

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST GOSHEN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 57 OF THE WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE, TITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS,” TO AMEND SECTION 57-3.E WHICH REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES INVOLVING 25 OR MORE PEOPLE IN THE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND SECTION 57-3(F) REGARDING POLICE SECURITY REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP’S PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township that Chapter 57 of the West Goshen Township Code, titled “Parks and Recreation Areas,” is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 57-3, titled “Rules and regulations,” subparagraph E, titled “Permits required,” shall be amended to add new subparagraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) to read as follows:

“§57-3.E(3). Any person or group who applies for a permit to use a Township park shall pay the applicable permit application fee and security deposit in amounts established from time to time by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors. All fees must be paid in full prior to the approval of the permit application.

(4) Any person to whom a permit is issued shall execute an indemnification agreement and agree to indemnify and hold the Township, its employees and agents, harmless for any liability for any loss, damage, claim or cost, including attorneys’ fees, as a result of the use of the park by the permittee, any member of the permittee’s group, guest, invitee or other person.

(5) The Township may revoke any permit and/or refuse to issue future permits to organizations or individuals who have failed to comply with the rules and regulations in this Chapter 57 and any rules and regulations established as a condition of issuance of the permit. The Township may revoke any permit and/or refuse to issue future permits to organizations or individuals who have caused damage to the Township park or any property in the park, created an unreasonable disturbance to others using the park or who have created a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare.

(6) Organizations and or individuals who have caused damage to the Township park or any property in the park shall be liable to the Township for all costs to repair or replace the damaged property.”

SECTION 2. Section 57-3, titled "Rules and regulations," subparagraph F, titled "Police security required," shall be amended to read as follows:

"F. Police security required. For all activities in the parks where the anticipated attendance at the activity as stated on the permit application is 300 or more people, police security shall be required. The sponsor of the activity shall coordinate with the Traffic Safety Unit of the West Goshen Police Department, who shall determine the number of officers for police security, if any, required for the activity based on the following factors:

- (1) the size, location, improvements, and neighborhood of the park where the activity is planned to occur;
- (2) the time of day and duration of the event;
- (3) other events or activities occurring at or near the same time and location of the proposed activity; and
- (4) other factors which are clearly related to maintaining public safety, provided that such other factors are described in writing to the sponsor.

The sponsor shall be responsible for the full cost of police security including the cost of overtime for the police to staff the activity in accordance with a fee schedule established from time to time by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors. Whenever required, the sponsor's procurement of police security shall be a condition of the permit's issuance. The fee for the police security shall be paid in full prior to approval of the permit application."

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after enactment.

SECTION 5. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 18 DAY OF June, 2024.

ATTEST:

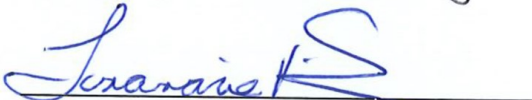


Christopher Bashore, Secretary

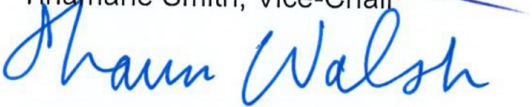
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