

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
MORRIS COUNTY – NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 09-25**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
AMENDING CHAPTERS 258, 367 and 447 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Morris (the “Township”) desires to amend Chapters 258, 367 and 447 of the Code of the Township of Morris; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee have determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to amend Chapters 258, 367 and 447 of the Township’s Code; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township of Morris of the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 258 of the Code of the Township of Morris is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 258. Fees**

**Article 11. Recreation Programs**

**§ 258-8. General recreation program fees.**

A. Fees.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>(per person)</b>
Youth athletic instruction and youth leagues	\$25 to \$125 per session
Adult athletics and fitness programs	\$20 to \$200 per session
Child and adult tennis instruction and clinics	\$45 to \$500 per session
Specialized instruction and activity programs	\$20 to \$400 per session
Summer playground program	\$90 to \$200 per session
Youth sports camps	\$50 to \$500 per session
Preschool classes and activity programs	\$70 to \$300 per session
Special event programs	\$10 to \$100 per event
Recreation day trips	\$25 to \$300 per trip
Recreation multiday trips	\$100 to \$1,000 per trip
Specialized sports leagues	\$50 to \$350 per session
Community garden programs	\$15 to \$200 per session

B. Fees required under Subsection A above, except trips, shall be waived for any Township resident receiving public assistance. For the purposes of this section, public assistance shall include participation in the following: welfare assistance, subsidized housing, federal school lunch program, food stamps, or other forms of public assistance.

C. Recreation program fees may be reduced or waived by the Recreation Manager or designee for individuals with disabilities participating in youth and/or adult service organizations incorporated as not-for-profit organizations as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and serving residents of the Township of Morris. Such reductions or waivers shall be requested in writing to the Department of Parks and Recreation and shall include the specific justification for the fee waiver or reduction request.

- D. There will be an additional \$10.00 fee for Recreation programs for non-residents of the Township of Morris.

**Section 2.** Chapter 367 of the Code of the Township of Morris is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 367. Parks, Playgrounds and Public Places**

**§ 367- 1. Rules and regulations.**

The following rules and regulations are hereby adopted for the use of the public parks, playgrounds and other public places in the Township of Morris:

- A. Such places shall be opened for the use of the public from sunrise to sunset and shall not be used by any person or persons between sunset and sunrise, unless written permission for such use is given by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the Township of Morris or the Township Committee.
- B. Prohibitions. It shall be unlawful for any person in a public park, playground, recreation area or other public place in the Township of Morris to:
- (1) Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving materials, waterlines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices, or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
  - (2) Fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.
  - (3) Dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs or plants or other wood or materials or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency or to bore holes in, alter or deface any asphalt, concrete or other impervious surface.
  - (4) Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except on special written permit issued hereunder.
  - (5) Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark or pick flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, dig in or otherwise disturb grassed areas, introduce any noxious or invasive insect or plant species, or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
  - (6) Climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, planters, fountains, railings, fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.
  - (7) Tie or hitch any animal to any tree or plant or to otherwise ride, walk or bring onto these premises for any purpose any animal, whether domestic or wild, unless such property is specifically posted so as to permit such use. Walking of dogs under leash and in full control shall be permitted in parks, except that no dogs shall be walked in playgrounds, on paved court areas, or on athletic fields. Dog walkers are required to clean up and properly dispose of fecal matter produced by their pets.

- (8) Hunt, molest, kill, wound, trap, abuse, shoot, pursue or throw missiles at or remove or have in his or her possession an animal, reptile or bird found within any park, playground or recreation area, or disturb the habitat or the nest of any such animal, bird or reptile. The Township may undertake control of nuisance animals in parks per current state and federal regulations.
- (9) Throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in any park or any tributary stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such water any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.
- (10) Have brought in or dump in, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in any park or recreation area or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but it shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- (11) Drive or park any vehicle on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas or such areas as may on occasion be specifically designated, except as required for a bona-fide mobility assistance need. In addition, there shall be no skateboarding, roller-skating, in-line skating, hockey or other such activity unless an area is specifically posted for such use by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- (12) Leave a vehicle standing or parked at night in designated parking areas or elsewhere unless permitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (13) Ride a bicycle without due care and circumspection and without reasonable regard to the safety of the operator or others.
- (14) Leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving or set against trees or in any place or position where a person may trip over or be injured by it.
- (15) Swim, bathe, wade or ice skate in any waters or waterways in any park or recreation area except in such waters and at such places as are provided therefor and in compliance with such regulations as are herein set forth or may be hereinafter adopted; nor shall any person frequent any waters or places customarily designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing or congregate thereat when such activities are prohibited by the Township of Morris upon a finding that such use of the water would be dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.
- (16) Bring into or operate any boat, raft or other watercraft, whether motor-powered or not, upon any waters, except that kayaks, canoes and rowboats may be permitted on state waters adjacent to Township parklands and on waters specifically designated by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (17) Fish in any area where bathing is permitted.
- (18) Shoot into any of the areas regulated by this chapter from beyond the boundaries of such areas. No person shall carry or possess firearms or discharge firearms of any description, including air rifles, spring guns, bow and arrows, slings or any other form of weapons, in the public park, playground or recreational areas to which this chapter relates.

