

**LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SAUCON,
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 118,
PARKS AND RECREATION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER
SAUCON BY ADDING SECTION 118-5A, PROVIDING FOR RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR CANINES AND CANINE OWNERS WITHIN THE
CONFINES OF THE TOWNSHIP PARK FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Lower Saucon Township is a Township of the Second Class, Optional Plan, located in Northampton County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Lower Saucon Township desires to amend Chapter 118, PARKS AND RECREATION by adding an additional Section 118-5A, to provide for rules and regulations for Canines and Canine owners within the confines of The Township park facilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 67203 of the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. 67203, as amended) authorizes the Township to regulate the use and enjoyment of any park or recreation grounds owned and operated by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Saucon believes that this amendment to Chapter 118 of the Code of the Township of Lower Saucon is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lower Saucon Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lower Saucon, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: Amendment to Chapter 118

Chapter 118 of the Code of the Township of Lower Saucon is hereby amended by adding subsection 118-5A as follows:

§118-5A. Canine Regulations

- A. Canine regulations for all Township owned parks other than those specifically designated as a Canine or Dog Park.
 - 1. It shall be the responsibility of all Canine owners to ensure that all Canines remain on a leash at all times while within the confines of the park.

2. It shall be the responsibility of all Canine owners to collect and properly dispose of their Canine's feces.
- B. Canine regulations for those Township owned parks specifically designated as a Canine or Dog Park.
1. The Canine Park is open year round from dawn to dusk.
 2. Each person may bring up to two Canines into the park at a time. All Canines must be spayed or neutered.
 3. Canine owners are liable for any injury or damage caused by their animals.
 4. Canine owners are also responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining reasonable control over their Canine(s) (owners are required to remain inside the gates and be in view of their Canine(s) at all times).
 - b. Having a leash with them at all times (all Canines must be leashed when entering and leaving this park).
 - c. Picking up and properly disposing of Canine feces (mutt mitts will be supplied).
 - d. Stopping their Canines from digging and immediately fill any holes dug.
 - e. Legally licensing and vaccinating their Canines prior to visiting the Canine park (all Canines shall wear a visible Canine license and identification).
 - f. Keeping gate(s) closed at all times.
 - g. Providing their own water & bowls.
 5. The following are NOT permitted in the park, for safety reasons:
 - a. Aggressive Canines are prohibited from this park and Canines exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed from the park immediately.
 - b. Female Canines in heat
 - c. Canines under 4 months of age.
 - d. Unaccompanied Canines.
 - e. Canines that are not in good health.
 - f. Excessive barking.

- g. Prong, spike or choke collars.
- h. No food or treats (Human or Canine), alcoholic beverages, smoking, strollers, bicycles or children's toys allowed in Canine park.
- i. Children under 12, unless accompanied by a guardian 18 years or older
First time Canine Park users should consider visiting the park during non-peak times.

*The Township may close the site at any time for maintenance, inclement weather or turf conditions.

SECTION 2. REPEALER / INTERPRETATION

The former Chapter 118 is amended to add Section 118-5A with the language set forth above. If any other ordinances or parts of ordinances may be inconsistent herewith, they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any other remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Council of Lower Saucon Township that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included therein.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance will become effective five (5) days after its enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 7th day of May, 2008, at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

ATTEST:

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Glenn C. Kern
Council President