

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 19-18

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING Revisions to Chapter 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County (Parks and Recreation);

FOR THE PURPOSE of revising and updating Chapter 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws; correcting the name of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; revising the term of office of Board members; providing for a Secretary to the Board; revising the provisions respecting the annual report of the Board and its budget recommendations; clarifying the qualifications of the Director of Parks and Recreation; provide for adoption of regulations by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; providing for approvals and permits in connection with the issuance of certain licenses; eliminating the Code of Conduct Review Board; prohibiting glass containers in all County parks and facilities; clarifying the provisions on use of metal detectors and digging in County parks and on the use of drones; providing for permits for use of artificial turf fields; providing for use of grills and stoves in County parks; prohibiting use of tobacco products; providing for the lack of lifeguards in County parks; providing for use of documented service animals; clarifying provisions on regulation of traffic, parking of large trucks and buses and parking in fire lane and loading areas; revising and updating the provisions on rental and permit fees; and generally revising and updating the provisions of Chapter 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws.

BY REPEALING AND READOPTING Chapter 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND that CHAPTER 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws be and hereby REPEALED and the same is hereby READOPTED to read as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the forty-sixth (46th) day after its adoption.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Moran

DATE: November 12, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: December 10, 2019 @ 6 pm

VOTE: _____ Yea _____ Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

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QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY CODE

Chapter 22

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GENERAL REFERENCES

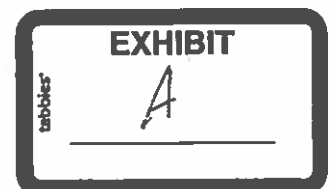
Definitions – See Ch. 2.

Hucksters and peddlers – See Ch. 16.

Rules of interpretation – See Ch. 3.

Public landings – See Ch. 20.

Animal control – See Ch. 9.



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ARTICLE I
Advisory Board of Parks and Recreation

§ 22-1. Definitions.

In this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BOARD — The Advisory Board of ~~Recreation and Parks~~. Parks and Recreation.

§ 22-2. Board authorized.

The County Commissioners may establish an Advisory Board of Parks and Recreation with the powers and duties specified in this article.

§ 22-3. Membership; tenure; vacancies.

A. Composition; appointment of members.

- (1) The Board consists of nine members appointed by the County Commissioners.
- (2) Of the nine members of the Board:
 - (a) One shall be first recommended by the County Board of Education from its membership or otherwise; and
 - (b) One shall be a County Commissioner.
- (3) In the appointment of Board members, the County Commissioners shall give due regard to population and geography.

B. Tenure; vacancies.

- (1) Except for the County Commissioner member, the term of a member is ~~four~~ three years and begins on January 1.
- (2) The County Commissioner member may serve for the member's elected term of office as a County Commissioner.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.
- (4) Vacancies, except those at the expiration of a term, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.
- (5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed.

§ 22-4. Officers.

Chairman and Vice Chairman and Secretary. Each year, the Board shall select a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary from the Board's membership.

- A. ~~Secretary and Treasurer~~. The Board shall select a ~~Secretary and Treasurer~~ who may or may not be members of the Board.

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- B. ~~Bond. The Board may require the Treasurer to give bond in the amount that the Board determines.~~

§ 22-5. Meetings; compensation.

- A. Meetings. The Board shall hold the regular and special meetings that the Board considers necessary.
- B. Compensation prohibited. All members of the Board serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses associated with serving on the Board.

§ 22-6. Report.~~budget~~

Annual report. The Board shall submit to the County Commissioners a regular report of the Board's activities, and may recommend further activities and development of the County Parks system and Recreation programs.

- A. ~~Budget. The Board shall review the Department of Parks and Recreation's annual budget submission and make recommendations to the County Commissioners, under the requirements of law, itemizing the appropriations necessary for the performance of the Department's functions and duties. The Board may advocate to the County Commissioners, for budget recommendations that may further the goals and objectives of The Department.~~

§ 22-7. Employees.

