

ORDINANCE NO. 484

**THE BOROUGH OF SAXONBURG
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPERCEDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE SAXONBURG BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS FOR ROEBLING PARK, SAXONBURG BOROUGH, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF SAXONBURG BOROUGH PROPERTY AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THE PARK OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY SAXONBURG BOROUGH AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Saxonburg, Butler County, Pennsylvania, the Borough Council has determined it necessary to amend the Code of Ordinances to provide guidelines and penalties for park usage and activities within Roebling Park, Saxonburg Borough;

AND WHEREAS, there is a need for the Council of the Borough of Saxonburg to protect the park properties through their rights and responsibilities associated with ownership of the park properties located in the Borough, including day to day, management operations and administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Saxonburg, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same as follows:

1. The Borough of Saxonburg's Code of Ordinances is hereby changed to replace Chapter 17 as follows:

**Chapter 17
Parks and Recreation
Part 1
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARK PROPERTIES**

§ 17-101 Oversight by Borough Council.

1. The Council of the Borough of Saxonburg shall designate representatives to the rights and responsibilities associated with ownership of the park properties located in the Borough, including day-to-day management operations and administration.

§ 17-102 Definitions.

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Includes any liquid with an alcohol content, including but not limited to beer, wine, liquor, and other intoxicating spirits.

BOROUGH

The Borough of Saxonburg, Butler County, Pennsylvania.

COOPER HALL

~~The structure located behind the Museum available for rental or other use as Council determines.~~

COUNCIL

The elected members of the Borough Council of Saxonburg.

MUSEUM

The structure located in Roebling Park housing antiques, local memorabilia and historical artifacts.

PARK

Includes Roebling Park, or any other park adopted by the Borough.

PERSON

Any natural person, partnership, association, firm, or corporation. The singular shall include the plural; the plural shall include the singular; and the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION

The Borough Council shall have the administrative rights to approve or disapprove activities for all current or future park properties.

§ 17-103 Park Hours.

Roebling Park hours are from sunrise to sunset. Pavilion rentals creating sources of noise such as musical performances, recordings, and speakers will be shut down by 10:30 p.m. out of respect for the neighboring residential properties. The pavilion is subject to private rental for parties during which time public access is not available. No persons shall remain in any park areas between dusk to dawn, except for rentals and special activities permitted and ~~previously~~ authorized by the Borough Council.

§ 17-104 Regulations.

1. Park Property: Shrubs, Flowers, Trees, Grass, Turf, Soil, Fences, playground equipment and Rock Formations. No person shall pick, cut, break, remove, deface, or damage in any way any shrubs, flowers, trees, grass, turf, soil, fences, artificial playground surface or rock formation located within the park. Excavations, metal detecting and treasure hunting is not permitted.

2. Buildings, Structures, playground equipment and Park Facilities. No person shall deface, damage, or misuse in any way buildings, structures, or other Borough facilities located within the park(s). No person shall remove any bench, seat, or table from the park or change the location thereof. Restroom Facilities shall be open at the Borough's discretion.
3. Wastepaper, Garbage, and Refuse. No person shall leave or otherwise dispose of any wastepaper, garbage, or refuse in the park except in receptacles designated for that purpose. Garbage and waste receptacles located in the park are for the use of park patrons only. Depositing in the park receptacles and dumpsters of wastepaper, garbage, or refuse generated from outside the park is prohibited.
4. Ponds, Streams, and Fountains. Wading or swimming in ponds, streams, fountains, or other water facilities is prohibited, unless designated for that purpose. Discharging of any type of waste or toxic materials into or otherwise contaminating any pond, stream, fountain, or water facility is prohibited.
5. Beverages. No person shall bring any alcoholic beverages into the park either for his own use or the use of any other person unless previously approved for a Borough sponsored event or through obtaining a permit from the Borough as part of a rental event as provided for in § 17-105. Vendors will be required to provide their Liquor Control Board license and show proof of insurance. No beverages shall be permitted in the park in glass bottles or glass containers, nor shall any beverages be served in glass containers.
6. No open fires, campfires, or recreational fires are permitted at any time. No charcoal or charcoal grills are permitted. Propane gas grills are permissible.
7. Facility Rental Agreements. Rental agreements are required to reserve the Roebing Park picnic shelter. ~~the restrooms, and the park.~~ Rental agreements are administered by the Borough. Rental rates are established by Resolution of the Borough and are available to the public. ~~Restrooms are not open unless there is a rental agreement, or a Borough sponsored event.~~
8. Parking. All parking of vehicles is to be done on approved paved parking areas only. Parking in the grassy areas in or surrounding any park property is forbidden without consent of the responsible organization.
9. Weapons or Explosives. No person, other than an officer of the law, shall discharge any firearm or weapon within any park. No person shall possess, set off, or launch any fireworks, explosive devices, or rockets.
10. No skateboarding, bicycles, E-Bikes, E-Scooters, rollerblades, or other vehicles are allowed.

