

**TOWNSHIP OF LONDONDERRY  
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONDONDERRY, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, PART 4, PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TO REPEAL THE SAME; CHAPTER 15, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, PART 6, SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY TO DESIGNATE OFFICIALS TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND CHAPTER 16, PARKS AND RECREATION, PART 1, RULES AND REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS BY RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered, pursuant to Section 6601 of the Second Class Township Code, to enact and adopt ordinances for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not have a duly seated parks and recreation board and would like to modernized, update and otherwise amend the rules and regulations governing the conduct upon and use of Township parks and public space; and

WHEREAS, the Township also wishes to enact an ordinance amendment designating the officials empowered to declare a snow and ice emergency in the Township in order to provide for the timely and efficient response to snow and ice emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of the Township of Londonderry, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, hereby amend the Township Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 1, Administration and Government, Part 4, Park and Recreation Board, of the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2: Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 6, Snow and Ice Emergency, of the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows with the text shown as struck to be deleted, the text shown in underline to be added, and ellipses denoting text remaining unchanged.

**§ 601. Declaration of Snow and Ice Emergency.**

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the snow emergency routes named in § 603 of this Part, the ~~[designated official]~~ Township Manager and Chair of the Board of Supervisors, or Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors if the Chair is

unavailable, in ~~his~~ their discretion, may declare a snow and ice emergency (designated in this Part as a "snow emergency"). Information on the existence of a snow emergency shall be given by the Township of Londonderry through radio, newspaper or other available media, and information on the termination of the emergency may be given by use of the same media.

SECTION 3: Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, Part 1, Rules and Regulations, of the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows with the text shown as struck to be deleted, the text shown in underline to be added, and ellipses noting text remaining unchanged.

**§ 101. ~~Availability~~ Rules and Regulations.**

~~Township parks shall be open for public use on a year round basis, with some areas and facilities not being available during certain seasons.~~

The Board of Supervisors shall adopt rules and regulations by resolution governing the use of Township parks.

**~~§ 102. Remaining After Darkness Prohibited.~~**

~~No persons are permitted in any park during the hours of darkness, except those areas designated for extended use activities, or unless written permission is obtained from the Park and Recreation Board for after dark programs.~~

**~~§ 103. Temporarily Closing of Park.~~**

~~The Park and Recreation Board may temporarily close or curtail activities, upon any lands or waters or any portion thereof, when it has been deemed necessary to be in the best interest of public safety, conduct, health or order.~~

**~~§ 104. Swimming Prohibited.~~**

~~Swimming is prohibited in all parks except on facilities expressly designated for that purpose; personal bathing is prohibited.~~

**~~§ 105. Motor Vehicle Activities Prohibited.~~**

~~No person shall ride in or drive any motor vehicle which is self propelled upon any parkland, except upon the roads, or on areas which are designed and provided for such purposes. It is prohibited for any persons to commit any act, by use of operation, of any motor vehicle on any parkland, which if committed upon the public highways or street, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would be prohibited and unlawful. Speed limits within all parks shall be 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. No one shall test, repair, or wash any vehicle or mechanical device in any park. There shall be no parking at any time except in areas designated for such purposes.~~

**~~§ 106. Written Permission for Solicitation Required.~~**

~~No person shall, without written permission of the Park and Recreation Board, erect, paint, paste or otherwise affix or distribute any signs, advertisements, or circulars on park property. The sale of anything or the solicitation of funds or donations within any park is forbidden, except upon written permission of the Park and Recreation Board.~~

**~~§ 107. Drugs and Gambling Prohibited.~~**

~~The sale, consumption or possession of dangerous or narcotic drugs, or gambling of any kind is prohibited in any park.~~

**~~§ 108. Sale of Intoxicating Liquors Prohibited.~~**

~~The sale of intoxicating liquors or beverages is prohibited.~~

**~~§ 109. Defacing and Destructing of Park Property Prohibited.~~**

~~No person shall cut, break, move, take or otherwise injure, destroy or deface any trees, shrubs, plants, turf, rock or any building, fence, bridge, sign or other structure; or foul any stream, or dump any earth, rubbish, or other substance or material in or upon any park.~~

**~~§ 110. Fireplaces and Grills for Open Fire Required.~~**

~~No person shall make or kindle any open fire except in fireplaces and grills provided for this purpose or in private portable grills approved as safe by the Park and Recreation Board. Grills provided for public use shall be on a first come, first serve basis, except by written permission of the Park and Recreation Board.~~

**~~§ 111. Disturbing of Animals in Park Prohibited.~~**

~~No persons shall, in any park, set a trap or snare, or shoot, injure, annoy, disturb, poison any wild animal or bird, or injure or destroy any nest. If required for control, special permission may be granted by the Park and Recreation Board.~~

**~~§ 112. Obscene Conduct Prohibited.~~**

~~All persons are forbidden to use threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, or commit any obscene or indecent act or to fight in any park.~~

**~~§ 113. Leash for Dogs and Cats Required.~~**

~~Horses, cattle, livestock and domestic animals of any kind are prohibited in any park, except a dog or cat on a leash, under control, of a person is permitted. Horseback riding is prohibited, except on facilities expressly designated for that purpose.~~

**§ 114. Firearms Prohibited.**

No person shall carry a knife upon their person having a blade of three inches or longer in length, or have possession of, or discharge a BB gun, air rifle, pistol, firearm, bow and arrow, or any other type of lethal weapon in any park, except on facilities expressly designated for that purpose.

**§ 115. Archery Prohibited.**

Practicing, playing or using park areas for gold and archery is prohibited, except on facilities expressly designated or provided for such purposes.

**§ 116. Entertainment Prohibited.**

No entertainment, demonstration, or exhibition shall be given in any park except under the supervision of the Park and Recreation Board.

**§ 117. Permits Secured on First Come First Served Basis.**

Permits for playing league or casual athletic games on park fields or courts may be secured on first come, first served basis from the Park and Recreation Board. All permits that are granted must be produced upon demand, in order to avoid conflicts in the use of facilities.

**§ 118. Reservation Permits.**

Reservation permits for group picnic facilities may be obtained for a nominal fee from the Park and Recreation Board.

**§ 119. Encroachment Prohibited.**

No person or persons shall willingly encroach upon lands administered by the Park and Recreation Board.

**§ 120. Fishing Permitted.**

Fishing shall be permitted in all waters and from all lands under the supervision of the Park and Recreation Board during regular park hours, except those areas designed for other activities.

**§ 121. Permits to be Produced Upon Demand.**

All of the aforementioned rules requiring permission, require that such permits must be carried and produced upon demand.

**§ 122. Enforcement.**

Personnel designated by the ~~Park and Recreation Board~~ Board of Supervisors of Londonderry Township and the police force serving the Township are authorized to enforce these Rules and Regulations.

**§ 123. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any ~~provision of this Part~~ rule or regulation adopted by the Township Board of Supervisors governing the use of parks, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fines and costs, to a term ~~or~~ of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of ~~this Part~~ continues or each ~~Section of this Part~~ regulation which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4: Except only as amended, modified and changed herein, the ordinances of the Township of Londonderry as originally enacted and as previously amended shall remain in all other respects in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: If any section, sub-section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance is declared by any reason to be illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of this Ordinance or any other section, sub-section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word or remaining portion of this Ordinance or the Londonderry Code of Ordinances. The Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, sub-section, phrase and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, sub-sections, provisions, regulations, limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases or words may be declared illegal, unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with applicable law.

DULY ORDAINED this 2nd day of March, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Signature on File  
Secretary – Bart Shellenhamer

By: Signature on File  
Mike Geyer, Chair  
Board of Supervisors