

FILE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA.

BILL NO. 5 SESSIONS 2026-2027

INTRODUCED BY Mr. Brian M. Martin, August 24, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SUBSECTION 943.01, "PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED" OF ARTICLE 943, "PARKS", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON.

SECTION 1. Subsection 943.01, "Park Rules and Regulations Established" of Article 943, "Parks", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Pa., is hereby repealed, rescinded, and deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following new subsection:

§943.01 Park Rules and Regulations Established

- (a) All day-use areas are open to the public from dawn to dusk unless otherwise posted.
- (b) Hunting, trapping and the discharging of any type of firearm, airgun, slingshot, explosive, fireworks, or bow and arrow is prohibited, unless otherwise permitted.
- (c) Pets are permitted provided they are on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and attended at all times and must be controlled to the extent that they will not cause injury to any person, another person's property, or molest, or injure wildlife. The owner or handler of any dog shall immediately clean up and properly dispose of any dog feces. The controlled training of unleashed dogs in Stoevers Dam Park is permitted in designated areas.
- (d) Trash, garbage, and all other litter shall be placed in containers provided for this purpose, and shall be limited to materials accumulated during use of the facility. Glass containers are prohibited in all City parks.
- (e) Open fires are permitted only in properly designated areas. Hot coals from charcoal grills shall be disposed of in a safe manner. Fires shall be attended at all times, and shall be fully extinguished prior to leaving the area. A large or uncontrolled fire is prohibited.
- (f) The removal, molesting, harassing, disturbing, injuring, or damaging of anything natural or physical, whether animate or inanimate on land or in water, or defacing, destroying, altering, or removing any man-made object is prohibited. The feeding of wildlife, including waterfowl, shall be prohibited in all City-owned parks.
- (g) Drivers of motor vehicles conforming to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code shall not exceed five miles per hour and shall only use roads and parking areas open to the public, and shall not block gates or other traffic. Unlicensed vehicles and snowmobiles are prohibited except in designated areas. **With the exception of use by Lebanon City Police Officers or other authorized law enforcement officers**, the use of motorized pedalcycles, pedalcycles with electric assist, other types of motorized, electric, or gas-powered modes of transportation or recreation, and motorcycles, is prohibited. The use of a motorized wheelchair or mobility scooter operated by a person with a disability shall be permitted.
- (h) Boisterous, immoral or indecent conduct is prohibited.
- (i) Camping is permitted only in designated areas. A camping permit shall be obtained from the administrative offices or other designated sites. No person shall erect or maintain a tent or mobile

camper without obtaining a permit. The fee for a camping permit shall be in accordance with the fee established by Lebanon City Council. A camping "day" shall begin at 12:00 noon and end at 12:00 noon of the following day. The maximum length of a stay on a permit is one week. Upon the expiration of the one-week period, no person shall be permitted to apply for a new camping permit for a period of four days. The renewal or extension of a permit shall be at the sole discretion of the Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor or his/her authorized designee. Trailer sites shall be solely occupied by mobile campers and shall be limited to one trailer per site. Tents and trailers shall not be erected or left unattended in the Park for more than three days and shall not be used to reserve a specified site for future use.

- (j) No person under the age of 18 may camp at Stoever's Dam Park without the direct and constant supervision of a parent or guardian, unless other specific arrangements are made with the Park Police prior to the date of camping. Pets may not stay overnight in the camping area. Persons visiting permitted campers shall leave the camping area no later than 10:00 p.m.
- (k) Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Employees and/or authorized representatives of the City of Lebanon, City of Lebanon Police Department, and North Lebanon Township Police Department reserve the right to inspect coolers, ice chests, or any other containers for alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers.
- (l) Swimming, wading, or wading to fish in the waters of the park is prohibited unless otherwise designated.
- (m) Boat launch parking area is reserved for vehicles towing and/or carrying boats only. Boating is permitted in designated areas for small craft 17 feet and under. Inflatable boats less than seven feet in length with less than two air chambers and designed primarily as swimming aids are prohibited. Motors, with the exception of electric motors, are prohibited. All craft shall meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements. Children less than 12 years of age and under shall wear a Type I, II, or III personal flotation device (PFD) of proper size in accordance with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations.
- (n) Fishing is permitted at the small pond along Theater Drive at Stoever's Dam Park, and at Northeast Park in accordance with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Code. The use of a bow and arrow or the taking, catching, killing or possession of crayfish, frogs, reptiles and turtles is prohibited. Fishing from the dam breast, the footbridge over the spillway, and the north siltation pond at Stoever's Dam Park shall be prohibited. Ice fishing is permitted at Stoever's Dam Park when suitable and safety conditions exist. Ice skating at Stoever's Dam Park shall be prohibited.
- (o) Horseback riding is prohibited in all parks except at Stoever's Dam Park, where areas are specifically designed for that purpose.
- (p) No person shall sell or offer for sale any merchandise, article, or any item whatsoever in any City park or City-operated recreation area. This regulation shall not apply to authorized concessionaires who have obtained the applicable licenses and/or permits.
- (q) No person or persons shall wash, wax, or do any type of mechanical repairs to their vehicle while in the Stoever's Dam Park area.
- (r) Bicycles shall yield to pedestrians and shall stay to the outside of the trail (walking path) at Stoever's Dam Park.
- (s) Throwing stones, sticks, or any discarded material into any waters is prohibited.
- (t) Any person who violates any park regulation or rule or disregards lawful instructions or warnings given by an authorized representative of the City of Lebanon or North Lebanon Township may be directed to leave the park area. This section does not preclude prosecution or other legal action under the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, City of Lebanon, or North Lebanon Township.

- (u) Any person refusing to leave the park area after receiving an order for lawful cause to leave from an authorized person, or a person who received a notice by certified or registered mail or a personal service banning such person from entering or using any park facility for a period to be determined by the City of Lebanon and has not filed a notice of appeal regarding such order and further ignores such notice and returns, shall be in violation of this article.
- (v) No bare feet are permitted in the parks.
- (w) No person is permitted to carry any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other lighted smoking equipment, including electronic cigarettes or similar devices, within 25 feet of athletic fields, athletic courts, and playground areas.
- (x) The use of inflatable bounce houses, trampolines, and similar equipment is prohibited unless a hold harmless agreement and certificate of liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$500,000 naming the City of Lebanon and Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, if applicable, as an additional insured is submitted to the City of Lebanon Department of Administration no less than seven days prior to the event.

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.