

**CODORUS TOWNSHIP  
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 24 - 1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF CODORUS TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CODORUS, BY REPEALING ORDINANCE 11-03 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 13, TO BE ENTITLED PARKS, WHICH CHAPTER SETS RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ALL TOWNSHIP OWNED PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES.**

**WHEREAS**, Codorus Township previously adopted Ordinance 11-03, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF CODORUS TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL INDIVIDUALS USING PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS OWNED, OPERATED, AND MAINTAINED BY CODORUS TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; and

**WHEREAS**, due to a clerical error, Ordinance 11-03 was not included in the codification process of Codorus Township, thereby resulting in the Codorus Township Code not having a Chapter related to park rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Codorus Township wishes to repeal Ordinance 11-03 and establish, in its place, a new Chapter of the Code of Codorus Township, Entitled Parks and Recreation Areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Codorus Township as follows:

1) The Code of the Township of Codorus is hereby amended by adding Chapter 13 entitled Parks and Recreation Areas.

## **Article I**

### **§ 13-1 Short title, applicability.**

This article shall be known as the "Codorus Township Park Rules Ordinance" and shall apply to all designated Township parks and recreation areas.

### **§ 13-2 Hours**

All parks and recreation areas will be open to the public between dawn and dusk throughout the year. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, the use of lighted basketball courts, tennis courts, or other recreation areas shall be permitted until 10:00 p.m., prevailing time. Lighted courts refers to lighting designed to light athletic events or areas where athletic events occur and shall not include security lighting.~~

### **§ 13-3 Possession of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics prohibited.**

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, narcotics, or other controlled substances is prohibited.

### **§ 13-4 Prohibited Conduct.**

Boisterous or unseemly noise or disturbance which annoys any other person, including but not limited to nearby residences, as well as immoral, or indecent conduct is prohibited.

### **§ 13-5 Damaging of property prohibited.**

Damage to, or destruction of, equipment or property prohibited.

### **§ 13-6 Trash, garbage, and refuse material.**

All trash, garbage, and refuse material generated in a park or recreation area shall be placed in containers provided for such purpose or carried out by those using such park or recreation facility. The use of confetti, streamer, and chalk cannons and the release of helium balloons and sky lanterns is prohibited.

### **§ 13-7 Pets**

Pets are not permitted upon the premises of parks or recreation areas, whether leased or unleashed, unless a specific area is designated for use with pets or unless a special event specifically permits the presence of pets; provided however, that dogs are specifically allowed upon the premises of parks or recreation areas under the following conditions:

- i) Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies and display a current license.
- ii) Dogs must be confined to a leash and under control of a person at all times.
- iii) Dogs may not be tied to trees, bushes, tables, shelters, etc.

- iv) Dogs must be well behaved at all times.
- v) Dog owners are required to clean up after their dogs and properly dispose of droppings in trash receptacles.
- vi) **Dogs may not create a disturbance or nuisance. Excessive barking is deemed to be a disturbance or nuisance.**
- vii) Township officials may ask any person to remove a dog from the premises of the park or recreation area when, in the opinion of a Township official, the dog creates a danger to other individuals in the park or recreation area, or constitutes a nuisance to other individuals using or enjoying the park or recreation area.

#### **§ 13-8 Airplanes and Drones.**

The use of motorized model airplanes and/or drones is prohibited ~~except in those areas where appropriate signs indicate the use of motorized model airplanes is permitted.~~ Any use of motorized model airplanes and/or drones as permitted by this Ordinance must comply with all regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

#### **§ 13-9 Open Fires.**

Open fires are permitted only in charcoal grills or other facilities provided for such purpose. Hot coals, ashes, or other bi-products of open fires shall be disposed of in the facilities provided for such purpose.

#### **§ 13-10 Soliciting, posting of signs, and sales or rental of supplies prohibited.**

Soliciting; posting of signs; or the distribution, sale, servicing, or rental of any supplies, food, or equipment is prohibited unless conducted by persons specifically authorized to perform such functions by a Township Official. **Question what is the appropriate approval process for moon bounce rental or food trucks?**

#### **§ 13-11 Fireworks and explosives.**

Use or discharge of any firework or explosive is prohibited except when permission is given by permit.

#### **§ 13-12 Recreational Activities.**

Recreational activity shall be confined to areas that are appropriate for the particular activity or to those areas where a particular activity is specifically permitted. The Township shall post appropriate signs regarding permitted or prohibited activities. **Minor children must be supervised at all times while participating in recreational activities.**

#### **§ 13-13 Motorized Vehicles.**

The use of motorized, battery operated, or electrified vehicles, including but not limited to mini-bikes, mopeds, scooters, skateboards, "hoverboards", cars, trucks, and motorcycles, is prohibited, except when permission is given by permit or through specific designation of the facility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the parking of licensed motor vehicles in the areas

designated as parking lots during those hours which the park or recreation facility is open to the public. Motor vehicles being used in a park or recreation area in violation of this provision may be removed by appropriate Township officials at the owner's expense.

**§ 13-14 Speed Limit.**

The speed limit in all parking areas shall not exceed 15 mph.

**§ 13-15 Violations and Penalties.**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this article shall be guilty of a summary criminal offense and, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and in default of payment, be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.

2) All provisions of this Ordinance are applicable in addition to and in accordance with any and all provisions set forth in Pennsylvania state law and any other rule or regulation duly adopted by the Township.

3) If any provisions of this Ordinance should conflict with provisions of Pennsylvania state law, any fire code, or other rule or regulation duly adopted by the Township, the state law, regulation, or fire code shall prevail.

4) All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

5) If any 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 of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Codorus Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

6) This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Codorus Township

this 4th day of April, 2024.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
CODORUS TOWNSHIP**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Supervisor

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Codorus Township, York County, Pennsylvania, proposes the following Ordinance for adoption at its regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Codorus Township offices 4631 Shaffers Church Road, Glenville, Pennsylvania. The Ordinance is entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF CODORUS TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CODORUS, BY REPEALING ORDINANCE 11-03 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER \*\*\*\*\* TO BE ENTITLED PARKS, WHICH CHAPTER SETS RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ALL TOWNSHIP OWNED PARKS AND RECREATION SPACES." The proposed Ordinance amends rules within Township Park areas. A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be examined without charge at the Township offices during normal business hours. A copy of the proposed Ordinance has been filed with the York Newspaper and the York Law Research Center, 45 N George St, York PA. Interested citizens are invited to attend the aforesaid regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Codorus Township and offer comments on the proposed amendment to the Code of the Township of Codorus.**

**CODORUS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**By: Andrew C. Herrold, Esquire  
Solicitor**