- A. In general. The County Commissioners may employ the personnel that the County Commissioners consider necessary to administer properly the functions of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- B. Director of Parks and Recreation.
- (1) If the County Commissioners employ a Director of Parks and Recreation, the person shall have the training, experience, and capacity to initiate and maintain a public park system and a program of public recreation under the person's general supervision.
- (2) The Director of Parks and Recreation serves at the pleasure of the County Commissioners.
- C. Salaries. The County Commissioners shall fix the salaries of all personnel.

§ 22-8. General powers and duties.

- A. Questions of general policy. The Board shall advise the Department of Parks and Recreation and the County Commissioners on all questions of general policy relating to parks and public recreation in the County. The Board shall furthermore advise the Department of Parks and Recreation as to matters of

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general policy and direction, and, when appropriate, bring matters of public interest to the attention of the Department and The County Administration. The Department shall endeavor to work cooperatively with the Board whenever possible and in case of dispute, the matter shall be addressed to the County Administrator or Commissioners for settlement.

- B. Regulations. The Board may ~~adopt~~ recommend to the County Commissioners any regulation necessary to carry out this chapter or to protect the property under its control.
- C. Expenditure of funds. The Board shall be charged with the responsibility of setting fees and charges for all those properties, programs and activities supervised or controlled by the Department of Parks and Recreation, and these assessments shall be reviewed no less than annually by the Board, subject only to the authority of the County Commissioners to amend or revise such fees and charges in their discretion.
- D. Appointment of advisory committees. The Board may appoint advisory committees or panels to assist in the exercise of the Board's powers and duties.

§ 22-9. Program of public recreation.

- A. Adoption of program. Subject to budgetary policies and appropriations of the County Commissioners, the Board may recommend or cause to be conducted or directed a comprehensive program of public recreation in schools, parks, or other lands or buildings, either publicly or privately owned.
- B. The Board may advise as to the development, operation and maintenance of County parks and recreation facilities, subject to § 22-8 above.
- C. Issuance of permits. The Department may issue permits for the use of any facilities under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

§ 22-10. Control of property.

- A. Agreements. The control of any land, buildings, or other acceptable facilities shall be in accordance with agreements reached between the Department and the person who has jurisdiction over the property.
- B. Power not limited. The power conferred by this section does not limit the power of the County Commissioners, the Board of Education, any governmental agency, or any person to refuse to allow or to limit the use of any ground, building, or facility under their control, ownership, or jurisdiction.

§ 22-11. Committees.

- A. **Authorized.** With the approval of a majority of the members of the Board, the Chairman of the Board may annually appoint committees to collect data and study and make recommendations to the Board on recreation and park issues of particular concern to the Board.
- B. **Reports.** A committee may submit reports to the County Planning Commission when the committee's work or observations relate to planning and zoning.
- C. **Appropriations.** The County Commissioners may appropriate public funds to implement and support the powers and duties under this section.

§ 22-12. Cooperation with other agencies.

The County Commissioners, by and through the Board, may join or cooperate with the federal government, the State of Maryland, any municipality, or other governmental agency in providing, establishing, conducting, and maintaining recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, and other recreation facilities and activities.

ARTICLE II
Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Areas

§ 22-13. License required.

A person may not operate a bathing beach, amusement park, or recreation area in the County, outside the limits of any incorporated municipality, unless the person first obtains a license from the County Commissioners and all appropriate approvals and permits.

§ 22-14. Requirements for license.

- A. Determined by County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall determine:
- (1) The terms for issuance of a license; and
 - (2) The fee for a license.
- B. Factors for consideration. In making the determination under Subsection A of this section, the County Commissioners shall take into consideration the effect of the issuance of any license on the public health, welfare, or morals of the County.

§ 22-15. Regulations.

The County Commissioners may adopt regulations that are necessary to:

- A. Carry out this article; and
- B. Effectively regulate the beaches, parks, and recreation areas in the County

ARTICLE III
Use of County Parks

§ 22-16. Definitions.

In this article, the following words have the meanings indicated:

DEPARTMENT — The Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation.

DESIGNEE — Those persons or agencies designated under § 22-24 of this article with responsibility for enforcement of this article.

DIRECTOR — The Director of the Department.

~~CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW BOARD — A board comprised of selected league representatives, for the purpose of promoting, supporting and enforcing appropriate athletic conduct and behavior.~~

SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT — Refers to appropriate athletic conduct and behavior as determined and adopted from time to time by the Code of Conduct Review Board.

