

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey at a meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2015. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law. Notice is hereby given that the said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held on the 4th day of June, 2015 at a meeting beginning at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building located on the corner of County Road 519 and Oak Grove Road, Kingwood Township, New Jersey, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 18 - 05 - 2015

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 ENTITLED "OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION AREAS" OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO INCLUDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE LEASH FREE AREA WITHIN HORSESHOE BEND PARK.

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Kingwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee that rules and regulations be adopted for the Leash Free Area within Horseshoe Bend Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendations of the Kingwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee and concurs with those recommendations; And

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Kingwood County of Hunterdon as follows:

Section 1:

Section 94-7 shall be amended as follows:

Section 94-7 Leash Free Area Rules and Regulations (Horseshoe Bend Park)

The following rules and regulations are hereby established and shall apply to the area within Horseshoe Bend Park which is designated by signage as the "Leash Free Area".

- A. Users of the Leash Free Area must abide by all Rules and Regulations governing the use of Kingwood Township Parklands and must comply with the directions of Township Personnel and all posted signs.
- B. The Leash Free Area is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, daily.
- C. The Leash Free Area is for the off leash exercise of people and dogs only. No other animals are permitted within the fence enclosure.

- D. Children under thirteen (13) years of age are only permitted within the fenced enclosure under close adult supervision.
- E. No more than two (2) dogs per person are permitted in the Leash Free Area.
- F. Dogs showing unacceptable behavior towards people or other dogs must be leashed immediately and removed from the area.
- G. The Township reserves the right to refuse access to any person or animal without cause.
- H. Puppies under six months of age are prohibited.
- I. Dogs must be spayed or neutered.
- J. Dogs must wear flat-buckle collars, displaying valid license and rabies tag.
- K. Metal prong, choke, shock and aversive training collars are not permitted.
- L. Users must properly secure access gates and leash their dogs approaching and leaving the off-leash dog area. Users must carry a leash for each dog at all times.
- M. Users must clean up after their dogs and carry out all waste and other trash.
- N. Dog and human food products are prohibited within the Leash Free Area.
- O. Users of the Leash Free Area acknowledge that there are inherent risks to persons and pets when dogs are allowed to run off leash. Use of the Leash Free Area is at user's own risk. The Township is not responsible for any injuries sustained to persons, property or dogs within the Leash Free Area.
- P. Users are responsible for any damage caused by their dogs including, but not limited to: digging, scratching, chewing, biting, injury to other users, as well as illness, and including damage to the leash free area, access pathways, parking areas, vehicles, property, other dogs and bystanders. Users agree to indemnify and hold the Township harmless for any claims or obligations brought against it or which may be alleged to be brought against it in relation to use of Township Leash Free Area.

Section 2:

Section 94-8 shall be amended as follows:

Section 94-8 Violations and penalties

Any person or group who violates or neglects to comply with any provision of this chapter or any regulation promulgated hereunder shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or by imprisonment for up to 90 days, and/or by a period of community

service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the court. Each and every day that such a violation continues shall be considered a separate and specific violation of this chapter.

Section 3:

If any part or parts of this ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed but only to the extent of such inconsistency. All other parts of the Code of the Township of Kingwood not inconsistent herewith are ratified and confirmed.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD

Richard Dodds, Mayor

Attest: June 4, 2015

Mary E MacConnell, RMC
Township Clerk

Introduced:
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