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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, CHAPTER 13, MUNICIPAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Bayonne, Chapter 13, Municipal Parks and Playgrounds, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows (additions ****between asterisks and/or in bold****, deletions {within brackets and/or ~~struck through~~):

§ 13-5. MUNICIPAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

There shall be a Division of Recreation under the Department of Administration which shall regulate that:

- a. Any group or organization filing an application for the use of any and all group activities located in any municipal parks and playgrounds shall provide the City of Bayonne evidence of general liability insurance coverage issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, naming the City of Bayonne as an additional insured, in limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$50,000 for property damage.
- b. The Division of Recreation shall be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations applicable to the use of any and all group activities located in the municipal parks and playgrounds. The rules and regulations applicable to the operation and use of shall be prominently posted by way of a notice in or about the particular municipal park. Said notice shall set forth the applicable rules and regulations and shall advise the public that a violation of same may result in a fine not exceeding \$1,250 within the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge consistent with Chapter 1, Section 1-5 of this Code.
- c. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, all use of the municipal parks and playgrounds for any legal purposes by any and all public schools under the direction and control of the City of Bayonne Board of Education are exempt from Section 13-5a.

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- d. **Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, No person shall maintain or inhabit any structure, tent or any other thing in any park that may be used for housing accommodations or camping, nor shall any person construct or maintain any device that can be used for cooking, except by express written permission form the Division of Recreation and no person shall modify the landscape in any way to create a shelter, or accumulate household furniture or appliances or construction debris in any park.**
- e. **No person shall remain in any park for the purpose of sleeping between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except that special permission may be granted by the Division of Recreation to (a) persons providing security services between said hours in any park and (b) persons or entities conducting special events.**

- f. **A person cited for violation of either subsection “d” or “e” of this section shall not be in violation of this section if (1) he or she does not have an outstanding citation for violation of this subsection; and (2) within 30 hours of issuance of the citation, he or she accepts Social Services offered by the City of Bayonne and/or the County of Hudson, any other public entity, or a private, non-profit agency. For the purpose of this section, the term “Social Services” shall mean temporary or permanent housing, residential substance abuse treatment, Homeless Outreach services, or admission to a hospital or other residential facility for medical treatment. For purposes of this section, “outstanding citation” shall mean a citation or ticket that is not paid or that is under appeal. ****

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, but only, however to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances now existing and in effect, unless the same be in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect; and

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this amending ordinance shall become effective upon due passage and publication according to law.