- (19) Annoy another person or utter any profane, threatening, indecent or abusive language or act in a disorderly manner.
  - (20) Use any portion of any park, recreation area or public place or picnic area or any of the buildings or structures thereon to the exclusion of other persons; nor shall any person use such areas and facilities for any unreasonable time or in any unreasonable manner.
  - (21) Leave a picnic area before all trash is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are available, then trash shall be carried away from the area by the picnicker to be properly disposed of elsewhere.
  - (22) Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins and horseshoes except in those areas set apart for such forms of recreation and appropriately marked as such. The playing of team games such as soccer, football, rugby, cricket, ultimate frisbee, baseball and lacrosse is prohibited except on the fields and courts of areas provided therefor and as regulated herein.
  - (23) Use any field, park or playground which has been posted as "closed."
  - (24) Use any field, park or playground for a use for which such premises is not intended or is otherwise prohibited by a posted notice of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- C. Prohibition of discrimination. It shall be the policy of the Township of Morris that no individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, service, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations of any place of public accommodation. To that end, the Township of Morris does hereby determine to afford all services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations to an individual with a disability in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in the full enjoyment of programs and places may avail himself or herself of the grievance procedures established in Chapter 15, Personnel Policies, § 15-10.

**§ 367-5. Fees.**

- A. All industrial, commercial and retail establishments or groups desiring to use a public park or playground of the Township of Morris shall pay the following fees:
  - (1) Morris Township industrial, commercial, retail and not-for-profit establishments or groups located in Morris Township using a facility or sponsoring a team shall pay a use fee of \$70 per three-hour event and a use fee of \$350 for up to 17 three-hour events during a continuous 120- day period.
  - (2) Non-Morris-Township industrial, commercial, retail and not-for-profit establishments or groups using a facility or sponsoring a team shall pay a use fee of \$125 per three-hour event and a use fee of \$600 for up to 17 three-hour events during a continuous 120-day period.
  - (3) Individual Morris Township residents may reserve a facility at a Township Park for a single-day family event up to 50 people for a fee of \$25 for a five-hour permit period.

- (4) Use fees may be waived for not-for-profit groups and associations serving Morris Township area residents and providing recreational, educational and cultural programming.
- (5) Security fees.
  - (a) Industrial, commercial, retail and not-for-profit applicants may be required to post a security fee with the Department of Parks and Recreation in the following amounts:

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Fee</b>
1 to 100	\$100
101 to 250	\$200
251 to 500	\$300
501 to 1,000	\$500
1,001 plus	\$1,000

- (b) Security fees shall be returned only after inspection of the facilities for damages by representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department. Security fees may be retained in whole or in part to offset the costs of labor and materials to make repair of damages.

B. Any person wishing to use any Township pickleball court shall be required to first register and obtain an annual pickleball pass or be playing as a guest of a registered player with a valid guest pass. The fees for an annual pickleball pass are as follows:

- (1) Resident fee for a pickleball annual pass shall be \$25 per person per year (includes an annual guest pass).
- (2) Nonresident fee for a pickleball annual pass shall be \$175 per person per year.
- (3) All pickleball fees shall be for the calendar year and shall not be pro-rated.
- (4) Resident fees required under this subsection shall be waived for any Township resident receiving public assistance. For the purposes of this section, public assistance shall include participation in the following: welfare assistance, subsidized housing, federal school lunch program, food stamps, or other forms of public assistance.

