

TOWNSHIP OF EPHRATA

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 285

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EPHRATA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 227, PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE EPHRATA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, TO ALLOW FOR THE LIMITED USE OF NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT.

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2008, the Board of Supervisors of Ephrata Township enacted Ordinance No. 227, which set forth rules and regulations governing the use of the Ephrata Township Community Park; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2012, the Board of Supervisors of Ephrata Township enacted Ordinance No. 241, which created certain amendments to Ordinance 227; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 227, as amended by Ordinance No. 241, prohibits the use of any boats on any part of Ephrata Township Community Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township desires to allow the limited use of non-motorized watercraft on the Ephrata Township Park Lake on the northern side of the Park.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 227, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 241, is hereby further amended by deleting Section 23, Boating, in its entirety and inserting a new Section 23, Boating, as follows:

SECTION 23. BOATING

Boating or the use of any device designed for transportation on water is not permitted on the pond on the southern side of the park.

The use of non-motorized canoes, kayaks and rowboats is permitted on the Ephrata Township Park Lake on the northern side of the park subject to the following regulations:

- A. The use of non-motorized canoes, kayaks and rowboats is permitted on the lake from May 15th to October 15th of each year.
- B. It is unlawful to use a canoe, kayak, rowboat, or any other object propelled by motors or electrical devices on the lake. Paddleboards are also not permitted.
- C. All individuals shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.
- D. Each person in a canoe, kayak or rowboat must have a wearable, USCG-approved life jacket. Life jackets must be the appropriate type, size and fit for the person intended. Children 12 years of age and younger must wear a life jacket at all times.
- E. All canoes, kayaks and rowboats must be carried or carted from the main parking lot. Motorized vehicles are not permitted anywhere in the park beyond the parking lot.
- F. Operating any watercraft under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal.
- G. Canoes, kayaks and rowboats may be launched from designated launching areas only.
- H. Overnight mooring or storage of canoes, kayaks or rowboats on the park property is prohibited.
- I. Swimming is prohibited.
- J. It is unlawful to contaminate, pollute or degrade groundwaters, surface waters or waterways.
- K. It is unlawful to remove or attempt to remove any manmade or natural object except fish taken during the open season per the PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations.
- L. All visitors to Ephrata Township Community Park should be aware, and are hereby notified, that outdoor recreation, especially on or near bodies of water, may result in damage to personal property, and/or serious bodily injury, including, but not limited to hypothermia, sickness from water consumption, and even death from drowning. Ephrata Township is not responsible for the safety of visitors to the Ephrata Township Community Park and is not able to provide regular monitoring of the activities at the park. Use of the Ephrata Township Community Park is done at the visitor's own risk, and Ephrata Township specifically disclaims liability for any damages to personal property and/or personal injuries that occur as a result of your use of the park. All users of the Ephrata Township Community Park are deemed to have accepted these conditions and to release Ephrata Township from any liability from the use of the park to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 2. Severability.

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts

of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Non-Impairment of Other Ordinances.


This Ordinance is intended as an amendment to provisions set forth in Ordinance No. 227, as previously amended. As such, any regulation set forth under Ordinance 227, as previously amended, to the extent inconsistent with provisions set forth herein, are superseded. Any other ordinance, resolution or regulation previously enacted or adopted by Ephrata Township not inconsistent with the regulations herein, shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be deemed repealed by the enactment of this Ordinance. Other than any amendments to ordinances expressly set forth herein, this Ordinance shall not repeal, abrogate, annul or in any way impair or interfere with existing provisions of other laws or ordinances; provided, however, that where this Ordinance imposes a greater restriction or greater penalty than is imposed or required by such existing provisions of law or ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect any suit or prosecution pending, or to be instituted prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, to enforce any ordinances, whether or not consistent with this Ordinance.

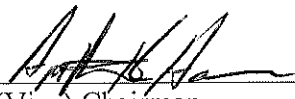
Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its enactment by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ephrata as provided by law.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 1st day of April, 2025, by Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF EPHRATA
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Attest: 
(Assistant) Secretary

By: 
(Vice) Chairman
Board of Supervisors

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, (Assistant) Secretary of the Township of Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania ("Township") certify that: The foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the Township which duly was enacted by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ephrata at a meeting duly held on the 1st day of April, 2025; that such Ordinance has been duly recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township; such Ordinance has been duly published as required by law; and such Ordinance remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ephrata met the advance notice and public comment requirements of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. C.S. §701 et seq., as amended, by advertising the date of said meeting, by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Township of Ephrata or at the public building in which said meeting was held, and by providing a reasonable opportunity for public comment at said meeting prior to enacting such Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Township of Ephrata, this 1st day of April, 2025.



(Assistant) Secretary

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]