

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE USE OF PARK AND RECREATION AREAS INCLUDING ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT AND DOG PARK RULES; REPEALER; AND SEVERABILITY

WHEREAS, North Whitehall Township is a Second Class Township, located in Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, North Whitehall Township has enacted, by Ordinance 2007-12, rules and regulations for conduct and use of the park and recreation areas owned or operated by North Whitehall Township; and

WHEREAS, North Whitehall Township has recently developed additional recreation opportunities in the form of a dog park and an area with accessible play equipment; and

WHEREAS, North Whitehall Township desires to add rules for the use of the accessible play equipment and the dog park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of North Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that the following rules shall be added to the existing rules and regulations for the parks and recreation areas:

1. All playground users are permitted to use all playground equipment, however, users shall defer use of accessible playground equipment to users who require accessible equipment.
2. The dog park is open from dawn to dusk.
3. Dog owners using the dog park are responsible for any injury or damage caused by their animal. Dog park use is at the risk of the user.
4. Each person may bring up to three (3) dogs into the dog park at one time.
5. All dogs in the dog park must be spayed or neutered.
6. All dog handlers in the dog park must clean up after their dog or dogs and place the waste in the trash cans.

7. All dogs in the dog park must be vaccinated and licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with license clearly visible on the dog at all times.
8. Friendly dogs are welcome at the dog park however dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior or excessive barking may be removed from the park.
9. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the dog park.
10. Dogs must be a minimum of six (6) months old to enter to the dog park.
11. The dog park gate must remain closed at all times except for entering and exiting the park.
12. All dog handlers must remain with their dogs in the fenced area, no dogs are allowed to be unaccompanied in the dog park.
13. Sick dogs are not permitted in the dog park.
14. Do not pet the dogs of others without the handler's permission.
15. Collars must be worn by all dogs in the dog park.
16. Tennis balls and frisbees are allowed in the dog park but should be used with caution.
17. No human food is allowed in the dog park unless it is medically necessary.
18. Alcoholic beverages, strollers, bicycles and children's toys are not permitted in the dog park.
19. Dog handlers shall deter dogs from digging holes in the dog park and must repair any damage caused by their dogs digging holes.
20. Parental supervision is required for children under 16 years of age in the dog park.
21. Use the appropriate park based on the size of the dog. Dogs under 25 pounds normally use the small dog area.
22. Dog handlers are responsible for their own water and bowls in the dog park.
23. The use of the dog park for private events such as training, instruction or parties is prohibited without the written authorization by the Board of Supervisors.

SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance it being the intent of the Board of Supervisors that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect and for the purpose of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

REPEALER.

Any ordinance, resolution or other regulation of North Whitehall Township, or any parts of ordinances, resolutions, and other regulations of the Township, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. All other provisions of the ordinances, resolutions and other regulations of North Whitehall Township shall remain in full force and effect.

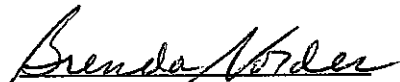
EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of enactment


DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED on this day of September 14, 2020, by the Board of Supervisors of North Whitehall Township in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH WHITEHALL



Brenda Norder, Secretary

Absent
Ronald J. Heintzelman, Chairman


Mark H. Hills, Vice Chairman


Dennis Klusaritz, Member

It is hereby certified that the Ordinance set forth above was duly adopted at a meeting and hearing of the Board of Supervisors on Sept 14, 2020


Brenda Norder, Secretary