

PROPOSED
TOWN OF RICHFORD
PARK ORDINANCE

7-9-91

Sec. 1 - 1 Title

This ordinance may be known and cited as the "Park Ordinance" of the Town of Richford.

Sec. 1 - 2 Parks Designated

The Town of Richford parks known and hereafter referred to as "Parks", shall include the following parks of the Town of Richford:

(a) Rawley Park and any additional property located within the Town of Richford hereinafter designated by the Town Board as a park.

Sec. 1 - 3 Purpose

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Richford by providing regulations to preserve the peace, good order and safety of the users of the Town of Richford Parks.

Sec.1 - 4 Solicitation

No person or business shall post or distribute advertising matter or sell or offer for sale any merchandise, tickets, service or any other thing of value; or solicit within the park area in connection with things to be sold or provided outside of the park, except pursuant to a permit issued by the Town Board.

Sec. 1 - 5 Pets

No person shall keep or permit any animal to enter the Town of Richford parks at large. Any animal found at large may be seized and disposed of by employees of the Town, County or State.

Sec. 1 - 6 Conduct

(a) No person shall disobey an order of a park attendant, caretaker or police officer when such officials are engaged in enforcing state or local laws or rules and regulations of the Town or use threatening, abusive or insulting language to such officials.

(b) No person shall:

1. injure, steal, or molest park property, including road and trail barricades, flowers, plants, shrubs and trees;
2. do any obscene act, throw stones or missiles;
3. obstruct roads or walks;
4. set off fireworks of any nature;
5. engage in brawls or fights;

6. annoy or assault another person;
7. throw or deposit bottles, glasses, cans, garbage, refuse or litter in any place except the receptacles provided for that purpose;
8. be under the influence of drugs or intoxicants.

(c) No person shall refuse to obey any reasonable instructions or orders given by an official of the Town of Richford, county or state when the instructions or orders are for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of park visitors or the person himself.

(d) No person under twenty one (21) years of age shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages within the Town of Richford Parks and any alcoholic beverages found to be in the possession of anyone under twenty one (21) years of age may be confinscated.

(e) No person shall drive or propel vehicles on lawns or other park property off established roads and parking areas, except as directed by park officials.

(f) No person shall allow children under six (6) years of age to be on park property without adult supervision.

Sec. 1 - 7 Firearms

No person except peace officers shall carry or have in his possession any gun, firearm, bows and arrows, sling shots, air rifles, ammunition or explosives within the park area and no person shall hunt, molest, drive any game or trap within or from park areas.

Sec. 1 - 8 Fires

No person shall start or maintain a fire except in the fireplace provided for that purpose or at places especially indicated by the official in charge of the parks and all fires shall be continuously under the care of a competent person. No person shall allow any fire to injure or destroy any shrub, tree or branches thereof or dicard or throw any lighted matches, cigarettes or cigars in such a manner as to create a fire risk of any sort.

Sec. 1 - 9 Bathing

(a) Bathing in the East Branck of the Owego Creek from the lands of the park are prohibited.

Sec. 1 - 10 Meetings and Similar Activities

(a) No persons or organizations shall erect any structures, stand or platform in the parks except by written permission of the Town Board.

Sec. 1 - 11 Traffic

(a) The rate of speed for any motor vehicle being operated in the parks shall not exceed fifteen(15) miles per hour.

(b) No vehicle shall be parked in any place except duly designated parking areas nor in excess of posted time limits. Parking must also be in accordance with the instructions of the park officials in charge of parking areas.

(c) Every driver of a vehicle operated on roads within the park or any parking area shall comply with instructions conveyed by any stop, speed, caution, movement, alignment, restriction or other regulation, sign or signal maintained by the Town Board within the parks.

(d) The Town Board is authorized to post and maintain control or regulatory signs for traffic and persons using the parks.

Sec. 1 - 12 Snowmobiles, etc.

No person shall use or operate a mini-bike, a go cart or any vehicle propelled by other than muscular power within the park except in areas designated from time to time for specific uses by the Town Board.

Sec. 1 - 13 Reservations

Reservations for the pavilion or for other uses of the park shall be made to the designated park attendant in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Town Board of the Town of Richford may adopt.

Sec. 1 - 14 Lost and Found Property

Any person finding or taking possession of any personal property of which such person is not the owner, shall deliver the same immediately to the park attendant or the Town Clerk of the Town of Richford and losers of such property shall apply to said park attendant or Town Clerk of the Town of Richford for restoration of lost articles.

Sec.1 - 15 Park Hours

No person shall be in or upon the grounds of any of the Town of Richford between the hours of 12 midnight and 7 am from May 1 to Oct 31 each year or between the hours of 9 pm and 7 am from Nov 1 to April 30 each year except in attendance at a meeting, game, fair or other activity which is being held pursuant to a written permit issued by the Town Board.

Sec. 1 - 16 Penalties

Any person or persons who violate any provision of this park ordinance shall be guilty of an offense and shall be punished by a fine or penalty not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), and in the event of failure to pay same by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) day for each Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the fine imposed; each day of any violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 1 - 17 Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of same in the official newspaper of the Town of Richford.