~~§ 22-17. Code of Conduct Review Board.~~

The Code of Conduct promotes, ~~supports~~ and enforces appropriate athletic conduct and behavior as overseen by the Department of Parks and Recreation and or within the county park system.

- ~~A. Review Board defined. In this article, "Review Board" means the Code of Conduct Review Board.~~
- ~~B. Review Board authorized. The Department may establish the Code of Conduct Review Board with the powers and duties specified in this article.~~
- ~~C. Membership composition; appointment of members. The Queen Anne's County Code of Conduct Review Board will consist of the president (or a designated board member) of each County youth league, the Athletic Director of the Board of Education of Queen Anne's County and a representative from the Department of Parks and Recreation.~~
- ~~D. Tenure. Each league board member will serve a term of one year or until his or her successor is appointed. The start of each member's term will coincide with respective league elections.~~
- ~~E. Meetings. The Board will hold quarterly meetings. Special meetings will be convened at such times as at least three members request a meeting. Board members shall be given a minimum of five days' notice for any special meeting. The primary purpose of special meetings will be to render decisions relating to Code of Conduct violations.~~

~~General powers and duties. The Code of Conduct Review Board~~ *The Director of Parks and Recreation Department has the authority to recommend to the County*

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Commissioners suspend suspension or expel expulsion of leagues, players, coaches and spectators from Queen Anne's County parks and recreation facilities for violations of the Sports Code of Conduct.

§ 22-18. Use of County land and recreational facilities.

- A. Admittance. Park property and park and recreation programs are open to use by all members of the public regardless of race, sex, national origin, color or creed.
- B. Hours of operation.
 - (1) The Department will establish hours of operation for park property under its jurisdiction and will post accordingly.
 - (2) Any park property may be closed by the Director to the public entirely or for certain uses and such closings shall be posted in advance for public notice.
- C. Permits. The Department may issue permits for use of County parks and facilities upon such rules and regulations as may be approved by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County.

§ 22-19. General conduct and personal behavior.

- A. Posting notices. Attaching or posting of notices, signs or any other objects on park property is prohibited except by permit (Class e offense).
- B. Audio devices and noise. No person may play an audio device or create excessive noise so as to disturb the peace (Class e offense).
- C. Fireworks and explosives. No person may possess and discharge any fireworks or other explosive pyrotechnics on park property without the expressed written permission of the Director (Class b offense).
- D. Littering, dumping and storage. (See definitions of "garbage," "refuse" and "rubbish" Queen Anne's County Code, Ch. 19, Nuisances; Right-to-Farm, Art. I, Definitions.) [Amended 7-22-2008 by Ord. No. 08-08; 11-24-2009 by Ord. No. 09-25]
 - (1) Garbage, junk, refuse and rubbish must be properly disposed of in trash receptacles (Class b offense).
 - (2) Dumping of household or commercial trash and refuse is prohibited on any County property whether or not said dumping occurs in a trash receptacle (Class b offense).
 - (3) No person may store material of any description on park property except by written authorization from the Director (Class e offense).
 - (4) Glass containers are prohibited in county parks and facilities (Class e offense).

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- E. Destruction of park property. Injury, defacement, disturbance or destruction of any building, sign, equipment, tree, flower, fern, shrub, rock, plant or mineral in a County park is prohibited. (Class c offense).
- F. Wildlife. The intentional disturbance, harassment or injury of any animal or animal habitat is prohibited. (Class c offense).
- G. Vegetation.
 - (1) Planting of vegetation or causing vegetation to be planted on park property is prohibited except by permit (Class e offense).
 - (2) Removal of any vegetation from parklands is prohibited (Class d offense).
- H. Metal detectors; digging. Patrons are prohibited from using metal detectors and/or digging *as in treasure hunting or archeological investigation* into the surface of park property except by permit. (Class e offense).
- I. Gambling. Gambling, games of chance and fortune-telling are prohibited in County Parks, except with the specific permission and a permit issued by the Director. (Class e offense).
- J. Alcohol.
 - (1) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited except with the specific permission of and a permit issued by the Director (Class d offense).
 - (2) The sale of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited without a permit and permission of the Director and proper liquor license (Class d offense).
- K. Projectiles. No person may throw or launch projectile objects in such a way as to annoy, interfere, impede or endanger another park patron (Class e offense).
- L. Breach of peace. No person may perform, engage in, instigate and/or encourage a contention or fight, or assault a person. Every legal order of a park official must be properly obeyed (Class c offense).
- M. Indecent conduct.
 - a. Urinating or defecating on park property other than in the places officially provided is prohibited (Class c offense).
 - b. No person shall engage in any sexual or indecent act on park property (Class c offense).
- N. Powered model airplanes, ~~and~~ rockets and drones. No powered model airplanes, rockets *or drones* shall be flown or launched from any park area except on officially designated areas and by permit (Class d offense).
- O. Erecting structures. The enclosure of any area or erection of any structures on park property is prohibited unless authorized by permit

