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PART 1

FLOOD PROTECTION LEVEE SYSTEM

A. Motorized Vehicles.

§16-101. Definitions.

The following words, as used in this Part, shall have the meaning ascribed thereto, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

AMPHITHEATER - a concrete seating area located on the Susquehanna River side of the levee and located just east of Veteran's Bridge.

AUTHORIZED VEHICLE - a vehicle or type of vehicle other than an emergency vehicle for which special operating or equipment privileges are given by the City.

BEACH - the area designated by the City of Lock Haven as a swimming and bathing area located on the Susquehanna River.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE - a Fire Department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff vehicle, ambulance, blood delivery vehicle, armed forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or chief of County medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a chief deputy coroner or deputy chief County medical examiner used for answering emergency calls, or any other vehicle designated by the State Police under §6106 (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code) or a privately owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by any of the following:

- (1) A police chief or assistant chief.
- (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third assistant chief.
- (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant commander.
- (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.
- (6) A County emergency management coordinator.
- (7) A fire marshal
- (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.
- (9) Levee Superintendent or other officer authorized by the City Manager. [Ord. 670]

FOOTPATH - that paved portion of the levee system constructed and intended for use of pedestrians.

LEVEE SYSTEM - the flood protection project (or levee) consists of some 36,600 feet of earthen and rock embankment and an additional 1,000 feet of concrete flood wall running from Houston Street in Flemington Borough through the International Paper Company property, Castanea Township, along U.S. 220, around the airport and upstream along the river bank to a tieout at Lock Have University. It includes five closure structures and storage building associated with these closures, 35 drainage structures, five miniparks, the new beach and beach house, the new amphitheater, the paved walking and jogging path along the top of portions of the levee and the many benches, pole lights, bicycle racks and picnic tables located in these areas.

MOTOR VEHICLE - a vehicle which is self-propelled including, but not limited to, minibikes, motorcycles, trail bikes, gocarts, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, except ones which are propelled by human power.

PEDESTRIAN - a natural person afoot.

PERSON - any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.

PLAY or RECREATION AREA - any area designated by City Council as being for public use for purposes of recreation, amusement or pleasure.

VEHICLE - any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or my be transported or drawn upon the levee including, but not limited to, skateboards, bicycles, tricycles, in-line skates, coasters, sleds, skis, except devices used exclusively to transport handicapped persons or infants and small children by a pedestrian.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §1; as amended by Ord. 670, 2/24/2003, §1)

§16-102. Operation of Motorized Vehicles and Nonmotorized Vehicles on Levee Areas Prohibited.

- It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized vehicle or nonmotorized vehicle including, but not limited to, minibikes, motorcycles, scooters, trail bikes, gocarts, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles in or upon the levee owned by or under the control of the City.
- 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized or nonmotorized vehicle or device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon the levee including, but not limited to skateboards, bicycles, tricycles, in-line skates, coasters, sleds, skis, except devices used exclusively to transport handicapped persons or infants and small children by a pedestrian.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §2)

§16-103. Permitting Children to Operate Motorized Vehicles on Levee Areas Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person being the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 16 years to permit or cause to permit said child to operate any motorized vehicle including, but not limited to, minibikes, motorcycles, scooters, trail bikes, gocarts or snowmobiles, ATVs in or upon the levee owned or under the control of the City.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §3)

§16-104. Inapplicability to Certain Vehicles and Operators.

The provisions of this Part shall not apply to equipment owned by or under the control of the City of Lock Haven which is being used for the care or maintenance of the grounds or facilities, or emergency or authorized vehicles.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §4)

§16-105. Penalty.

Any person, who shall violate any provision of §§16-102 or 16-103 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$600 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each succeeding offense shall cause to be issued a fine to increase no less than \$100 and costs of prosecution. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §5; as amended by Ord. 670, 2/24/2003, §1)

B. Rules and Regulations.

§16-111. Rules and Regulations.