11. Pets shall be leashed at all times. Pet waste must be cleaned up and removed from park property immediately and shall not be disposed of in park garbage receptacles.

12. No tents may be erected in the park unless for use during an authorized event. Tents must be weighted and not staked.

~~13. No beverages of any type, food, or snacks are allowed to be taken into the museum for consumption.~~

13. No vehicle maintenance will be done on park property, including but not limited to cleaning, polishing, greasing, lubricating, or repairing.

§ 17-105 Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

1. A permit for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages can be obtained from the Borough for an additional fee established from time to time by the Borough in its Fee Resolution. The grant of a permit is subject to the following additional regulations:

a. A permit holder must be an adult individual, 21 years of age or older. The applicant shall provide the name of the group he or she is representing, if any.

b. Alcoholic beverages may only be used or consumed in conjunction with a Borough sponsored event or park rental. No alcoholic beverages can be consumed prior to or after the rental period. Alcoholic beverages may only be possessed and consumed within the park area between the parking lot, North Rebecca Street, and East Water Street. Under no circumstances will alcohol be consumed outside the fence separating the park from the streets.

c. Vending of alcoholic beverages is only allowed with proper permitting from the PA Liquor Control Board as part of a Borough sponsored event.

d. No glass bottles or glass containers are permitted in the park.

e. The permit holder is responsible for the actions of all individuals who consume alcoholic beverages in the park. Excessive use of alcohol and/or the disturbance and annoyance of others, including excessive loud noise, constitutes a basis for the immediate suspension of the alcohol permit and/or the shelter permit and expulsion of the parties from the facility, all at the sole discretion of the Saxonburg Borough Police.

f. Any damages or additional cleaning expenses incurred by the Borough as a result of the permit holder will be charged to the permit holder's credit card held on file. ~~Failure to pay such fees is a violation of this ordinance.~~

g. The Borough reserves the right to refuse to grant an alcohol permit to any individual or group of individuals who have either: Previously created a disturbance, possessed or consumed alcohol outside of the approved areas, created additional

cleaning costs, and/or violated any other provision of these or any other park rules.

h. The Alcohol Permit must be kept at the park during the rental period and provided to the Saxonburg Borough Police upon request.

§ 17-106 Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a District Judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 17-107 Severability.

The provisions of this Part shall be severable, and if any section, part of a section or provision thereof shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining sections, parts of sections or provisions of this Part. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this Part would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise invalid provision not been a part hereof.

§ 17-108 Authorization to Execute Documents.

The Borough Council of the Borough of Saxonburg is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

2. All Ordinances, Code Sections or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

3. This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment by the Borough Council of Saxonburg Borough.

We do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was passed by the Borough Council on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SAXONBURG

By: _____
Borough Secretary

By: _____
President of Borough Council

APPROVED by me this _____ of _____, 2026.

Mayor of Saxonburg

SEAL: