

ORDINANCE NO. 265

HONEY BROOK BOROUGH
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HONEY BROOK, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 16, TITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION" TO REGULATE ACTIVITIES IN THE BOROUGH PARKS, INCLUDING PROHIBITIONS ON DOGS, ALCOHOL, AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ESTABLISHING PARK HOURS AND OTHER USE REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SEVERABILITY PROVISIONS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council seeks to govern activities in the Borough Parks to provide for the proper use and enjoyment of parks by users and for the health, safety, and welfare of all users.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is authorized to regulate recreation places, including public parks, within the Borough limits pursuant to its statutory authority under the Commonwealth's Borough Code, Title 8, Chapter 36 (8 Pa.C.S.A. § 2701).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of Honey Brook Borough, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the Code of Honey Brook Borough shall be further amended as follows:

SECTION 1: A new Chapter, titled, "Parks and Recreation" shall be adopted which shall read as follows:

"Chapter 16. PARKS AND RECREATION

§ 16-101. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to enact regulations governing activities in the Borough Parks to provide for the proper use and enjoyment of the park by users and for the health, safety, and welfare of all users.

§ 16-102. Definitions

1. Unless otherwise expressly stated the following words and phrases shall be construed throughout this Chapter to have the meanings indicated:

DOG

Any member of the species *Canis familiaris*, regardless of breed, size, or age.

PERSON

Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or organization of any kind.

PARK(S), INCLUSIVE OF BOROUGH PARKS, PUBLIC PARKS

Any property owned, operated, or maintained by the Borough of Honey Brook that is designated or used for public recreation, including but not limited to playgrounds, playing fields, picnic areas, pavilions, pickleball courts, bocce courts, walking paths, and open spaces. This shall include current parks and future parks to be established.

REFUSE

All garbage, trash, litter, debris, yard waste, or other discarded material.

SERVICE ANIMAL

A dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

§ 16-103. Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall possess, consume, or distribute alcoholic beverages of any kind within any Borough Park.

§ 16-104. Disorderly Conduct

No person shall engage in disorderly conduct in any Borough Park. Disorderly conduct shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Fighting, threatening, or violent behavior;
2. Use of abusive, obscene, or profane language in a manner that disturbs others;
3. Excessive noise or conduct that interferes with the use and enjoyment of the park by others;
4. Damage, destruction, or defacement of Borough property.

§ 16-105. Dogs Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to bring, permit, or allow any dog to enter or remain within any Borough Park, except for:

1. Service animals as defined in Section 102;
2. Dogs used by law enforcement or emergency personnel in the performance of official duties;
3. Any areas specifically designated and signed by the Borough as dog friendly.

§ 16-106. Pickleball Courts

The following rules apply to pickleball courts located within Borough Parks:

1. Courts are for pickleball use only unless otherwise designated by the Borough.
2. No bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, or pets are permitted on the courts.
3. Proper footwear must be worn at all times; only non-marking court shoes are permitted.
4. No alcoholic beverages, glass containers, food, gum, or smoking on courts.
5. Keep the gate closed at all times.

§ 16-107. Refuse and Cleanliness

No person shall deposit, dump, or leave refuse of any kind within any Borough Park, except in designated receptacles provided for such purpose. All park users shall be responsible for removing their personal property and waste when leaving a Borough Park.

§ 16-108. General Prohibited Conduct

In addition to the specific prohibitions set forth in this Chapter, no person shall engage in any conduct within a Borough Park that:

1. Endangers the health, safety, or welfare of others;
2. Interferes with the rights of other persons to use and enjoy the park;
3. Causes damage to Borough property or natural resources;
4. Violates any other Borough ordinance, state law, or regulation applicable to public parks.

§ 16-109. Borough Park Hours

Borough Parks shall be open to the public only from Dawn to Dusk each day. No person shall enter or remain in any Borough Park outside of these hours except with the express written permission of the Borough Council or its designee.

§ 16-110. Permits for Use of Facilities

1. Permit Required – A Borough-issued permit shall be required for the rental or reserved use of Borough Park facilities, including but not limited to pavilions, pickleball courts, and bocce courts.
2. Application – Applications for permits shall be made to the Borough office on forms provided by the Borough and accompanied by any required fees.
3. Compliance – Permit holders must comply with all terms and conditions set forth by the Borough. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the permit, forfeiture of fees, and/or fines as provided in this Chapter.

§ 16-111. Enforcement

This Chapter shall be enforced by the Honey Brook Borough Police Department and the Borough Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 16-112. Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. First Offense – Written Warning
2. Second Offense – Fine of \$50.00
3. Third and Subsequent Offenses – Fine of \$100.00 per occurrence

If offenses are continual and/or fines are unpaid, the Borough may pursue additional remedies, and any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Chapter, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs 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 Chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.”

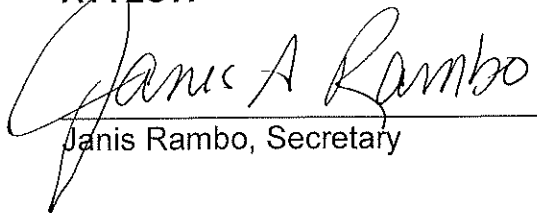
SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Council of the Borough of Honey Brook that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included therein.


SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

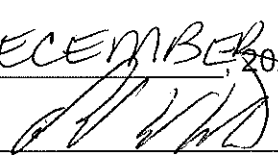
ATTEST:


Janis Rambo, Secretary

COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF
OF HONEY BROOK

By: 
William Ford, President

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.


Matthew Halvorsen, Mayor