

EPSOM PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO WEBSTER PARK & SHORT FALLS

PURPOSE

This Ordinance is intended to encourage and promote the proper use of Epsom's Webster Park, including the portion located near the crossing of Suncook River and Short Falls Road; hereinafter known as the "premises". These premises are owned by the Town of Epsom and is under the supervision of the Epsom Parks and Recreation Commission, hereinafter known as the Commission. The Town intends to maintain these premises as a family recreational facility for public enjoyment.

SECTION 1 – OPERATION HOURS

The premises shall be closed to the public between 9:00 PM and sunrise. No person may enter upon these premises between the hours of 9:00 PM and sunrise.

SECTION 2 – PUBLIC USE THROUGH RESERVATION

Any use of Webster Park for the purpose of an organized event requires application and approval by the Commission and the Chief of Police or their designee. All groups must call the town office to confirm the requirement(s) for a reservation and the availability of the facilities. Availability is not guaranteed without a reservation. No reservations shall be allowed for Short Falls Swimming Area or the playground. All persons or entities reserving Webster Park shall make all required reservation documents available to the Commission members or law enforcement upon request. Any party approved for use of the park through the application process shall have first rights to the use of Webster Park as described in the approved application.

SECTION 3 - CAMPING

No person may pitch a tent or camp upon these premises without written permission of the Commission.

SECTION 4 - GRILLS

No person may kindle, light or maintain an open flame or fire on these premises. Only residential gas grills, for the exclusive purpose of cooking, are permitted, unless a commercial grill or grills are needed and pre-approved for use by the Commission for a planned event. Grills must be attended by an individual over 21 years of age at all times. A working fire extinguisher must be readily available at all times.

SECTION 5 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No person may possess any container of an alcoholic beverage with the seal broken on the premises, except under guidelines issued by permit from the Commission.

SECTION 6 - DUMPING

The premises are carry-in carry-out for all trash and items brought into the premises. Anyone found to be illegally dumping either upon the premises, or in the dumpsters, may be fined in accordance with Section 10. Also see Exemptions, Section 8.

SECTION 7 - PETS

No pets or animals of any kind are allowed at Short Falls Swimming Area or its immediate surrounding areas, or the playground and field at Webster Park. Dogs are allowed in specific areas of the park, such as the trails and roadways surrounding the playground and field, as long as the rules below are adhered to. All other pets, domesticated or otherwise, are not permitted upon the premises unless written permission is received from the Commission.

The following rules **MUST** be followed to at all times, with no exceptions.

- Areas for walking dogs are limited to the trails and roads within the park,
- Dogs are not allowed in the field area,
- No dogs are allowed on the playground or at Short Falls Swimming Area,
- All dogs must be leashed at all times,
- All dogs must be under the control of a handler 18 years of age or older at all times,
- Handlers are responsible for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs,
- Handlers must "Scoop the Poop" and properly remove and dispose of off premises,
- No female dogs in season (heat) are allowed,
- Not more than two dogs to one handler at any time, and
- Dogs must be removed immediately from the premises and its surrounding area at the first sign of aggression.

Anyone found in violation of these rules shall be asked to leave the premises and use of the premises with their dog will not be allowed in the future. The Town of Epsom shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog on Town property.

SECTION 8 - EXEMPTIONS

The Commission may, by written permission, grant to an individual or groups of individuals for a limited and defined duration of time, an exemption to engage in conduct prohibited under Sections 1 through 7 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9 – VIOLATIONS

A breach of any section of this Ordinance shall constitute a violation, punishable by penalties prescribed under New Hampshire Law. Additionally, a person who knowingly enters or remains present on Town property, here specifically the premises, without privilege or permission, shall be guilty of criminal trespass and be subject to the penalties thereof, and/or the penalties outlined in Section 10.

SECTION 10 - PENALTY


Any person violating Sections 1 through 7 of this Ordinance may be fined up to \$1,000.

SECTION 11 - SEVERABILITY

Should any part of this Ordinance be rendered ineffective or inoperable for any reason, the remaining portions shall be severed and remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall supersede any previous Ordinance for Webster Park.

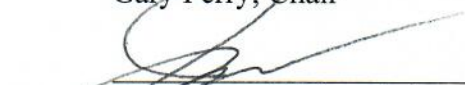
Submitted by the Epsom Parks and Recreation Commission on this 13th day of October, 2022.



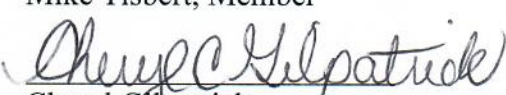
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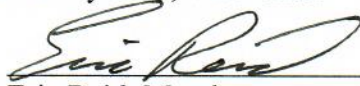
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Approved by the Epsom Select Board on this 17th day of October, 2022.



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