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(Class e offense).

- P. **Automobile service.** No person may service any automobile on park property, except waxing. Prohibited activities include washing, repairing or performing other work, except in case of an emergency (Class e offense).
- Q. **Weapons.** No person shall carry, possess or discharge a bow and arrow, dart, firearm, knife with blade of more than three inches in length, or other dangerous weapon on park property except where permitted in designated areas. This provision does not apply to firearms carried by law enforcement officers and persons with legal permits (Class b offense).

§ 22-20. Regulation of recreational activities.

The following regulations apply to all property under the supervision or control of the Department:

- A. **Aeronautical activities.** Aeronautical activities are permitted pursuant to airport regulations. Airplanes, helium/hot air balloons, hang gliders, parachutes, ultra-light planes, *drones*, or any other person-operated aircraft shall not be flown or launched from any County property except in officially designated areas by permit (Class e offense).
- B. **Athletics/leagues.**
- (1) Persons reserving an athletic field are entitled to exclusive use of such areas on the dates and between the hours specified by permit. They, and all other users, are prohibited from playing on the fields if the grounds are wet or otherwise unsuitable for play (Class e offense).
 - (2) Any athletic field other than an artificial turf field that is not reserved shall be available on a first- come, first-served basis. Artificial turf fields shall be available only through a permit issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- C. **Bicycling.**
- (1) Bicycle riding is permitted only on roads or on other trails designated for that purpose (Class e offense).
 - (2) Bicycle riding is subject to the following requirements (Class e offense):
 - a. Bicycles must yield to pedestrians and horses along the trail.
 - b. Bicycles shall not be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for existing conditions. The maximum speed limit on the trails is 15 miles per hour.
 - c. Bicycle trail users shall dismount prior to crossing intersecting

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roadways.

- d. Bicycles and hikers shall keep right except to pass and bicyclists must alert other trail users before passing.

D. Boating. (Violation of below regulations constitute a Class e offense.)

- (1) No boat or other watercraft is allowed on lakes or ponds on County property except by permit.
- (2) Operators and occupants of permitted watercraft will comply with all local, state and federal regulations governing the use and operation of said watercraft.
- (3) Operators and occupants of permitted watercraft will comply with any special regulation promulgated by the Director and posted near watercraft launch sites.

E. Fires. (Violation of below regulations constitute a Class e offense.)

- (1) Fires are permitted only on public campgrounds and picnic areas, and are restricted to established fireplaces constructed for this purpose, and/or privately owned grills or stoves in areas specifically designated by the Director.
- (2) Before leaving the site, persons who have made fires shall wet hot coals until they are thoroughly soaked and cold.
- (3) Building of fires may be prohibited or limited by the Director when a fire hazard exists. ~~Lighted matches, cigars, cigarettes or other burning objects shall be properly extinguished prior to being discarded.~~ The lighting and use of tobacco products are prohibited on county property.
- (4) Ground fires are prohibited.

F. Fishing. Fishing is permitted only in designated areas and in compliance with Maryland state angler's license requirements (Class e offense).

G. Golf. Golf practice is not permitted except at golf courses (Class e offense).

H. Horseback riding. Horses are permitted only in designated areas and trails (Class e offense).

I. Hunting; trapping.

- (1) Hunting and trapping are permitted only for scientific and animal control purposes.
- (2) Hunting is permitted only in areas designated for hunting and upon compliance with federal and/or Maryland state licensing requirements (Class d offense).
- (3) No person may hunt or trap without the required permit issued from the Department.

