

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 141 ENTITLED “PARKS” AND
CHAPTER 91 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE SPRINGFIELD
TOWNSHIP TO REQUIRE PERMITTING FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP
RECREATION FACILITIES AND ADDING AN APPLICATION FEE**

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township regulates the use and fees for Township owned grounds and facilities for the use and enjoyment of its residents and youths; and

WHEREAS, the use of municipal facilities should be scheduled for the convenience of their users in order to ensure availability and safety; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance and care is required in order to maintain these facilities and keep them in proper condition for their users; and

WHEREAS, the Township feel that certain activities should be fee based to ensure that the Township receives adequate revenue for the utilization of its facilities to offset rising costs and to enable it to continue to make further improvements to the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to adopt regulations as a means of improving the accessibility of Township’s municipal facilities and, at the same time, provide for their safe, constructive and prolonged use.

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to require all organizations wishing to utilize Township facilities and grounds to submit a permit application, certificate of insurance, background checks for coaches, supervisors, and/or other affiliated adults, and pay a usage fee; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend § 141-7 to reflect recent developments and updates to the Application to Request to Use Township Recreation Fields; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to amend § 91-12 to add a Recreation fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Springfield Township, County of Burlington, that the following Ordinance is hereby adopted so as to amend Chapters 141 and 91 of the General Legislation of the Springfield Township, to read as follows (underlined text illustrates additions, strikethrough text illustrates deletions):

Section One. Amendments to Chapter 141 “Parks.”

The Township Council amends Chapter 141 “Parks” at § 141-7 to read as follows:

§ 141-7 Special use permits; standards for issuance; appeal.

- A. [no change]
- B. Delete in its entirety.
- C. [no change]
- D. [no change]

§ 141-8 Responsibilities of organizations utilizing facilities; proof of insurance.

- A. Care and cleaning of equipment and grounds. Organizations utilizing park or recreational facilities are responsible for the care of equipment and grounds utilized and the cleaning of the area at the completion of the event. The Township shall require the permittee to provide remuneration to the Township for any damages to the facilities and/or repairs or replacement of damaged equipment. No structures or equipment of any kind are to be added to the recreation facility without prior approval of the Springfield Township.
- B. Liability insurance. Organizations utilizing park or recreational areas must present proof of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) general liability insurance with the Springfield Township as the certificate holder, covering injuries to persons and

damage to property during the period the facility is being used.

C. [no change]

D. Background checks. Organizations must submit documentation of background checks for any coaches, supervisors, and/or other affiliated adults.

E. Parking. Parking is allowed in the designated vehicle parking areas only. Vehicles are not to proceed past the boundaries of the parking areas.

F. Usage. All activities will begin and end within the time frame as requested and / or approved.

§ 141-9 Right of Township Council to refuse or cancel use.

A. The Township Council shall have the right to refuse or cancel the use of any facility to organizations or individuals for reasons of repair, construction or other reasons that may be detrimental to the care and upkeep of the area, or for such other reasons as the Council may find to be in the best interests of the Township.

B. Violations of any of the rules, regulations and/or applicable ordinances may result in the cancellation of the permit and/or the denial of future permits, and fines as established by the Code of the Springfield Township.

Section Two. Amendments to Chapter 91 “Fees.”

The Township Council amends Chapter 91 “Fees” at §91-12 entitled “Recreation fees”.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Field/Park/pavilion use</u>	
<u>Township Organizations</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Private Applicants</u>	<u>\$50 per evening for each three hour period.</u>

Section Three. 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.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Springfield Township Council held on March 08, 2023 and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Springfield Township Council held on April 12, 2023.

Brandy Boyington,
Acting Township Clerk

Vote on Introduction of Ordinance 2023-03-01

Council	Motion	2 nd	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Eaton			X			
Mr. Hermesmann		X	X			
Mr. McDaniel						X
Mr. Sobotka	X		X			
Mayor Frank			X			

The ordinance read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Springfield Township Council, held on April 12, 2023, and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or validity of such ordinance can commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

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Mr. Hermesmann		x	X			
Mr. McDaniel			X			
Mr. Sobotka	X		X			
Mayor Frank			X			

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