

ORDINANCE #7-2025

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 112, ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, New Jersey, as follows that Chapter 112 of the Borough of Brooklawn Code entitled "Parks and Recreation" be and is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

Article I. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish rules and regulations governing the use of "Gazebos" in public parks to ensure safety, proper maintenance, and equitable access for all residents and visitors and to establish new Sections within the Code and specifically within Section § 112.

§ 112-11. Gazebos

- A. The purpose of this Ordinance and specifically **Section § 112-11** is to establish the rules and regulations governing the use "gazebos" in public parks to ensure the safety, proper maintenance, and equitable access for all residents and visitors to the Borough of Brooklawn.
- B. Definitions.
 - (a.) "Gazebo(s)" refers to and is defined as any open-sided structure located in a public park that is designated for general public use and certain private events.
 - (b.) "Permit" refers to the official authorization issued by the municipality allowing exclusive use of a gazebo for a specified period or event.
 - (c.) "Public Park" refers to any land designated for recreational purposes or use and managed and/or owned by the Borough.
- C. General use of Gazebo.
 - (a.) Gazebos are available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis, unless first reserved through an approved permit issued by the Borough.
 - (b.) The use of Gazebos shall be limited to daylight hours, unless otherwise authorized by the Borough.
 - (c.) No open flames, including, but not limited to, grills, fireworks, or bonfires are allowed in or near the gazebo.
 - (d.) No tents, loud music, amplified sound, or disruptive behavior is permitted in or near the gazebo, unless expressly permitted within the permit issued by the Borough.
 - (e.) The Gazebo shall be kept clean at all times, and all trash must be disposed of in designated receptacles.
 - (f.) Any and all decorations shall be immediately removed after use, and no permanent fixtures may be attached to the Gazebo structure.
 - (g.) The destruction, defacement, or vandalism of any part of the Gazebo is strictly prohibited and subject to fines and penalties.
 - (h.) Proof of liability insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured may be required for large events, subject to the discretion of the Borough.
 - (i.) All Gazebo users shall dispose of all trash in and around the Gazebo and leave the Gazebo and surrounding area free of all trash, decorations, and debris.
 - (j.) Parking for the use of the Gazebo shall be limited solely to designated parking areas and/or lots only.

D. Gazebo Permitting for Private Events.

- (a.) Individuals or groups wishing to reserve a Gazebo for private events, such as parties, weddings, or celebrations, shall apply for a Gazebo permit through the Borough of Brooklawn and permit applications shall be submitted at least 14 days prior to the scheduled event and include the date, time, and expected number of attendees, along with the name, address and contact information for the person responsible for filing the Gazebo permit.
- (b.) A rental fee of \$50.00 dollars*, as well as a security deposit of \$50 dollars are required when the Gazebo permit application is filed. *The rental fee is waived for Borough residents with proper identification.
- (c.) Gazebo permittees are responsible for any and all damage(s) incurred at their event and any damage(s) are to be immediately reported to the Borough.
- (d.) Gazebo events exceeding fifty (50) attendees may require additional approvals at the sole discretion of the Borough, which may include insurance(s); security; and sanitation arrangements.
- (e.) Alcohol consumption, vaping, and/or smoking are strictly prohibited within the park and Gazebo area.

E. Enforcement and Penalties.

- (a.) Violations of this Ordinance may result in fines, suspension of gazebo privileges, or legal action, if necessary.
- (b.) Law Enforcement Officers shall have the authority to enforce these rules and regulations, in addition to any person(s) designated by the Borough Governing Body.
- (c.) Fines for violations of this Ordinance shall be set by the municipal fee schedule for offenses and may range from \$50 to \$500, depending on the severity of the infraction. Additional fines and penalties shall include the following: Gazebo usage without a permit \$100 and \$150 for repeat offenders within one (1) year of the initial offense; Violations of Section § 112-11C for loud music, trash or debris, unauthorized parking shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$50 for a first offense with repeat offenders being subject to a penalty of not less than \$150 for each subsequent offense within a period of one (1) year from the first offense. Alcohol and smoking violations within 100' ft. of the park shall be subject to a fine as per the Borough Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, as follows:

1. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.
2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason deemed invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such part or portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof which are hereby saved from repeal.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect after its adoption, publication and as otherwise required by law.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN

BY: _____
JERRY GRANSTROM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
RYAN GILES, BOROUGH CLERK

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Brooklawn, held on the 18th day of February, 2025 and will be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Brooklawn, to be held on the 17th day of March, 2025 at 6:30 pm, at which time and place any interested party will be given the opportunity to be heard. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend and supplement Chapter 150 of the Borough Code to include restrictions concerning the installation of artificial turf and restrictions applicable to the road verges within the Borough. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday (legal holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Brooklawn Borough Hall, 301 Christiana Street, Brooklawn, New Jersey.

RYAN GILES, BOROUGH CLERK