RESOLUTION NO. 090926

GRATZ BOROUGH
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF GRATZ BOROUGH, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF BOROUGH PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Gratz Borough owns, maintains and operates public parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and recreational facilities for the benefit of Borough residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1202, 1203 and 2701 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. §§ 1202, 1203 and 2701, the Borough Council is authorized to regulate Borough recreational facilities and to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the proper management, care and control of Borough property and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to establish reasonable and uniform rules governing the use of Borough parks and recreational facilities in order to promote public safety, protect Borough property and permit the safe and orderly enjoyment of Borough recreational facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Gratz Borough, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Adoption.

The document entitled "Gratz Borough Park Rules and Regulations," attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted as the rules and regulations governing the use of Borough-owned parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, parking areas, pavilions and other recreational facilities.

Section 2. Applicability.

The Park Rules and Regulations shall apply to all persons entering or using Borough park or recreational property, except as otherwise authorized by Borough Council or its duly authorized representative.

Section 3. Enforcement.

The Gratz Borough Police Department, Borough Code Enforcement Officer, Borough employees and other persons authorized by Borough Council may enforce the Park Rules and Regulations.

Any person violating the Park Rules and Regulations may be directed to immediately cease the prohibited conduct or to leave Borough property. Conduct that independently constitutes a

violation of a Borough ordinance or applicable federal or Pennsylvania law may also be subject to citation, prosecution or other lawful enforcement.

Any person causing damage to Borough property may be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement to the extent permitted by law.

Section 4. Posting and Availability.

The Borough Secretary is authorized to maintain copies of the Park Rules and Regulations at the Borough Office and to cause the rules, or an appropriate summary thereof, to be posted at Borough parks and recreational facilities and on the Borough's official website, where practical.

Section 5. Borough Authority.

Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit Borough Council or its authorized representatives from temporarily closing any Borough park, recreational facility, athletic field or portion thereof because of weather, maintenance, construction, unsafe conditions, a Borough-sponsored or approved event, or other reasonable municipal purpose.

Section 6. Amendments.

Borough Council may amend, revise or repeal the Park Rules and Regulations from time to time by resolution or ordinance, as appropriate.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Borough Council of Gratz Borough, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised public meeting held this 9th day of September, 2026.

GRATZ BOROUGH COUNCIL

By: _____
William Reed, President

By: _____
Jem Jeffries, Vice President

By: _____
Coy Rickert, Council Member

By: _____
Lori Williard, Council Member

By: _____
Nathan Steinbach, Council Member

ATTEST:

Cindy Shade

Cindy Shade, Secretary

EXHIBIT “A”

GRATZ BOROUGH PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules are intended to promote the safe, clean and orderly use of Gratz Borough parks and recreational facilities and to protect Borough property for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

1. Park Hours

Borough parks shall be open daily from dawn until dusk, unless otherwise posted or authorized by the Borough.

Persons attending Borough-sponsored or Borough-approved activities may remain within the park during the authorized hours of the activity.

2. General Conduct

All persons using Borough parks shall conduct themselves in a manner that does not endanger others or materially interfere with another person's lawful use and enjoyment of the park.

The following are prohibited:

- Fighting or threatening physical harm to another person;
- Harassment or intimidation;
- Disorderly or disruptive conduct;
- Conduct creating an unreasonable risk of injury to persons or damage to property; and
- Violation of any applicable federal, state or local law.

3. Athletic Fields and Recreational Facilities

- Persons shall comply with posted schedules, closures and maintenance notices.
- Borough-approved or reserved activities shall have priority in the use of athletic fields and recreational facilities.
- No person shall intentionally damage playing surfaces, playground equipment, goals, fences, bleachers or other recreational improvements.
- Fields and facilities may be temporarily closed because of weather, maintenance, unsafe conditions or other Borough purposes.

4. Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and Vaping

- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except when specifically authorized by the Borough for an approved event.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited.
- Smoking, vaping and the use of tobacco or cannabis products are prohibited within playground areas and athletic fields and wherever otherwise prohibited by law or Borough policy.

5. Animals

- Dogs and other domestic animals shall remain under the control of their owner or handler.
- Dogs shall be kept on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length unless otherwise specifically permitted by the Borough.
- Owners or handlers shall immediately remove and properly dispose of animal waste.
- Any animal that is aggressive or creates a threat or substantial nuisance shall be removed from the park.
- Nothing in this section shall restrict the lawful use of a service animal.

6. Vehicles and Parking

- Motor vehicles may be operated only on designated roadways and parked only in designated parking areas.
- Parking in fire lanes, access drives, grassy areas or other unauthorized locations is prohibited.
- ATVs, dirt bikes, minibikes, snowmobiles and similar off-road motorized vehicles are prohibited except when authorized for Borough maintenance, emergency response or another Borough-approved purpose.
- Reckless or unsafe operation of any vehicle is prohibited.

7. Protection of Borough Property

No person shall intentionally damage, destroy, deface, remove or tamper with Borough property, including playground equipment, benches, picnic tables, signs, landscaping, trees, fences, lighting or utilities.

No person shall remove or disturb soil, plants, trees, landscaping or other natural materials without Borough authorization.

Persons responsible for damage to Borough property may be required to reimburse the Borough for lawful repair or replacement costs.

8. Fires and Grills

- Fires are permitted only in Borough-provided grills or other areas specifically authorized by the Borough.
- Personal grills may be used only where specifically permitted or with Borough authorization.
- Open fires on the ground are prohibited.
- Fires and grills shall not be left unattended and must be fully extinguished before the user leaves the area.
- Burning trash or other unauthorized materials is prohibited.

9. Littering and Dumping

- Trash and recyclable materials shall be placed in designated receptacles.
- If receptacles are unavailable or full, park users shall remove their refuse from the park.
- Dumping household, commercial, construction or other waste on Borough property is prohibited.

10. Other Prohibited Activities

Unless specifically authorized by the Borough, the following are prohibited:

- Fireworks or explosive devices;
- Overnight camping or sleeping in vehicles;
- Golf practice or hitting golf balls outside an area designated for that activity;
- Digging, excavation or use of metal detectors;
- Commercial sales, vending or solicitation; and
- Any activity that creates an unreasonable danger to persons or Borough property.

11. Reservations and Borough-Approved Events

Persons using reserved pavilions, fields or other facilities shall comply with these Rules and any additional conditions imposed as part of the reservation or event approval.

The Borough may suspend or terminate a reservation or event authorization for violation of these Rules or applicable Borough requirements.

12. Enforcement

Any person violating these Rules may be:

- Directed to cease the prohibited activity;
- Directed to leave Borough property;
- Subject to enforcement under any otherwise applicable Borough ordinance or federal or Pennsylvania law; and
- Held responsible for lawful restitution or repair costs for damage to Borough property.

13. Effective Date

These Park Rules and Regulations shall become effective upon adoption by Resolution of Gratz Borough Council and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed.