



# Anderson Township Park District

## RULES AND REGULATIONS Revised 11/6/2025

Pursuant to Section 511.23(F) of the Revised Code, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Anderson Township Park District has established the following Rules and Regulations to ensure the safety and added enjoyment of all park patrons as well as the protection of wildlife and the environment.

### **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

- Alcohol** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 4301.01(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Beer** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 4301.01(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Board** shall mean the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District.
- Controlled Substance** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 3719.01(C) of the Ohio Revised Code
- Electric Bicycle** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 4511.01(SSS) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Executive Director** shall mean the Executive Director of the Park District.
- Facilities** shall mean all facilities owned or under the control of the Park District, including, but not limited to, all athletic fields, shelters, indoor recreational areas, indoor/outdoor courts, amphitheaters, skate parks, dog fields and concession areas.
- Fireworks** shall mean any composition or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.
- Harmful Intoxicant** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 2925.01(I) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Intoxicating Liquor** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 4301.01(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Motor Vehicle** shall have the same meaning as Section 4501.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Park District** means the Anderson Township Park District, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- Park** means any land or water area owned, leased, managed, or otherwise controlled by the Park District.
- Person** shall mean any individual, company, partnership, corporation, any business entity, trust, or association, or any combination of individuals, or any employee, agent or officer thereof.
- Pet** shall mean a privately-owned animal, whether domestic or wild, for purposes of Sections 18 hereof.
- Vehicle** shall have the same meaning as Section 4501.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code.

### **SECTION 2. PARK OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES**

All Parks and Facilities will be open for use by the public only during the daylight hours or at the times officially posted by the Board. No Person shall remain in or use any part of any Park or Facility after dark except with permission of the Board.

No Person shall remain in, or use any part of, any Park or Facility during the times the Parks and Facilities are closed, unless with special written permission from the Board.

Outdoor athletic fields (i.e. soccer fields or baseball diamonds) are to be closed whenever weather conditions are such that the use thereof would cause significant damage to the playing surfaces.

Other Parks and Facilities, or particular areas therein, are to be closed whenever conditions are such that any activity conducted thereon would cause unnecessary damage to such area.

Park areas under construction or development are permanently closed until such time as opened by the Executive Director for public use. Areas to be closed shall be posted on the Park District's website.

All Persons who take part in any specialized activities for which there is a fee, rental, or admission charge must abide by the posted regulations adopted by the Board for those specialized activities. No Person shall be allowed within the confines of those specialized activities unless they have first paid the fee, rental or admission charge.

### **SECTION 3. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES**

No Person shall injure, deface, disturb or befoul any part of any Park, Facility, building, sign, equipment or other property found therein. Nor shall any tree, flower, shrubs, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

No Person shall remain within any Park or Facility who does not abide by the conditions adopted and posted by the Board for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within any Park or Facility.

No Person shall remain within any park or Facility who does not abide by the instructions and directions of duly authorized law enforcement officers, or employees or agents of the Board, during the lawful performance of their duties. Any Person directed by a law enforcement officer, or employee or agent of the Board to leave any Park or Facility shall do so promptly and peaceably.

### **SECTION 4. HUNTING AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE**

No Person within the confines of any Park shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, injure, or take wild birds or animals found within the confines of any Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest, or take the eggs of any bird, unless authorized by written permission of the Executive Director.

### **SECTION 5. GARBAGE, REFUSE, ASHES, SEWAGE AND WASTE MATERIAL**

No Person shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any part of any Park or Facility, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse or any waste material whatsoever, other than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes.

No Person shall dump any earth within any Park without specific written permission from the Executive Director.

No Person shall bring, or cause to be brought in any manner, into any Park, from outside Park boundaries, any garbage, refuse, ashes, sewage or waste material.

No Person shall, either within or outside of any Park, discharge into, throw, lay, drop or leave in any river, brook, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into or through any Park, or into any river, brook or stream which may be a tributary to any river, brook, or stream flowing into or through any Park, any substance, matter, or thing, either liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of the river, brook or stream within any Park to such an extent as to unreasonably or improperly prevent or interfere with the conservation of the natural resources of any Park, by preventing, interfering with, or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of said river brook or stream for recreational or other proper park uses, or to endanger the health of visitors in any Park in the proper use and enjoyment of the same.

## **SECTION 6. FIRES**

No Person shall start a fire in any Park, except small fires for cooking purposes in park grills, privately owned grills, or fires in places or designated areas approved for such purposes, without written permission from the Executive Director.

