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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Adopted by Resolution No. 090926 of the Borough Council of Gratz Borough, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania on September 9, 2026