

ORDINANCE NO. 96-05  
(AS AMENDED)

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY PARKS ORDINANCE

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING PROVISIONS REGULATING THE USAGE OF PARKS IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS FOR THE SAFE AND PEACEFUL USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND PARKS BY THE PUBLIC; FOR THE EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC; AND FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE PROPERTY, FACILITIES AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Article 25B Section 13C of the Annotated Code of Maryland and in the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County including Section 1-501, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County and upon the recommendation of the Board of Recreation and Parks of Queen Anne's County do hereby ordain, establish, adopt, resolve and promulgate the following rules and regulations to be effective at all County Parks in Queen Anne's County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Ordinance Number 96-\_\_\_\_, The Queen Anne's County Parks Ordinance, is hereby enacted as County Ordinance Number 96-05 to read as set forth on the attached.

SECTION II  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Hunting, trapping and firearms are prohibited on County owned lands.
2. Fishing is permitted except in posted areas, provided it is done in conformity with County and State law.
3. No person may enter a County Park or areas controlled by the Queen Anne's County Recreation and Parks when such lands are closed to public entry by proclamation of the Director of Recreation and Parks. All entry when County property is closed will be considered trespassing.
4. Bathing and swimming are permitted only in places and at times designated by the Department of Recreation and Parks. Bathers must be properly clad in a bathing suit.
5. Camping is allowed in designated areas by permit only and only in the place and the period specified in the permit.
6. Private water crafts are permitted only by Department

permit.

7. No person may sell, offer for sale, hire, lease or let out merchandise in County parks without a permit from the Queen Anne's County Department of Recreation and Parks.

8. Fires are permitted only in designated areas by consent of the Department of Recreation and Parks and with a permit issued by the Fire Marshall. Fires must be continuously under the care of a competent person over 16 years of age. Every fire must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving.

9. No sign, notice or noise shall be made to attract attention to any kind of exhibition without written permission from the Queen Anne's County Department of Recreation and Parks.

10. Lighted matches, cigars, cigarettes or other burning objects shall be properly extinguished prior to being discarded.

11. Refuse and rubbish must be properly disposed of in trash receptacles. Any litter or discharge of waste materials on the lands or waters of County parks is prohibited. Dumping of household or commercial trash is prohibited on any County property whether or not said dumping occurs in a trash receptacle.

12. Injury, defacement or disturbance of any building, sign, equipment or public property, and except under permit, the removal or destruction of any tree, flower, fern, shrub, rock or other plant or mineral in a County Park is prohibited. Standing, parking, driving vehicles on unpaved areas without permission is prohibited. The intentional disturbance or harassment of any animal or animal habitat is prohibited.

13. Games of chance and fortune telling is prohibited in County Parks.

14. No minors are allowed to transport or possess intoxicating beverages in any County park. No consumption of intoxicating beverages by players, coaches, managers, etc. before or during competitive league or tournament games is permitted. Glass containers are prohibited. Sales of intoxicating beverage are prohibited.

15. No person may perform an obscene or indecent acts; throw stones or other missiles; annoy people, interfere with, encumber, obstruct or render dangerous any drive, path, walk, dock, beach or public place. No person may perform any act that ends or amounts to a breach of the peace; climb upon any structure other than playground equipment; enter or leave a park except at established entrance ways or exits; 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.

16. Traffic and parking in County parks is under direction of

the Department of Recreation and Parks. All posted signs and the instructions of park officials must be obeyed. The interior of a car on park land must be at all times fully open to view. It is prohibited to drive or park a vehicle within or upon a safety zone, walk, trail or bridal path, or any other place not customarily used for vehicular traffic. Drivers must obey all posted speeds and operate their car in a safe manner.

17. Park users must pay the fixed charges for permit or use as established by the Queen Anne's County Department of Recreation and Parks.

18. Grazing of animals is not allowed on County park lands without special permission.

19. Pets, cats and dogs, etc. except seeing-eye dogs are prohibited from bathing, picnic or other areas specifically restricted and posted. All pets must be on a leash and under control at all times.

## SECTION II

### Enforcement Violation and Penalties.

1. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by those persons or agencies designated by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County (hereinafter referred to as the "Designee"). It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to interfere with the Designee in the performance of his/her duties.

2. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a "civil infraction". Any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity found to have committed a civil infraction by violating any provisions of this Ordinance or any amendment thereto shall be fined not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and the person receiving a citation must correct the violation. Each and every day during which such violation continues may be deemed a separate offense.

3. Citations shall be in the form designated and promulgated by the District Court of Maryland. The fine shall be payable within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the citation. A person receiving a citation for civil infraction may elect to stand trial for the offense by notifying the County of his/her intention to stand trial. The notice of intent to stand trial shall be given at least five (5) days before the date of payment as set forth in the citation. Upon receipt of the notice of intent to stand trial, the Designee shall forward to the District Court of Queen Anne's County, a copy of the citation and the notice of intent to stand trial. On receipt of the same, the District Court shall schedule the case for trial and notify the Defendant(s) of the trial date. All penalties, fines and forfeitures collected by the District Court for violations of this Ordinance shall be remitted to the Treasurer of Queen Anne's County.

4. 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. If the citation is not satisfied within fifteen (15) days from the date of notice, the person is liable to an additional fine not to exceed twice the original fine. If after thirty-five (35) days, the citation is not satisfied, the Designee may request adjudication of the case through the District Court. The District Court shall schedule the case for trial and summons the Defendant(s) to appear.

5. 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, Section 13C of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The County Commissioners may authorize either the County Attorney or an appointed attorney or prosecute any violation of this Ordinance.

6. If the person is found by the District Court to have committed a violation of this Ordinance he/she shall be liable for the costs of the proceedings in the District Court.

#### SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act will take effect on the forty-sixth day following its passage.

Introduced By: Commissioner O'Donnell  
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