**§ 367-6. Permits for use of fields, playgrounds, recreation areas and courts.**

A. Field, playground, recreation area and court permits. Permits shall be required in the use of a Morris Township field, playground or court under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) Except as otherwise determined by the Parks and Recreation Department, when there are more than 12 participants per activity and/or spectators in attendance. The Parks and Recreation Department shall evaluate each park and playground to determine the appropriate maximum number of participants and/or spectators for purposes of requiring a recreational field or playground permit.
- (2) Any equipment that is needed to be installed temporarily on the field, playground or court, including but not limited to soccer and lacrosse goals, volleyball nets and the lining of any field. No permanent installations of equipment may be installed.
- (3) Any field, playground or court will be used for any sport purpose other than for

which it was specifically created, unless permitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

- (2) The field, playground or court will be used for organized games. Games will be considered organized where there is a referee, umpire or other official; teams are part of a league; teams have uniforms; there is a charge to any team or player for participating; there are trophies, medals or other prizes offered to individuals or teams; or spectators are invited.
- (5) The game or event is sponsored by a business or organization.
- (6) A person or group elects to reserve the field for exclusive use for a period of time.

B. Procedure to obtain a permit. Permits for use of the field, playground or court shall be obtained via the online registration portal with Parks and Recreation Department in accordance with the following procedures:

- (1) The person or group of persons seeking issuance of the permit shall file an application via the online registration portal with the Parks and Recreation Department, stating the name and address of the applicant; the name and address of the person, persons, corporation or association sponsoring the activity, if any; the day and the hours for which the permit is desired; a reasonable estimate of the anticipated attendance; the type of game or activity for which the permit is desired; the anticipated age group of the expected participants; such other information as may be reasonably required.
- (2) The permittee shall provide a certificate of liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000, combined single limit, naming the Township of Morris as an additional insured. The certificate of insurance requirement may be waived for Morris Township Neighborhood Associations and individual resident applications for single-day events.
- (3) All permit holders shall be responsible for ensuring that all participants and spectators adhere to park rules, and for summoning the police if individuals fail to do so; ensuring that the field or court is in a safe condition prior to allowing players to proceed and for reporting unsafe conditions to the Parks and Recreation Department not later than one business day after its use; ensuring that, upon conclusion of the use, the field, playground or court is left in the same condition in which it was found, including removal of any equipment and cleanup and proper disposal of any litter; and compliance with any special conditions imposed on the permit by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- (4) The Parks and Recreation Department may refuse to issue a permit where the applicant has violated the conditions of a permit issued on a previous occasion and may also rescind a permit which has been issued for a material misrepresentation of fact on the application.
- (5) Denial of permit.
  - (a) Within five days after receipt of a digital application for a permit herein, the Parks and Recreation Department (or the issuing officer) shall advise the applicant, in writing, of the reasons for refusing a permit, and any aggrieved person or group of persons shall have the right to appeal, in writing, within 10 days to the Township Committee, which shall consider the application

under the standards and procedures set forth herein and sustain or overrule the decision of the Director within 20 days from the date of filing of the appeal with the Township Clerk.

- (b) If the decision of the Department is sustained on appeal, the reasons for the refusal of the permit shall be set forth in writing. If the decision of the Department is overruled and a permit granted, the Committee may attach reasonable conditions to the issuance of such permit, consistent with this chapter.

**Section 3. Chapter 447** of the Code of the Township of Morris is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 447. Swimming Pools Article I.**

**Municipal Pool**

**§ 447-2. Membership.**

- A. Membership is open to residents of the Township of Morris. Applications for membership from nonresidents will be accepted on a limited basis to be determined by the Township Committee, Township of Morris. Applications in excess of the maximum membership capacity of 4,000 memberships will be placed on a waiting list. As vacancies occur, the applications from Morris Township residents will be taken from the waiting list in the sequence in which they were received. Membership is valid for one season only and shall have no bearing on eligibility in any successive season.
- B. Types of membership; proof of residency.
  - (1) Types of membership:
    - (a) Family membership, resident or nonresident. This membership includes a couple or widow or widower only and all children, natural or adopted, unmarried and living at home, including state ward children who are not yet 23 years of age on July 1 of the membership year.
    - (b) Couple membership of two people, one of whom is an adult, resident or nonresident, who reside in the same dwelling (child, if any, who is not yet 23 years of age on July 1 of the membership year).
    - (c) Babysitter or parent's helper, resident or nonresident, who does not reside in the same household, but must be accompanied by the children for which they are responsible and which children must be members of a household membership.
    - (d) Individual membership, resident or nonresident, is available to any one individual 15 years of age or over. Children between 12 to 14 years of age must complete an exemption form with their (parent or Guardian) in person at the Parks & Recreation office for each swim pool season to be able to use the pool without a parent/ guardian present.
    - (e) Senior citizen individual membership, resident or nonresident, is available to any one individual who is of the age of 62 years or older on July 1 of the membership year, and such person must present proof of age at the time of application by either a photostatic copy of his or her birth certificate or other proof satisfactory to the Township of Morris.