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- J. Picnicking. Picnicking may be prohibited in areas identified as inappropriate by the Director. Unrestricted picnic areas are operated on a first-come, first-served basis. (Class e offense).
- K. Roller-skating, in-line skating, skateboarding.
Roller-skating and skateboarding are permitted only in areas designated for such use and are prohibited in areas designated for basketball and tennis (Class e offense).
~~(1) Skateboarding is prohibited on all paved trails (Class e offense).~~
- L. Swimming, water sports.
(1) Bathing and swimming are permitted only in places and at times designated by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Class e offense).
(2) Bathers must be properly clad in a bathing suit or appropriate swimming attire (Class e offense).
(3) Lifeguards are not in attendance within county parks. Users assume their own risk.
- M. Winter sports. Ice-skating, sledding, skiing, and snowmobiling or tobogganing are permitted on park property only where authorized by posted notice and only in accordance with special regulations on the posted notice (Class e offense).
- N. Camping. Camping is authorized by permit only in designated areas and within specific periods as indicated on the permit (Class e offense).
- O. Motorized vehicle. Use of any unauthorized motorized vehicle on park property is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to ATVs, minibikes, motor scooters, and dirt bikes (Class a offense). [Amended 4-25-2007 by Ord. No. 07-18]

§ 22-21. Animal control provisions.

- A. All animals must be controlled in accordance with the Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations and abide by all provisions as set forth within the Queen Anne's County Animal Control Ordinance (Chapter 9 of the Code of Queen Anne's County).
- B. Pets are strictly prohibited from Romancoke Pier, and Matapeake Pier (Class e offense).
- C. Non-domesticated animals. Grazing of animals is not allowed on County parklands without special permission (Class e offense).
- D. Domesticated animals.

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- (1) All pets, except for ~~Seeing Eye dogs,~~ documented Service animals are prohibited from bathing, picnic or other areas that are specifically restricted and posted (Class e offense).
- (2) All animals must be controlled by a leash or other similar restraining device at all times (Class e offense).
- (3) The owner or custodian of an animal may not allow his or her animal or any animal under his or her care to defecate on public property, unless the owner or custodian of the animal immediately thereafter removes and disposes of any and all waste in a sanitary manner (Class e offense).
- (4) At no time may an animal injure, molest or intimidate another individual or animal, chase vehicles or bicycles (Class b offense).

§ 22-22. Regulation of traffic.

- A. Enforcement. Traffic and parking in County parks, ~~specifically including the area commonly known as the "4-H Park," Route 18, Third Election District, Queen Anne's County, Maryland,~~ is under direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. All posted signs and the instructions of park officials must be obeyed (Class e offense). [Amended 7-25-2006 by Ord. No. 06-14]
- B. Speed limit. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour unless the speed limit is otherwise posted or directed (Class e offense).
- C. Permissible roadways. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle on park property other than a road or street on which public access is permitted (Class b offense).
- D. Large truck, buses. Trucks over one ton, buses and tractor trailers shall not be operated or parked on park property except by special permit (Class e offense).
- E. Parking regulations.
 - (1) No persons may stop, stand or park a motor vehicle on park property (Class e offense).
 - a. In front of a public driveway;
 - b. Within an intersection;
 - c. Within 20 feet of, or so as to obstruct, a crosswalk, or within 20 feet of an intersection;
 - d. On a bridge;
 - e. Any place an official sign prohibits, or regulates, stopping, standing, parking, or the manner of parking in general;
 - f. On the paved portion of a roadway or public driveway;
 - g. On, or obstructing the entrance to, any bicycle path, hiker path bridle path or access road;

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- h. So as to obstruct another vehicle or traffic;
- i. So as to occupy more than one parking space or across painted parking lines;
- j. During those hours when park property is not open to the public;
- k. On any grass area unless specifically allowed or so as to injure any tree shrub, plant or vegetation;
- l. In a *designated* fire lane;
- m. *In a designated loading area:*
- n. On park property other than that designated for vehicular parking;
- o. Within 15 of a fire hydrant;
- p. Within 30' of the approach to any traffic control device located at the side of a roadway or at an intersection.