The Executive Director may, at his or her discretion, prohibit fires or smoking for limited periods at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of Park property.

All fires shall be put out by the Person or Persons starting or using the fire before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

## **SECTION 7. WEAPONS**

The provisions of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the possession, carrying, storage, or discharge of firearms, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall govern the possession, carrying, storage, or discharge of firearms by Persons in any Park or Facility.

No Person shall possess, carry, store or use any slingshots, bow and arrow, air-soft guns, BB guns, or model rocket within any park or facility without specific written permission from the Executive Director.

## **SECTION 8. FIREWORKS**

No Person, except authorized employees or agents of the Board, shall possess, or discharge, any fireworks or other explosive substances within any Park without specific written permission from the Board.

## **SECTION 9. CAMPS**

No Person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place within any Park without specific written permission from the Executive Director except in locations especially set aside by the Board as a camp.

## **SECTION 10. DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND PROHIBITED ACTS**

No Person shall recklessly engage in conduct that inconveniences, annoys or alarms the community within any Park or Facility.

No Person shall do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper acts in any Park or Facility.

No Person shall enter a Park or Facility bathroom set apart for the opposite sex.

No Person shall engage in gambling or other games of chance within any Park or Facility without specific written permission from the Board.

No Person shall obstruct, resist, or be abusive of, or use profanity to, a law enforcement officer, or employee or agent of the Board, in and during the lawful discharge of his/her duties within any Park or Facility.

No Person shall indulge in any noisy and/or boisterous conduct within any Park or Facility. No Person shall use any sound amplification device that is audible more than twenty (20) feet from the device without specific written permission from the Executive Director.

No Person shall use or operate any radio-controlled aircraft, including drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles, or any other similar device in any Park or Facility without specific written permission from the Executive Director. Use of drones must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and

regulations, including, but not limited to, Title 14, Part 107 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Title 49, Section 44809 of the United States Code.

No Person shall strike, propel or otherwise cause any unauthorized sporting equipment, including, but not limited to, golf balls, tennis balls, pickleball balls, soccer balls, basketballs, to be stricken or propelled within any Park or Facility unless in an area designated for such use.

No Person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, or structures; or in or near a Motor Vehicle or Vehicles, on or about a motorcycle or motorcycles, or on or about bicycles, including Electric Bicycles, within any Park or Facility.

## **SECTION 11. TRAFFIC**

No Person shall operate an Electric Bicycle on paths or trails that are designated for walking or manually powered vehicles (i.e. traditional pedal-powered bicycles, scooters, etc.)

No Person shall drive, propel or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road within any Park, any Vehicle at a greater rate of speed than ten (10) miles per hour.

No Person shall park or store any Motor Vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle (including Electric Bikes), wagon or other Vehicle within any Park except in places and at such times designated by the Board for such purposes.

No portion of any Park shall be used for purpose of way except drives. Roadways, paths, walks and trails established for pedestrian travel (i.e. walking) shall not be used for vehicular travel.

No Person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any Park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians and drivers and all other occupants of any Vehicle.

No Person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any Park road, any truck, commercial car, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, bus or commercial tractor, unless authorized by the Board to make deliveries within any Park, or unless engaged in work in any Park that has been contracted for with the Board, or unless delivering/picking up Persons using a truck or trailer as transportation to or from the Park area.

No vehicle in excess of five (5) tons of gross vehicular weight shall be used to transport people to, or from, a Park or Facility area without prior written permission from the Executive Director.

No Person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any Park road without complying with all traffic signs and all posted traffic regulations.

No Person, except authorized employees or agents of the Board, shall engage in any equestrian activities, or ride any other animal otherwise, within any Park or Facility.

The state laws regulating equipment on Vehicles shall apply to vehicles within the Park.

## **SECTION 12. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

No Alcohol, Beer or other Intoxicating Liquor shall be sold or consumed in any Park or Facility, except with written permission of the Board.

No Person shall possess an open container of Alcohol, Beer or Intoxicating Liquor, within any Park, except within the areas reserved or leased by the Board.

No Person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall possess or consume any Alcohol, Beer or Intoxicating Liquor, either by the glass or by the drink or from a sealed or unsealed container.

No Person shall furnish any Alcohol, Beer or Intoxicating Liquor to a Person under the age of twenty-one (21) years.

