

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2024-20

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”
REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 3-4A. ENTITLED “LAFAYETTE PARK
RESTRICTIONS”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY, SPECIFICALLY 3-4A.1 THROUGH 3-4A.10**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to revise the regulations applicable to the Lafayette Park located on Route 15 based upon modernization of the amenities, and the inclusion of the park on the Township Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) and in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being “Police Regulations”, specifically 3-4A.1 through 3-4A.10 “Lafayette Park Restrictions” areas shall be repealed in its entirety and is hereby replaced as follows:

3-4A.1. Use of Lafayette Park.

The use of Lafayette Park shall be subject to the following restrictions.

- a. Between the first day of April and the last day of October, recreation sports fields shall only be used by residents of Lafayette Township, their guests and persons falling under the exception provision of this section.
- b. Reserving use of the pavilion located next to the playground is subject to submission of a facility use form, payment of the established fee and availability with priority of use in favor of Township residents, Township groups, or Township sponsored events.
- c. All other portions of Lafayette Park shall be available to residents and nonresidents alike and nothing in this section shall be interpreted as a basis for restricting the use of Lafayette Park by nonresidents, except for the limitations pertaining to the recreational facilities specifically designated above.

3-4A.2. Required Scheduling.

Any resident, individually or as a representative of a team, who wishes to use a recreation sports field between the first day of April and the last day of October shall reserve a time in advance with the Township Recreation Commission. In making this reservation, proof of residency shall be provided. The Township Recreation Commission, at its discretion, may set aside times and reserve the recreation sports fields for teams or leagues that have a past history of using the fields so as to minimize any disruption from past practice and to promote the continuation of the fair-minded sharing of these fields which has taken place in the past.

Any individual or representative of any group who wish to reserve use of the pavilion located at Lafayette Park located next to the playground equipment shall reserve a time in advance with the Township official designated to handle the scheduling and processing of the application process.

3-4A.3. Lafayette Park Regulations.

All visitors of Lafayette Park shall be required to abide by all rules and regulations established by the Lafayette governing body including all Park Regulations set forth at Lafayette Ordinance 3-4.

3-4A.4. Exceptions.

The following persons or organizations shall be permitted to use Lafayette Park between the first day of April and the last day of October as specifically limited herein:

- a. Any person who is a member of an organized sports team, which is part of an organized league, and which is playing a team from the Township of Lafayette or a team that is authorized by the township to use Lafayette Park for its games, shall be permitted to use the recreation sport fields irrespective of whether they are a resident, provided the required scheduling has been arranged and approved by the Township Recreation Commission and Township

Committee and the organization has presented a valid Certificate of Insurance covering the sports team and naming the Township of Lafayette as an additional insured under its policy; and

b. Any person or organization at the invitation of the Township Committee may have full use of the park.

3-4A.5. Penalty.

Any person who is not a resident of Lafayette Township, or a guest, or exempt from this section as set forth in subsection 3-4A.5, and who uses the recreation sports fields at Lafayette Park between the first day of April and the last day of October, in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100 for their first offense. A fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$200 shall be imposed for all subsequent offenses.

3-4A.6. Enforcement.

a. The Recreation Commission shall, in connection with their duties diligently enforce the provisions of this section.

b. The Recreation Commission and any other Township officer shall have the authority to eject from Lafayette Park any person or persons in violation of this section.

c. This ordinance shall, also, be enforced by any appropriate law enforcement agency.

3-4A.7. Definitions.

As used in this section:

LAFAYETTE PARK — Shall mean the park located in Lafayette Township, New Jersey on Route 15 South, Block 7, Lot 16.

PRIORITY OF USE- means the priority of uses when there are conflicting requests for the use of the pavilion located next to the playground equipment.

RECREATION SPORTS FIELDS — Shall mean the athletic fields located at Lafayette Park.

3-4A.8. Repealer.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this section are hereby repealed. However, any ordinance setting forth the time during which Lafayette Park is open or regulating conduct while in Lafayette Park shall remain unaffected.

3-4A.9. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

3-4A.10. Severability of Invalid Provisions.

If any provision of this section shall be held invalid, its invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this section that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and for this purpose, the provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable.

NOTICE

The above entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting on August 6, 2024 and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on September 3, 2024.

Mayor:

Municipal Clerk: