



PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Pine Level owns and holds available to the public, parks and recreation facilities consisting primarily of children's play areas, picnic areas, baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, a walking track, and concession stand, and otherwise known as the "Sam Godwin Recreation Park," which is located between US Highway 70-A, Legion Lane, and Crescent Street, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pine Level has seen the need for uniform regulation of the activities permitted upon and usage of said parks and recreation facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pine Level:

Section 12-90. Hours of operation.

The parks and recreation facilities shall be open to the public during daylight hours only. Town approved activities or recreation committee activities will be the only exceptions.

Section 12-91. Priority of use.

Town approved activities and recreation committee activities shall have priority in using the parks and recreation facilities. Other usage shall be on a first come, first served basis.

Section 12-92. Application for use.

Application for permission to use recreation areas or facilities shall be made in person at the Town Hall.

Section 12-93. Areas and facilities to be designated by the town clerk; supervision of facilities.

All picnics, parties, all groups of persons, and business or civic entertainments permitted shall occupy grounds, rooms, and buildings to be designated by the town clerk and shall be under the supervision of the town clerk, recreation commissioner or their designee. A group of less than twelve (12) persons are exempt from the application process. However, any group with an approved application shall have priority in the use of the approved facility.

Section 12-94. Use for political or private profit prohibited.

No recreation area shall be used for a political or private profit-making enterprise.

Section 12-95. Use for charitable events.

Recreation areas may be used for approved charitable events where an admissions fee is charged.

Section 12-96. No fees for school activities.

No fee will be charged for the use of recreation facilities for any official school-approved activity of the schools of the town.

Section 12-97. Obscene language; disorderly conduct; nuisances.

No persons shall conduct themselves in a disorderly or obscene manner or commit any nuisance upon the grounds of any parks and recreation area.

Section 12-98. Injuring, defacing, etc., buildings, equipment, plants, etc.

No person shall in any manner deface or injure any building, equipment, grounds, trees, shrubs or plants growing in any of the parks and recreation areas or upon any premises under the jurisdiction of the Town of Pine Level.

Section 12-99. Firearms, explosives, knives, etc.

The carrying or use of firearms, explosives, knives, or weapons of any character upon parks and recreation areas is prohibited unless approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pine Level.

Section 12-100. Alcoholic beverages prohibited.

No alcoholic beverages shall be brought upon or possessed or used in any parks and recreation areas.

Section 12-101. Gambling prohibited.

Gambling is prohibited on or in any parks and recreation area or building, except legally conducted and approved raffles operated by a recognized charity pursuant to state law.

Section 12-102. Fires.

No fire shall be lighted or made in any parks and recreation area except in the places provided.

Section 12-103. Parking of motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas. Parking of vehicles in other areas within any park or delineated recreational area such as playground or ball field is prohibited. All vehicle parking is prohibited during the hours that the parks and recreation facilities are closed.

Section 12-104. Walking track.

The concrete sidewalk comprising the perimeter of the park facilities is a designated walking track. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any motor driven vehicle on the path. It is unlawful for any person to ride or walk a horse on the walking track.

Section 12-105. Discrimination; civil rights violations.

No person or group shall conduct activities on the parks and recreation grounds for the purpose of discriminating against any person or group on the basis of race, national origin, sex or age.

Section 12-106. Fees for use of facilities.

(a) The fees for all recreational facilities operated by the town when the using organization charges admission or tuition fees shall be as established by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pine Level from time to time.

(b) Such fees shall not be charged for activities sponsored by the recreation committee or the public schools.

Section 12-107. Enforcement of this ordinance.

The town clerk and the recreation commissioner or their designee shall have full authority to enforce these regulations or any regulation necessary to the proper conduct and operation of the parks and recreation facilities.

Section 12-108. Violations.

Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor as provided in N.C.G.S. 14-4.

Section 12-109. Penalties.

The following acts are unlawful and violations of this ordinance. Civil penalties listed herein shall be payable to the Town of Pine Level.

Section		Penalty
12-94	Use for political or private profit prohibited	100.00
12-97	Obscene language; disorderly conduct; nuisance	50.00
12-98	Injuring, defacing, etc., buildings, equipment, etc.	100.00
12-99	Firearms, explosives, knives, etc.	100.00
12-100	Alcoholic beverages prohibited	50.00
12-101	Gambling prohibited	50.00
12-102	Fires	50.00
12-103	Parking of motor vehicles	20.00
	Parking in handicapped areas	250.00
12-104	Walking track	50.00

Section 12-110. Adoption.

This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of its adoption and shall supercede any such ordinance that may have been in effect prior to the date of adoption.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY 2001.

Braswell
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sharon H. Thompson
TOWN CLERK

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