No Person shall possess nor consume an open container of Alcohol, Beer or Intoxicating Liquor within twenty feet of a parking area or roadway.

### **SECTION 13: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

No Person shall possess, obtain, nor use a Controlled Substance, within the Park or Facility.

### **SECTION 14: HARMFUL INTOXICANTS**

No Person shall sniff, breathe, nor otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any product containing a Harmful Intoxicant within any Park or Facility.

### **SECTION 15. PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

No Person shall be under the influence of any Alcohol, Beer, Intoxicating Liquor, Controlled Substance, or Harmful Intoxicant within any Park or Facility.

### **SECTION 16. COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES**

No Person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within any Park or Facility without written permission from the Board.

No Person shall use any Park or Facility for commercial purposes, including but not limited to creating or producing commercial videos and/or photographs without the written permission of the Executive Director.

No Person shall do any begging, hawking, peddling or soliciting within any Park or Facility.

### **SECTION 17. SIGNS**

No Person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice of statement, or display any banner, emblem or design within any Park or Facility, without specific written permission from the Board.

### **SECTION 18. DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

No Person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run within any Park or Facility, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, or any poultry or other fowl, without the specific written permission of the Board.

No Person shall bring into, have or keep in any Park or Facility any animal destructive of wildlife, nor shall any Person bring into or permit within any Park or Facility a domestic dog or cat unless such is under constant control and supervision and held on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length, except such leash requirement shall not apply within the confines of areas designated by the Board as off-leash pet facilities or areas. To the extent any dog or cat breeds are prohibited to be owned, possessed, bred or sold by any overlapping government unit, such breeds shall be similarly prohibited from being brought into or kept within in any Park or Facility. Further, this section does not ensure admission of Park visitors with their Pets to such locations and at such times as may conflict with the Ohio Board of Health requirements or preservation of public safety and order within any Park or Facility.

No pets or other animals shall be allowed to disturb or become a nuisance to other users of any Park.

No Person shall release, abandon or deposit any animal, domestic or wild, within any Park or Facility, without permission from the Executive Director.

No Person, while in or on a moving Motor Vehicle, Electric Bicycle, or power-pedaled bicycle, shall lead or permit to be led, any leashed Pet or animal.

Pets are not permitted in play equipment areas or in sand volleyball courts in any Park or Facility.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner, keeper, or Person in control of any Pet which has deposited any fecal matter on any Park and/or Facility property, to immediately cause said fecal matter to be removed and deposited in a suitable container or receptacle under the immediate control of the owner, keeper, or Person of the pet.

## **SECTION 20. PRESERVATION OF GOOD ORDER IN THE PARKS**

No individual or organization shall conduct, sponsor or promote any public meeting, concert, theater, athletic event or other public activity in any Park or Facility without prior authorization of the Board.

No event or activity sponsored or promoted by an individual or organization shall be permitted, if, in the opinion of the Board, it will constitute a hazard and/or danger to the personal safety of the participants or other Park visitors, regular and normal use of the Parks and Facilities and activities by Park visitors, or which is inconsistent with the use of the Park lands and Facilities for park purposes.

## **SECTION 21. ENFORCEMENT/PENALTY**

The foregoing Rules and Regulations will be enforced by employees of the Park District and, as applicable, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for the safety and added enjoyment of all Park patrons as well for the protection of wildlife and the environment. All applicable local and state criminal and traffic laws will be enforced in all Parks and Facilities.

Any Person violating any of these Rules and Regulations and any amendments or additions thereto shall, in accordance with Section 511.99 of the Ohio Revised Code, be deemed guilty of the following:

- Upon the first offense, a minor misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the amount prescribed from time to time for a minor misdemeanor under applicable state law (as of effective date hereof, such maximum fine is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150); and
- Upon each subsequent offense, a misdemeanor of the third degree, and upon conviction, shall be fined any sum not exceeding the amount prescribed from time to time for a misdemeanor of the third degree under applicable state law (as of the effective date hereof, such maximum fine is five hundred dollars (\$500).

All fines levied hereunder and pursuant to Sections 511.23(F) and 511.99 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be in accordance with the amounts prescribed from time to time in Section 2929.28(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, or such successor provision as may contain such schedule of fines for criminal fines under state law.

## **SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Rules and Regulations shall take effect and be in force from and after the later of January 1, 2026, or the date of the second publication hereof as required by Section 511.23(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.