports and Recreation and Township Administrator recommend the Township impose a security deposit requirement for use of the Township Pavilion as a means to ensure users remove all trash and restore the Pavilion and its amenities to the same condition upon which received following their use thereof.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 “Administration”, Section 2-20.5 “Service Charges and Fees For Use Of Recreation Facilities” of the Municipal Code of the Township of Warren, Somerset County, New Jersey, is hereby amended as follows to require payment of a security deposit for use of the Township Pavilion: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

§ 2-20.5. Service Charges and Fees for Use of Recreational Facilities.

Fees for Use of Recreational Facilities. All applicants seeking the use of the Township of Warren's pavilion, athletic fields (grass and synthetic turf), tennis courts, and basketball courts must complete a department of recreation facility use application and pay the fee prescribed by the following table:

Pavilion Rentals:

Township Residents	\$100 (3 hrs)
Township Non-Profits	FREE
Township For-Profits	\$100 (1 hr)
Somerset County Residents (except Warren residents)	\$275 (2 hrs plus \$100 for each additional hour)
Non-County Residents, Out-of-Town For-Profits, Out-of-Town Non-Profits & Somerset County Residents	\$305 (1-49 People) (2 hrs plus \$100 for each additional hour) \$380 (50-100 People) (2 hrs plus \$100 for each additional hour) \$610 (101-150 People) (2 hrs plus \$100 for each additional hour)
<u>All Pavilion Rentals</u>	<u>\$500 Security Deposit</u>

Field Usage Fees:

Township Residents	FREE
Township Recognized Sport Organizations	FREE
Township Non-Profits	FREE
Tournaments/Events which includes	\$100 (under 100 people (3 hrs)
Recognized Sport Organizations hosting other	\$100 (100-200 people) (1 hr)
sports organizations in a tournament based	\$150 (over 200 people) (1 hr)
event (grass or turf)	

Grass Fields:

Township For-Profits, Non-Township Sports	\$100 (3 hrs)
Non-County Residents, Out-of-Town for Profits, and Somerset County Residents	\$100 (3 hrs)

Turf Fields:

Township For-Profits, Township Recognized Sports	\$100 (1 hr)
Non-County Residents, Out-of-Town for Profits, and Somerset County Residents	\$150 (1 hr)
REFUND Processing Fee	\$20

Tennis Courts:

Township Residents and Warren Non-Profits	FREE
Township For-Profits and Out-of-Town Non-Profits	\$100 (3 hrs)
Out-of-Town Non-Profits, Non-County Residents, Out-of-Town for Profits, and Somerset County Residents	\$100 (1 hr)

Basketball Courts:

Township Residents, Warren Recognized Sports Programs, Township Non-Profits	FREE
Township For-Profits	\$100 (3 hrs)
Out-of-Town Non-Profits, Non-County Residents, Out-of-Town for Profits, and Somerset County Residents	\$100 (1 hr)

NOTES:

- * A Township Non-Profit entity is one in which at least 66% of the entity is comprised of Warren Township residents. A Township For-Profit entity is one in which at least 66% of the entity is comprised of Warren Township residents.
- ** Township Recognized Organizations and Township Recognized Sports are those that are indicated on the Township Website and/or those that are recognized as such by the Township Committee based upon the minimum standards established by the Township Committee and Recreation Department.

- *** The Township Committee has the right to adjust usage fees for Non-Profit entities if the entity can prove that the percentage of sending district fields and users are comparable to the percentage of Warren Township fields and users. Sending district to Watchung Hills Regional High School municipalities include: Long Hill Township, Watchung Borough, and Green Brook Township.
- **** Township Non-Profits or Non-Profits providing programs for Warren Residents shall not be charged fees as listed above.
- ***** Any nonprofit organization obtaining use of a Township recreational facility is strictly prohibited from subletting its use to another entity.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable regulations. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance or other local requirements, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

Section 3. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

Section 4. After introduction, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in its entirety or by title and summary at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage. The publication shall include a clear and concise statement prepared by the Clerk setting forth the purpose of this Ordinance and a time and place when and where a copy of this Ordinance can be obtained without cost by any member of the general public. The publication shall be at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing.

Section 5. If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance, in its entirety or by title and summary, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:



Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN



Victor J. Sordillo, Mayor

INTRODUCED: August 15, 2024
ADOPTED: September 19, 2024
EFFECTIVE: September 26, 2024