

ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas, be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1:

Article I Parks and Recreation Areas

SECTION 2 : Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas, 197-1 Operating policy be and hereby is amended as follows:

Any section or part of the parks or recreation areas hereinafter named may be declared closed to the public by the Mayor of the City of Linwood at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals.

SECTION 3 : Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas, 197-2 Permit for group activity be and hereby is amended as follows:

A. Whenever any person, group, association or organization desires to use said park facilities for a particular purpose, such as picnics, parties or theatrical or entertainment performances or any other activity, a representative of said person, group, association or organization shall first obtain a permit from the Linwood Board of Recreation.

B. The Linwood Board of Recreation shall grant the application, if it appears that the person, group, association or organization meets all of the conditions contained in an application form to be hereinafter provided by the City Council. The application may contain a requirement for an indemnity bond to protect the City from any liability of any kind or character and to protect City property from damage.

SECTION 4 : Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas, 197-6 Use of rest rooms and washrooms be and hereby is amended as follows:

Any person using rest rooms and/or washrooms contained on the park area, shall cooperate in maintaining the rest rooms and/or washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.

SECTION 5 : Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas, 197-9 Use of vehicles be and hereby is amended as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful to drive or park any automobile or other form of motor vehicle, motorcycle, golf cart, low speed vehicle, e-scooter, scooter, e-bike, minibike or bicycle in the park area or to park or leave any such vehicle on any place other than one established for public parking, unless otherwise authorized by the City of Linwood. Bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, and e-scooters may be permitted to be parked in the park area but only at designated areas for the parking of bicycles. Bicycles may be operated on any path designated for travel in the park area.

B. Golf carts and/or low speed vehicles may be permitted in the parks only for use of an approved sports organization after obtaining authorization from the Linwood Board of Recreation.

SECTION 6 : Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas, 197-12 Signs and advertising materials be and hereby is amended as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, plaque or advertisement or inscription whatsoever, nor shall any person erect, or cause to be erected, any sign whatsoever on any public land or highway or roads adjacent to said park or playground or highway or roads adjacent to said park or playground area unless otherwise authorized by the City of Linwood. However, the temporary placement of signs for advertising purposes may be allowed on the left and the right outfield fences surrounding the Little League field, the fence located next to the soccer field, and the fence located next to the football field. The aforementioned signs shall be permitted only by approval from Linwood City Council in accordance with conditions and regulations as may be determined and promulgated by the Linwood City Council.

SECTION 7: Chapter 197, Parks and Recreation Areas be and hereby is amended to add the following:

The public parks and recreation areas shall be closed to the public from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Use of the athletic fields for sports organizations with approval from the Board of Recreation shall not be subject to the regular hours of operation during the approved use.

SECTION 8: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 9: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 10: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

<i>FIRST READING:</i>	<i>September 27, 2023</i>
<i>PUBLICATION:</i>	<i>October 3, 2023</i>
<i>PASSAGE:</i>	<i>October 11, 2023</i>

The within Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on, September 27, 2023 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Common Council on October 11, 2023.

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