

TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilson's Mills owns and holds available to the public, a park facility consisting primarily of a children's play area, picnic areas, multi-use fields, badminton court, horseshoe pits, cornhole games, and parking areas, and is otherwise known as the "Wilson's Mills Community Park" located at 988 Powhatan Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilson's Mills has seen the need for uniform regulation of the activities permitted upon and usage of said park facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Wilson's Mills:

Section 1. Hours of operation

The park facilities shall be open to the public during daylight hours only. Town approved activities, Events Committee activities, and Clayton Rugby Club activities will be the only exceptions.

Section 2. Priority of use

Town approved activities, Events Committee activities, and Clayton Rugby Club activities shall have priority in using the park facilities. Second priority will be given to reserved usage following required application at Town Hall and payment of fees. Other usage shall be on a first come, first served basis.

Section 3. Application for use

Application for permission to reserve any park facilities shall be made in person at the Town Hall. The Town Administrator or his/her designee reserves the right to deny application for reservation based on the usage guidelines in this ordinance.

Section 4. Areas and facilities to be designated; supervision of facilities

All picnics, parties, organized groups of persons, and business or civic entertainments permitted to occupy the grounds, rooms, and buildings will be designated by the Town Administrator or his/her designee and will be under the supervision of the Town Administrator or his/her designee. Any group with an approved application and payment shall have priority in the use of the approved facility.

Section 5. Use for private profit prohibited

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

Section 6. Use for charitable events

Recreation areas may be used for approved charitable events where application has been approved and an admissions fee is paid.

Section 7. No fees for school activities

No fee will be charged for the use of recreation facilities for any official school-approved activity of Wilson's Mills Elementary.

Section 8. Obscene language; disorderly conduct; nuisances; and noise

- (a) No persons will conduct themselves in a disorderly or obscene manner or commit any nuisance upon the grounds of any parks and recreation area.
- (b) The operation or use of any machine or device, commonly known as a loudspeaker, or sound amplifying equipment, for the amplification of music, the human voice, or any other noise or sound must adhere to the Town of Wilson's Mills' Code of Ordinances regarding noise, located in Chapter 12, Article III, Sections 12-60 through 12-88.

Section 9. Injuring, defacing, etc., buildings, equipment, plants, etc.

No person will 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 Wilson's Mills.

Section 10. Trash and Facilities Cleanup

- (a) Persons using the park, field, and restroom areas are responsible for leaving the areas in the same condition as the beginning of their visit or reserved event. All areas must be free of litter, and trash must be disposed of properly in the bins provided by the Town.
- (b) For reserved group events, all needs for cleanup of bathroom facilities are the responsibility of the renting organization, except for occurrences of malfunction. If the renting organization fails to leave the facilities as they find at the start of the event, the renting organization will forfeit their deposit.

Section 11. Animals

- (a) Any pets brought onto the park property must adhere to the Town of Wilson's Mills' Code of Ordinances regarding restraints, located in Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-5
- (b) Horses will not be allowed on the park facilities grounds at any time other than Town event sponsored rides

Section 12. Firearms, explosives, knives, etc.

Weapons are prohibited on the town park property (after the posting of a conspicuous notice at the park entrance setting forth the restrictions) except that the specified weapons may be carried by the following classes of persons in the designated areas:

- a) Weapons may be carried by law enforcement officers and other persons set forth in NCGS 14-269(b)
- b) Weapons may be carried by Town of Wilson's Mills or Johnston County Animal Control officers who are otherwise permitted to carry weapons
- c) Firearms without projectiles may be carried and used in organized educational, entertainment, instructional, patriotic or other ceremonial events sponsored by the Town of Wilson's Mills
- d) Firearms may be carried by persons entitled to concealed carry under a lawful concealed handgun permit, except on athletic fields and appurtenances, including picnic shelters and restrooms, during a scheduled athletic event in accordance with NCGS 14-415.23
- e) Firearms may be stored within a motor vehicle while the vehicle is on the town park property.

Section 13. Alcoholic beverages prohibited

No alcoholic beverages shall be brought upon or possessed or used in any parks and recreation areas, except with prior approval by the Town Administrator for Town activities or events, or approved events of the Clayton Rugby Club.

Section 14. Gambling prohibited

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

Section 15. Fires

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

Section 16. Parking of motor vehicles

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

recreation facilities are closed. This does not apply to approved food trucks or vendors during Town activities or Clayton Rugby Club events.

Section 17. Walking track

It is unlawful for any person to ride any motor driven vehicle on the designated walking track of the park. It is unlawful for any person to ride or walk a horse on the walking track.

Section 18. 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 19. Fees for use of facilities

- (a) The fees for all recreational facilities operated by the Town will be as established by the Town Council of the Town of Wilson's Mills from time to time and are subject to change as such.
- (b) Such fees shall not be charged for activities sponsored by the Events Committee or the public schools.

Section 20. Enforcement of this ordinance

The Town Administrator or his/her designee along with certified law enforcement officers having jurisdiction over the Town of Wilson's Mills will have full authority to enforce these regulations or any regulation necessary to the proper conduct and operation of the parks and recreation facilities.

Section 21. Violations

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

Section 22. Penalties

The following acts are unlawful and violations of this ordinance. Civil penalties listed herein shall be payable to the Town of Wilson's Mills:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
5 Use for private profit prohibited	100.00
8 Obscene language; disorderly conduct; nuisances; and noise	50.00
9 Injuring, defacing, etc., buildings, equipment, etc.	100.00
12 Firearms, explosives, knives, etc.	100.00
13 Alcoholic beverages prohibited	50.00
14 Gambling prohibited	50.00

15 Fires	50.00
16 Parking of motor vehicles	20.00
Parking in handicapped areas	250.00
17 Walking track	50.00

Section 23. Adoption

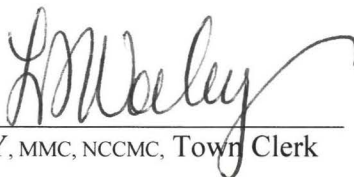
This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of its adoption and shall supercede any such ordinance that may have been in effect prior to the date of adoption.

Duly adopted on the 18th day of June 2018



Attest


JIM UZZLE, JR., Mayor


LEIGHANNA T. WORLEY, MMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk