ORDINANCE NO. 3-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN TO ADD SECTION 112-12 ENTITLED "USE OF BASEBALL FIELDS" AND ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIELD USE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Brooklawn owns and maintains municipal baseball fields for recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council find it necessary to regulate the use of such facilities to ensure proper maintenance, scheduling, safety, and equitable access; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to establish a fee schedule for organized and non-resident use of municipal baseball facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 112 of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn is hereby amended to add a new Section 112-12 entitled "Use of Baseball Fields" as follows:

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§112-12 Use of Baseball Fields

A. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to regulate the use of Borough-owned baseball fields, ensure proper maintenance and safety, establish scheduling procedures, and provide for user fees.

B. Definitions

a. **Baseball Field** – Any Borough-owned field designated for baseball or softball activities.
b. **Organized Group** – Any league, team, organization, or entity scheduling structured games, practices, tournaments, or events.
c. **Resident Organization** – An organization primarily composed of Borough of Brooklawn residents or officially affiliated with the Borough.
d. **Non-Resident Organization** – Any organization not meeting the definition of Resident Organization.

e. **Special Event** – Any tournament, exhibition, clinic, or event involving multiple teams or generating spectator attendance beyond routine league play.

C. Permit Requirement

a. No Organized Group shall use a Borough baseball field without first obtaining a Field Use Permit from the Borough Clerk or designated Recreation Official.
b. Casual recreational use by Borough residents shall not require a permit when fields are not otherwise reserved.
c. Permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability and Borough priorities.
d. The Borough reserves the right to cancel or reschedule permits due to weather, maintenance needs, or public safety concerns.

D. Application Procedure

a. Applications shall be submitted at least fourteen (14) days prior to the requested use date.
b. Applications must include:
    1. Name and contact information of responsible party
    2. Dates and times requested
    3. Nature of activity
    4. Estimated attendance
c. Organizations may be required to provide:
    1. Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Brooklawn as an Additional Insured with minimum coverage of $1,000,000 per occurrence
    2. Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement
d. Payment of required fees shall accompany the approved application.

E. Field Use Fees: Field of Dreams and Barth Field (Winter, Spring, and Fall)

The following fees are hereby established and may be amended by resolution of the Borough Council:

a. **Resident Organizations**
    - Seasonal League Use (per team): $700 - $1,500.00

b. **Non-Resident Organizations**
    - Seasonal League Use (per team): $1,250 - $1,500.00

c. **Tournament or Special Event Use**

- Resident Organization: $200.00 per day

- Non-Resident Organization: $300.00 - $500.00 per day

- Gloucester Catholic Use (February 1 – June 15) $2,500 - $8,000 per year

d. **Lighting Fee (if applicable)**

- $25.00 per hour additional charge when field lights are used.

All fees shall be payable to the Borough of Brooklawn. Fees are subject to change yearly through resolution passed by Governing Body.

F. Rules and Regulations

a. Users shall leave fields in clean and orderly condition.
b. No alteration of field layout without written approval.
c. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited unless otherwise authorized by separate permit.
d. No motor vehicles permitted on playing surface.
e. Users shall comply with all Borough ordinances and park regulations.
f. The Borough may deny future permits to any group violating this section.

G. Priority of Use

Priority scheduling shall be as follows:

a. Borough-sponsored programs
b. Resident youth organizations
c. Resident adult organizations
d. Non-resident organizations
e. Special events

H. Revocation

The Borough reserves the right to revoke any permit for violation of this section or for reasons of public safety.

I. Violations and Penalties

Any person or organization violating this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to:

- A fine not exceeding $1,000;
- Community service; and/or
- Suspension of future field privileges

Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 3.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN

BY:_____
JERRY D. GRANSTROM, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RYAN GILES, BOROUGH CLERK

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at the regular meeting held on April 20, 2026. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on May 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Brooklawn Borough Hall, 301 Christiana Street, Brooklawn, New Jersey.