- (2) Any vehicle, which receives a permit to park adjacent to any roadway must be removed from the traveled portion of the roadway and parked in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with left wheels parallel to and within 36 inches of the right edge or boundary of the roadway (Class e offense).

§ 22-23. Fees.

Park users shall pay the ~~fixed~~ *rental* fees for permit or use as established by the Department.

- A. *Rental fees or permit for use. All fixed charges or permit for use must be paid in full prior to use or event.*
- B. *Waiver of rental fees or permit for use. No fixed charges or permit for use may be waived without written directive from the Director and/or the County Commissioners.*

§ 22-24. Enforcement.

- A. Enforcement authority. The provisions of this article shall be enforced by any Queen Anne's County employee designated by resolution of the County Commissioners. In addition, these provisions may be enforced by the Department of Natural Resources, Queen Anne's County Sheriff, Maryland State Police and any local law enforcement agencies or agencies designated by the County Commissioners. [Amended 10-11-2016 by Ord. No. 16-09]
- B. Interference with enforcement efforts. It shall be a violation of this article to interfere with the designee in the performance of the designee's duties.

§ 22-25. Civil infractions.

- A. In general. Violation of this article shall be a civil infraction.
- B. Fine; obligation to correct. [Amended 4-25-2007 by Ord. No.07-18]

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- (1) Any person found in violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.
 - (2) Each day during which a violation continues may be deemed a separate offense.
- C. Amount of fine. Unless another amount for a specific violation has been established by law or regulation, the pre-set civil fine shall be in the minimum amount shown below:

Class of Offense	Minimum Fine	Minimum Suspension	Maximum Suspension
a	\$500.00	1 year	Permanent
b	\$250.00	4 months	1 year
c	\$100.00 1	1 month	3 months
d	\$50.00	1 week	1 month
e	\$50.00	1 day	1 week

- D. Suspension from park facility. The Director has the authority to suspend in addition to fines. In addition to the fines, the Director may suspend park privileges as set forth above.

§ 22-26. Restitution.

In addition to or in lieu of enforcing the provisions of this article, the Department of Parks and Recreation may seek and obtain restitution from any individual for costs incurred by the Department in restoring, repairing, replacing, removing encroachments or otherwise mitigating the loss of or damage to any natural resources or other parkland property destroyed, defaced, damaged, altered or removed by the individual.

§ 22-27. Citations.

- A. Form. Citations shall be in the form designated and promulgated by Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation and approved by the District Court of Maryland.
- B. Payment of fine. Citations shall be payable within 20 calendar days of receipt of the citation. The preset fine will be the minimum amounts as set forth in § 22-25C.
- C. Right to stand trial.
 - (1) A person receiving a citation for civil infraction may elect to stand trial for the offense by notifying the Queen Anne's County Finance Department of the person's intention to stand trial.
 - (2) The notice of intent to stand trial shall be given in writing within 10 calendar days of receipt of the citation.
 - (3) On receipt of the notice of intent to stand trial, the County Finance Department shall forward to the District Court of Queen Anne's County a copy of the citation and the notice of intent to stand trial.
 - (4) The District Court shall schedule the case for trial and notify the defendant of the trial date.
- D. Fines remitted to County.
 - (1) All penalties, fines, and forfeitures collected by the District Court for violations of this article shall be remitted to the Finance Office of Queen Anne's County.
 - (2) Fines shall be payable to Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Department or Finance Office.

§ 22-28. Failure to pay or stand trial.

- A. Notice. If a person who receives a citation for a violation fails to pay the fine by the date of payment set forth on the citation, and fails to file a notice of intention to stand trial, formal notice of the violation shall be sent to the person's last known address.
- B. Additional fine; failure to respond. A person who receives a citation may request adjudication of the case through District Court. The District Court shall schedule the case for trial and summon the defendant to appear.

§ 22-29. Adjudications.

In any proceeding before the District Court, the violation shall be prosecuted in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth for municipal infractions under Article 25B, § 13C, of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

§ 22-30. Court costs and fines.

If the person is found by the District Court to have committed a violation of this article, the person shall be liable for the costs of the proceedings in the District Court and shall be subject to a fine.