

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE NO. 7-2024**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 250 OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD CODE,
ARTICLE II BIRCH GROVE PARK, VETERANS PARK AND FIRST
STREET PLAYGROUND REGULATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 250, Article II, of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (added text underlined; deleted text ~~stricken~~):

Article II Birch Grove Park, Veterans Park, ~~and~~ First Street Playground, and Northfield Bike Path Regulations

§ 250-2 Prohibited activities.

- A. No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted within the confines of Birch Grove Park, Veterans Park, ~~and~~ the First Street Playground or the Northfield Bike Path within the City of Northfield. This includes all structures and all lands within the metes and bounds description of the parcels of property constituting Birch Grove Park, Veterans Park, ~~and~~ the First Street Playground and the Northfield Bike Path.
- B. NO CHANGE
- C. No person(s) shall be permitted to deposit, leave or abandon any domesticated or nondomesticated animal or other living creature within the confines of Birch Grove Park, Veterans Park, ~~and~~ the First Street Playground, or the Northfield Bike Path in the City of Northfield. This restriction and prohibition is intended to be all inclusive.
- D. NO CHANGE
- E. NO CHANGE
- F. NO CHANGE

§ 250-3 Reserved use of athletic fields, ~~or~~ park facilities, or the Northfield Bike Path or any portions thereof

- A. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ATHLETIC FIELD AREA – NO CHANGE

BANDSTAND/GAZEBO – NO CHANGE

NORTHFIELD BIKE PATH

The municipal park pedestrian/bicycle recreation area also known as "Northfield Bike Path" located in the City of Northfield.

RESERVED USE – NO CHANGE

B. Application Required

- (1) Requests by outside organizations* for reserved use of any Northfield Municipal Facilities, or any use of athletic fields or the Northfield Bike Path must be coordinated through the City Clerk's Office, and must be submitted in writing, on the forms provided by the City of Northfield. It is a two-part process, consisting of a use of facilities application, and if approved, a use of facilities agreement. If use is approved, the requesting organization must abide by the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 250-3 C., below and in the use of facilities agreement.
- (2) All requests for use of athletic fields or the Northfield Bike Path by outside organizations* require City Council approval and will be considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body. Meeting schedules can be found on the municipal website.
- (3) NO CHANGE.

*NOTE: Refers to groups other than the City of Northfield Cultural Committee.

C. Insurance Requirements

- (1) All outside organization users approved for reserved use of the City's athletic fields, the disc golf course in Birch Grove Park, or the Northfield Bike Path must abide by insurance requirements as set forth herein and in the use of facilities agreement.
- (2) All outside organization users approved for reserved use of any other municipal facility(ies) consisting of 30 or more participants must abide by the insurance requirements as set forth herein and in the use of facilities agreement.

E.D. Use of athletic field lights – No Change.

§ 250-4 Compliance with rules by groups seeking permits – No Change

§ 250-5 Permit required for groups in Birch Grove Park or the Northfield Bike Path

No group shall be permitted to utilize Birch Grove Park in the City of Northfield unless a permit shall have been obtained from the Clerk of the City of Northfield or the Clerk's designee. No permit shall be issued unless application is made not less than five business days prior to the contemplated use of the premises. If use is for any athletic field area, the Northfield Bike Path, or the Bandstand/Gazebo, said use is subject to the application procedures as defined in § 250-3.

B. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

GROUP or ORGANIZATION

A collective number of persons, being 10 or more in number, whether related or unrelated, and participating in an organized activity or outing involving the use of the subject premises or any portion thereof.

§ 250-6 Operating hours – No Change

§ 250-7 Feeding of geese and waterfowl in Birch Grove Park – No Change

§ 250-8 Violations and penalties – No Change

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- 1) This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in the manner prescribed by law.
- 2) Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
- 3) Severability. If any Section or part of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or illegal in any Court of competent jurisdiction then said part is severable from the Ordinance as a whole and the remaining sections or parts of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Erland Chau, Mayor

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey held on July 16,, 2024, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said Council held August 13, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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