Any rules and regulations hereby or hereinafter established by ordinance of the City of Lock Haven:

- A. **Levee Usage Hours.** The levee shall be opened daily to the public at such hours as the City of Lock Haven may from time to time designate, but in no event shall any person be permitted to be in attendance on the levee between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m., unless specific permission be granted by the City of Lock Haven.
- B. **Prohibited Conduct.** No person in attendance on the levee shall:
 - (1) Injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures, signs or fixtures, any other property of the City of Lock Haven located within the levee system.
 - (2) Litter any area of the levee with garbage, paper, bottles, cans or other waste material; they shall not dispose of the same in any way, except in receptacles designated for the respective purpose.
 - (3) Kindle or maintain any fire on the levee system.
 - (4) Remove any bollard, bench, handrail, seat, table or other item from the levee system without permission of the City.
 - (5) Injure, deface, destroy or remove any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place within the levee system of the City of Lock Haven, nor shall any notice or placard be posted within the levee other than by authority of the City.
 - (6) Set up any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article or service whatsoever within the limits of the levee system without permission of the City.
 - (7) Operate, stop or park any vehicle, bicycle or other means of conveyance, except in areas where permitted or designated by proper authority of the City.
 - (8) Bring onto the premises, possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind; no person shall enter the levee system under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

- (9) Carry or discharge any firearms, slingshots, firecrackers, fireworks or other missiles propelling instruments or explosives, or arrows or other dangerous weapons which have such properties as to cause annoyance or injury to any person or property, unless permission has been granted by the City in designated areas; law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties shall be exempt from these provisions.
- (10) Play ball, swim, golf, pitch horseshoes, engage in archery, sled ride, cross country skiing or launch, dock or land any boat, engage in finding buried objects with special detectors or participate in any other form of recreation, sporting endeavor or pastime, except in those areas which may be designated from time to time for that purpose by the City.
- (11) Disturb the peace by any act or conduct himself in an indecent or boisterous manner within the levee system so as to annoy any other person using the levee system for recreational purposes.
- (12) Operate a vehicle on the levee system.
- (13) Use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words.
- (14) Commit any disorderly acts.
- (15) Hold any public meeting or engage in any marching as members if a military, political or other organization without permission of the City
- (16) Be on the levee system other than the footpath, beach area, amphitheater and fishing access area.
- (17) Disobey a proper order of a police officer or City authorized personnel, or disobey or disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation, warning, prohibition, instruction or direction posted or as to its existence by the City of Lock Haven.
- (18) Hunt for, capture or kill, or attempt or capture or kill or aid or assist in the capturing or killing of, in any manner, any wild bird or wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise, and to the end it is unlawful for any person to carry onto or possess on the levee system a rifle or pistol or firearm of any make or kind, unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by some authority of the City.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §6)

§16-112. Reservations for Specific Uses.

The use of the amphitheater shall be on a first come, first served basis:

- A. By annual permissions granted by the City for the scheduling of various events.
- B. By permission granted by the City for a specific requested use.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §7)

§16-113. Penalty.

Any person, who shall violate any provision of §16-111 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$600 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each succeeding offense shall cause to be issued a fine to increase no less than \$100 and costs of prosecution. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 470B, 7/11/1994, §8; as amended by Ord. 670, 2/24/2003, §1)

PART 2

MOTORIZED VEHICLES

§16-201. Operation of Motorized Vehicles In Play or Recreation Areas Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized vehicle including, but not limited to, minibikes, motorcycles, scooters, trail bikes, gocarts or snow mobiles in or upon any playgrounds, parks, ball fields, tennis courts or other areas owned or under the control of the City and designated as a play or recreation area.

(Ord. 827A, 6/5/1972, §1)

§16-202. Permitting Children to Operate Motorized Vehicles In Play or Recreation Areas Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person, being the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 16 years, to permit said child to operate any motorized vehicle including, but not limited to, minibikes, motorcycles, scooters, trail bikes, gocarts or snowmobiles in or upon any playground, park, ball field, tennis court or other area owned by or under the control of the City and designated as a play or recreation area.

(Ord. 827A, 6/5/1972, §2)

§16-203. City May Establish Areas for Operation of Motorized Vehicles.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the City from establishing or designating a specific play or recreational area where the operation of such vehicles shall be permissible under such regulations as the City shall establish.

(Ord. 827A, 6/5/1972, §3)

§16-204. Inapplicability to Certain Vehicles and Operators.

The provisions of this Part shall not apply to properly registered vehicles being operated by properly licensed operators on public streets or highways within a play or recreation area, nor shall it apply to equipment owned by or under the control of the City of Lock Haven which is being used for the care or maintenance of the grounds or facilities of said play or recreation area.

(Ord. 827A, 6/5/1972, §4)

§16-205. Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of §§16201 or 16-202 of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

(Ord. 827A, 6/5/1972, §5; as amended by Ord. 670, 2/24/2003, §1)

PART 3

RULES AND REGULATIONS

§16-301. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

PARK - the term "park" or "parks," unless specifically limited, shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, tennis courts, beaches, recreation structures and facilities and also entrances and approaches thereto, and all other land or property or structures under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Parks Board, now or hereafter owned or acquired by the City of Lock Haven for park or recreational purposes.

