

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 2026-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 107 OF THE
LEHIGH TOWNSHIP CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED
"PARKS AND RECREATION," TO REVISE THE RULES AND
REGULATIONS GOVERNING TOWNSHIP PARKS AND
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township has adopted Chapter 107 of the Lehigh Township Codified Ordinances establishing rules governing the use and conduct within parks and recreational facilities owned or maintained by Lehigh Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to permit pets in designated areas of Township parks and recreational facilities, subject to appropriate rules and restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors further finds that the rules and regulations governing Township parks and recreational facilities should be periodically reviewed and amended to reflect the changing needs of the Township and to promote the safe and orderly use of those facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

Section 1. Section 107-4.C shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 2. The following existing Sections shall be deleted in their entirety and shall now read as follows:

- 107-4.G Operating an unlicensed motorized vehicle; operating electric bicycles, scooters, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, and ATVs within a recreation area
- 107-4.S Pulling, injuring or breaking any flowers, fruits, plants, trees, grass, shrubs, turf, and pump or water fixtures or any other structure, including climbing on fences.
- 107-5.A The recreation places shall be open to the public between the hours of dawn to 11:00 p.m., prevailing time, each day, provided, however, that any sound amplification shall cease at 10:00 p.m. each evening.

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- 107-7.A Upon proper written application on the form provided by the Township, the Township may issue a permit permitting the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Danielsville Park, Delps Park or Indiantrail Park, said consumption to be in accordance with all applicable Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws and regulations. In order to consume alcoholic beverages at Danielsville Park, Delps Park or Indiantrail Park, the permit issued by the Township must clearly indicate permission has been granted. The permit shall be produced to the police department upon request.
- 107-12 Permitting of pets. Pets shall be permitted at all Township parks. The following regulations shall apply:
- 107-12.A Pets must be on a leash not exceeding 6 feet at all times, unless the animal is within the designated fenced Dog Park area at Delps Park.
- 107-12.B Animals are permitted in the walking track area and nonplaying areas. Animals are prohibited in the fenced in baseball field areas and other areas being used for or set up for sports use.
- 107-13 Closing of recreation places. The Township may, in the best interest of the Township, close the recreation places, or portions thereof, at any time.

Section 3. New sections, 107-4.H, 107-4.I, and 107-7.D shall be added and the remaining sections renumbered. The new sections shall read as follows:

- 107-4.H Operating a bicycle or peddle assisted electronic bicycle in excess of 20 miles per hour or a modified peddle assisted bicycle capable of going in excess of 20 miles per hour.
- 107-4.I Operating any vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, anywhere within the park or parking areas in a reckless or careless manner that creates a hazard to, or unreasonably interferes with, the safe use and enjoyment of the park by others.
- 107-7.D Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only in accordance with Township regulations and applicable law. No person shall consume alcoholic beverages to the point of intoxication or engage in disorderly, loud, offensive, or unsafe conduct that interferes with the use and enjoyment of the park by others or creates a public safety hazard.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and, if any provisions hereof shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as same affects this Ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately,

ORDAINED AND ENACTED, THIS Day of , 2026.

Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Michael Jones, Chairman

Alice A. Rehrig, Secretary