

**BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS
MONMOUTH COUNTY
NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1541

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE,
ENTITLED “PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS,” TO CLARIFY THE TIMES OF
OPERATION FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10 of the Borough Code, entitled “Park Rules and Regulations” is hereby amended in Section 10-3, “Times of Operation,” to read as follows (underlined portions to added; ~~strikethroughs~~ to be deleted):

§ 10-3 TIMES OF OPERATION

- A. All parks and public playgrounds ~~not equipped with lights~~ shall be closed to the public for all purposes one hour after sundown on each day, except as specifically set forth herein.

- B. ~~Hoekhockson Park and Sycamore Recreation Complex are Borough facilities with lit athletic fields.~~ Any park or public playground equipped with lights, including field lights or walkway lights but excluding building and parking lot lights, shall remain open until 10:30 p.m., so long as the lights remain lit.

- C. Field lighting in parks can remain on until 10:30 p.m. ; ~~new innings may not be started after 10:00 p.m. Any play will be discontinued by 10:00 p.m.~~

- D. No person, organization, league, or team shall, without authorized permit, enter into or remain in a public park except during the hours the park is open to the general public. With an authorized permit, portable lighting may be erected or constructed within a public park by an organization, league or person for applicants that meet the rules, regulations and guidelines for use of the requested area.

- E. Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Department of Recreation at any time and for any interval of time either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals and either entirely or merely to certain uses as deemed reasonably necessary.

- F. The Borough of Tinton Falls, through the Department of Recreation, reserves the right to deny and/or cancel use of its fields/facilities at any time at its sole discretion. If such denial or cancellation is for reasons other than violations of the Borough's rules and regulations concerning field usage, the Borough shall refund any outstanding fees to the applicant.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Introduced:

Adopted:

MICHAEL J. NESCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RISA CLAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHELLE HUTCHINSON
BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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