

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE

Of The Township Of Pittsgrove
In The County Of Salem, State Of New Jersey

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF PITTSGROVE**

WHEREAS, Chapter 72 of the Code of the Township of Pittsgrove entitled, "Parks and Recreation Areas" involves legislation related to Township parks, streams, lakes and recreational areas (hereinafter "Parks"); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 72 should be revised to include additional legislation regarding the usage of Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Pittsgrove Township has determined that such amendments are necessary to ensure the overall safety and well-being of the residents of Pittsgrove Township as well as to ensure the proper maintenance and care of Township property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pittsgrove that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 72 of the Code of the Township of Pittsgrove:

1. Section 72-2 shall be revised as follows to add the following subsections:
 - S. Ride and/or operate dirt bikes and/or all terrain vehicles (ATV's) unless the vehicle is approved for a specific use by an individual or organization for an approved event.
 - T. Allow animals or pets of any kind in any Pittsgrove Township Facility; unless it is a medically approved service animal accompanying the owner.
 - U. Park in a location that is not in *Designated Parking Area*. Vehicles illegally parked will be subject to towing at the owners expense.
 - V. Possess firearms, fireworks, bows, arrows, slings and other projectile including golf clubs and golf balls.
 - W. Possess and/or use alcohol and/or drugs in any Pittsgrove Township Facility.
2. Section 72-5A shall be added to Chapter 72 and be entitled "General Park Usage." Section 72-5A shall state:
 - A. Pittsgrove Township Public Parks & Recreation Facilities are for the use and benefit of the general public and shall remain accessible to all members of the public from dusk to dawn, unless otherwise reserved and approved by the Pittsgrove Township Recreation Committee and Pittsgrove Township Committee, or otherwise set forth in this Ordinance. All such use shall be in accordance with all applicable state, county and local laws and ordinances.

- B. Pittsgrove Township Public Works Department shall exclusively set a schedule to rest and maintain any given field at any Pittsgrove Township Facility.
 - C. Pittsgrove Township shall not be responsible for lost or stolen property or any damage to personal property while on Township premises.
 - D. Pittsgrove Township shall not be responsible for any costs incurred in enforcing rules, laws or ordinances applicable to use of the facilities or expenses arising from improper or unapproved use of the facilities by individuals or organizations.
3. Section 72-5B shall be added to Chapter 72 and entitled, "Request for Park Use." Section 72-5B shall state:

The following provisions shall apply to any request to use a Park or Park Facility:

- A. Reservations are required at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance for most activities, however those events which will likely utilize the majority of any given complex for 4 hours or more on any given day (such as tournaments, community celebrations, etc.) shall be scheduled at least sixty (60) days in advance in order to provide ample time to prepare the facility.
- B. Requests for park usage shall be filed, in writing, with the Pittsgrove Township Recreation Advisory Committee and shall be subject to approval of that organization as well as the Township Committee.
- C. Conflicts in scheduling are to be reported immediately to the Pittsgrove Township Recreation Department and must be documented within fifteen (15) calendar days of the scheduled event.
- D. Any complaint regarding the use of any Pittsgrove Township Facility shall be provided in writing to the Pittsgrove Township Administrator within 24 hours of the occurrence.
- E. Individuals or organizations who do not wish to share equipment with any other individuals or organizations must remove their equipment immediately at the conclusion of their event or secure equipment in their respective storage facilities. Equipment left in any Pittsgrove Township Facility shall be considered available for public use.

This Ordinance shall take effect according to law. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced: January 13, 2009

Adopted:

Attest:

Constance S. Garton, Clerk

Peter I. Voros, Mayor

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Pittsgrove, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, at its regular meeting held the 13th day of January, 2009. A public hearing will be conducted by the Township Committee at its regular meeting to be held the 10th day of February, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 989 Centerton Road, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318, after which the ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Constance S. Garton, Clerk