PERSON - any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - any rules and regulations hereby or hereafter established by the ordinance of the City of Lock Haven as promulgated by the Recreation and Parks Board under the authority herein conferred.

(Ord. 963A, 7/19/1976, §1)

§16-302. Park Hours.

All parks shall be opened daily to the public at such hours as the Recreation and Parks Board may from time to time designate, but in no event shall any person be permitted to be in attendance in any park between 9 p.m. and sunrise, except Hanna Park and Peddie Memorial Park where the time shall be 10 p.m. to sunrise and Riverbank Park where there shall be no time limit, unless special permission be granted by the Recreation and Parks Board or other authority of the City.

(Ord. 963A, 7/19/1976, §2)

§16-303. Prohibited Conduct.

No person in attendance at any park shall:

- A. Injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures or any other property of the City located within the park.
- B. Litter any area of the park with garbage, paper, bottles, cans or other waste material, nor shall they dispose of the same in any way, except in receptacles designated for the respective purposes.

- C. Kindle or maintain any fire in the park, except in fireplaces or areas specially designated for that purpose and located by authority of the City.
- D. Remove any bench, seat, table or other appliance from the park without permission of the City.
- E. Injure, deface, destroy or remove any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place within the park by authority of the Recreation and Parks Board or other proper authority of the City, nor shall any notice or placard be posted within the park other than by authority of said Board or other proper authority of the City.
- F. Set up any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article or service whatsoever within the limits of the park without permission of the City.
- G. Operate, stop or park any vehicle, bicycle or other means of conveyance, except in areas where permitted or designated by the proper authority of the City, or operate the same in a reckless manner or in a negligent manner or in excess of any posted speed limit.
- H. Bring onto the premises, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs of any kind, mo person shall enter the park in an intoxicated state or otherwise be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- I. Carry or discharge any firearms, slingshots, firecrackers, fireworks or other missiles propelling instruments or explosive arrows, or other dangerous weapons which have such properties as to cause annoyance or injury to any person or property, unless permission has been granted by the City in designated areas; police officers in the performance of their duties will be exempt from these provisions.
- J. Play ball, swim, golf, pitch horseshoes, engage in archery or launch, dock or land any boat, engage in finding any objects with special detectors and dig or probe into the ground for any objects or participate in any other form of recreation, sporting endeavor or pastime, except in those areas which may be designated from time to time for that purpose by the Recreation and Parks Board.
- K. Disrobe or change clothing, except in buildings or facilities made available for that purpose.
- L. Disturb the peace by any act or conduct himself in an indecent or boisterous manner within the parks so as to annoy any other person using the park for recreation purposes.
- M. Operate a snowmobile, minibike, motorcycle or any vehicle, recreational or otherwise, except on designated roads, trails or areas set aside for their use.
- N. Use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words.

- O. Commit any disorderly or immoral acts.
- P. Hold any public meeting or engage in any marching or driving as members of a military, political or other organization without permission of the City.
- Q. Disobey a proper order of a police officer or Recreation and Parks Department personnel, or disobey or disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation, warning, prohibition, instruction or direction posted or displayed by sign, notice, bulletin, card, poster or when notified or informed as to its existence by Recreation and Parks Department personnel or authorized person.
- R. Hunt for, capture or kill, or attempt to capture or kill or aid or assist in the capturing or killing of, in any manner, any wild bird or wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise, and to that end it is unlawful for any person to carry onto or possess on any park, a shotgun or rifle or pistol or firearm of any make or kind unless specific permission is granted for a designated area by some authority of the City.

(Ord. 963A, 7/19/1976, §3)

§16-304. Reservation for Specific Uses.

The use of all parks shall be on a first come/first served basis unless otherwise reserved:

- A. By annual permissions granted by the Recreation and Parks Board for the scheduling of various league games, etc.
- B. For school or college athletic games, practice, contests or exhibitions.
- C. For regularly scheduled school district recreation programs.
- D. By permission granted by the City for a specific requested use.

(Ord. 963A, 7/19/1976, §4)

§16-305. Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 plus costs for the first offense and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each succeeding offense shall cause to be issued a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600 and costs of prosecution and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 963A, 7/19/1976, §5; as amended by Ord. 670, 2/24/2003, §1)