

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL
ORDINANCE #2020-3**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 107 REGARDING RENTAL FEES AND USES FOR
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Township Manager reviewed Chapter 107 of the Township Code concerning Parks and Recreation to evaluate changes to encourage the rental of the Mount Laurel Senior/Community Center and the Walton Avenue facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township determined that the fees discouraged the use of the facilities impacting rental opportunities which further limits revenue to the Township; and

WHEREAS, potential applicants also question whether they can serve alcohol to guests within the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks amend the Code to address these fees and conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Chapter 107 of the Township Code be and is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section One. Amendment to Section 107-3 “Prohibited Uses”. The Township amends and supplements Chapter 107-3(A)(15) to read as follows:

“(15) Bring alcoholic beverages or drink same at any time in a park or recreational area. This provision shall not apply to properly licensed special events held at the Paws Farm Nature Center, the Mount Laurel Senior/Community Center or the Walton Avenue buildings and shall not apply to Township sponsored activities in other parks and recreation areas. The service of alcohol is limited to beer and wine only.”

Section Two. Amendment to Section 107-6 “Permits.” The Township amends and supplements Chapter 107-6(c)(2) to read as follows:

“(2) The person, persons or organization to whom the permit is issued shall be liable for all loss, damage or injury sustained by any person whatever by reason of negligence of the person, persons or organization to whom such permit shall have been issued. The Township shall have the right to require that prior to the issuance of a permit or commencement of the activity, the applicant submit evidence of liability insurance covering injuries to members of the general public arising out of such permitted activities, in such amounts as may be from time to time determined by the Township and which names the Township of Mount Laurel as additional insured.” The Township will also require a hold harmless waiver to be signed by applicant.

Section Three. Amendment to Chapter 107-6.1 “Fees.” The Township amends and supplements Section 107-6.1 “Fees” as follows:

A. Section Repealed and Replace. The chart establishing the fees for the Senior Center/Community Meeting Center is repealed and replace with a new chart to read as follows:

Recreation: Fees for renting Senior Center/Meeting Facilities at 100 Mount Laurel Road and/or Walton Avenue for events			
	Residential	\$100 per hour	
	Non-Residential	\$200 per hour	
	Township Employee	No charge	
Damage fee:	\$400; refundable if there is no damage		

Police officer fee	Hourly cost of police officer if alcohol is to be served during event
	At the request of a community-based, not-for-profit organization, the Township may waive fees by adoption of a Resolution. The Township shall not charge a fee for monthly meetings for local organizations that currently use the facilities including home owner associations, boy scout and girl scout clubs and political party organizations. The Clerk shall prepare and maintain a list of such organizations grandfathered from the hour fee.

B. All other park and recreation fees for municipal facilities shall remain in place.

Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

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

Introduction Date: February 10, 2020

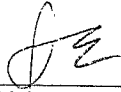
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Publication Date: February 13, 2020

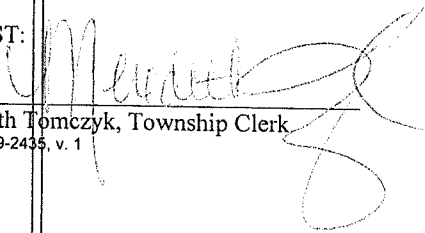
Public Hearing Date: February 24, 2020

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY: 
Irwin Edelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Meredith Tomczyk, Township Clerk