- (f) Senior citizen couple membership, resident or nonresident, is available to any senior couples who are of the age of 62 years or older on July 1 of the membership year, and such persons must present proof of age at the time of application by either a photostatic copy of his or her birth certificate or other proof satisfactory to the Township of Morris.

(2) The Township of Morris reserves the right to request proof of residency.

- C. Active-Duty Military who are residents of Morris Township and who are on leave or discharged during the period of January through Labor Day of the current pool season shall be given a pool membership free of charge, upon proof of leave or discharge at the time of application for this privilege.

#### **Chapter 447. Swimming Pools Article I.**

##### **Municipal Pool**

##### **§ 447-3. Use of pool.**

- A. All members, upon proper identification card being presented to the pool office, shall be entitled to use either pool facility.
- B. Membership will be accomplished by submission, acceptance, and execution of an online application to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

#### **Chapter 447. Swimming Pools Article I.**

##### **Municipal Pool**

##### **§ 447-5. Membership fees.**

- A. The fees and charges associated with the municipal pools shall be established annually by resolution of the governing body.
- B. Membership sales shall be offered annually. The Township reserves the right to change or restrict membership sales based on swim pool capacity limits and NJ Department of Health requirements.
- C. Membership fees shall be paid in full with the filing of the application for membership.
- D. Guests will be permitted to members as follows:
  - (1) Each family membership will receive four free one-day guest privileges; each couple membership shall receive three free one-day guest privileges; and each individual membership will receive two free one-day guest privileges, which guest privileges may be used only during specified times during the current pool season.
  - (2) Members will be permitted to purchase and enter guests at the pools by purchasing a daily guest admission through the online registration portal.
  - (3) All members may purchase a pack of 10 one-day guest passes through the online registration portal, which guest privileges may be used during the current pool season. **All guests must be always accompanied by the sponsoring member.** Failure to accompany the member always may result

in suspension or revocation of the membership without a refund.

- (4) Members may purchase a two-week visitor pass for a child 16 years of age and younger visiting their household upon presentation of a certifying letter from the child's parent or guardian that the child is related family, and that the child will be in the care of that member for that two-week period of time. A non-photo visitor pass card will be issued to the member for the visiting child. The sponsoring member shall be present at the pool at all times when the visitor is using the pool.
- E. No fees are returnable for any reason after opening day of the current season, including unused daily guest admissions and a pack of 10.
- F. Children's group swim lessons may be offered at the discretion of the Township of Morris.
- G. Swim team is offered to all children with a swim pool membership between ages six and 17. Swim team participants must be current members or staff of the Morris Township swim pools.
- H. Specialized program and training fees may be offered at the discretion of the Township of Morris.
- I. Active volunteer members of the Morris Township Fire Department, the Morris Township Office of Emergency Management, and the Minute Men Volunteer Emergency Medical Services shall receive a seasonal pool membership for themselves and their spouse/partner and/or children under the age of 23 at no charge for the membership season. The chief operating officer of each unit shall certify that the volunteer qualifies as an active member for that year.
- J. Individual full-time employees of the Township of Morris shall be eligible for a seasonal swim pool membership at no charge for the current membership season. Additional family members may join at pro-rated membership rates.

## **Chapter 447. Swimming Pools Article I.**

### **Municipal Pool**

#### **§ 447-6. Identification cards.**

- A. All members will be issued identification cards which must be shown for admission to the pool area.
- B. Identification cards are not transferable.
- C. Lost cards must be reported immediately to the pool management, and the individual may secure temporary admission for one day only.
- D. New permanent identification cards may be purchased online on Community Pass or at the Parks and Recreation Department. A fee of \$15.00 will be payable to the Township of Morris for the replacement card.
- E. Membership cards, permanent or temporary, are nontransferable. Anyone transferring and/or anyone who is the recipient of a transferred card, who is also a pool member, will have pool privileges revoked for the remainder of the season without refund.

- F. Persons defacing a card shall lose swimming privileges for seven days and shall be charged \$15.00 a replacement fee for a new card. A second offense shall cause revocation of pool privileges for the remainder of the season without refund.
- G. If membership is obtained by a fraudulent statement, the membership of the entire household shall be canceled without refund.

**Section 4.** Each clause, section or subsection of the ordinance shall be deemed a separate provision to the intent that if any such clause, section or subsection should be declared invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law; and as otherwise provided by for by law.

The foregoing is a true copy of a bond ordinance introduced and adopted on first reading by the governing body of the Township of Morris on February 19, 2025.

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS**

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Donna J. Guariglia, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Suzanne Walsh, Township Clerk

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ADOPTION: MARCH 19, 2025