



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE #26-06



AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 177, PARKS AND RECREATION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM BY ADDING ARTICLE IV, SPRAY PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Tarentum Borough owns and operates recreational facilities for the benefit of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has constructed and operates a public spray park facility intended for recreational water play by children and families; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that regulations governing the use of the spray park are necessary to protect the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment of the public and to preserve Borough property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 177, Parks and Recreation, is hereby amended by adding the following Article IV:

ARTICLE IV: Spray Park Regulations

§177-11. Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to establish rules governing the use of Borough-owned spray park facilities and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of all users.

§177-12. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BOROUGH SPRAY PARK: Any splash pad, spray ground, water play area, or similar recreational water facility owned, operated, or maintained by Tarentum Borough.

RESPONSIBLE ADULT: A parent, guardian, or person at least fourteen (14) years of age who has accepted responsibility for supervising a minor child.

§177-13. Prohibited Acts.

The following activities are prohibited within any Borough Spray Park:

- Children under eight (8) years of age using the spray park without supervision by a responsible adult.
- Nudity, indecent exposure, lewd conduct, sexual activity, or disorderly conduct.
- Possession or use of glass containers, sharp objects, or other materials that may create a safety hazard.



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- Littering or depositing refuse anywhere except in designated receptacles.
- Use of the spray park by any child who is not toilet trained unless wearing a swim diaper.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages except as otherwise authorized by Borough permit.
- Possession, use, or distribution of illegal controlled substances.
- Possession or consumption of food, beverages, or use of coolers within the active spray area.
- Smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco products.
- Bringing animals into the spray park area, except service animals as defined by law.
- Running, rough play, horseplay, vandalism, destruction of Borough property, or any conduct creating an unsafe condition.
- Use of the spray park outside posted operating hours.

§177-14. Authority to Post Rules.

The Borough Manager or designee may establish and post additional operational, safety, maintenance, or emergency rules necessary for the safe operation of the spray park.

§177-15. Enforcement.

- A. The provisions of this Article may be enforced by Borough employees, code enforcement officers, recreation personnel, and police officers.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this Article may be ordered to immediately leave the facility.
- C. Refusal to comply with a lawful order issued pursuant to this Article shall constitute a separate violation.

§177-16. Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction before a Magisterial District Judge, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), plus costs of prosecution, and in default thereof, imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2: Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.



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SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Ordinance is duly Ordained and Enacted by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum at a public meeting held this 14th day of July 2026.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager

Scott Dadowski, President Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 14th day of July 2026.

Eric Dee, Esq., Solicitor

Bob Lang, Mayor