

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER MACUNGIE
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE #2023-06
(Duly Adopted May 4, 2023)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP MODIFYING CHAPTER 16 (PARKS AND RECREATION) PART 1 (USE OF PARK FACILITIES) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER MACUNGIE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USAGE OF DOG PARKS AS SET FORTH IN MORE DETAIL IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Macungie is the owner of numerous recreational parks and facilities situate in various areas of the Township; and

WHEREAS, these amenities have been and continue to be operated and maintained by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township; and

WHEREAS, several of the parks contain an amenity designated specifically as a canine or dog park; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township desires to amend its Ordinances to adopt specific Rules and Regulations pertaining to the usage of canine or dog parks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Macungie, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES

The following Sections denoted by Section numbers are amended, with such amendments being denoted by bold underlining. (**bold underlining**)

The following Sections or parts thereof denoted by Section numbers are added, with such additions being denoted by the word “**NEW**” preceding the addition which shall be denoted by bold text (**bold text**).

The following Sections or parts thereof denoted by Section numbers are deleted, with such deletions being denoted by brackets and strikethrough (~~[strikethrough-]~~).

For purposes of Codification, all Sections noted herein follow the Sections as set forth in the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances, revised through February 3, 2022.

SECTION 2. BODY OF THE ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 16 PARKS AND RECREATION

PART 1 USE OF PARK AND FACILITIES

“NEW” § 16-107. Dog Park Rules.

- 1. Use at Own Risk. Owners/handlers are responsible and liable for the action and behavior of their dogs at all times. Upper Macungie Township will not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog on municipal property or to any person within the park. By entering a dog park, owners/handlers assume the full risk of any and all such injuries, death, and damages, regardless of how serious, that an individual, a minor child, and/or a dog may sustain while using the park.**
- 2. Aggressive Dogs Prohibited. If a dog becomes aggressive it must be removed from the park immediately. Dogs known to be aggressive toward other dogs or people, or exhibiting any threatening behavior, may not enter the off-leash area.**
- 3. General Rules**
 - A. No more than two dogs per handler permitted in the off-leash area at one time.**
 - B. Handler must be a responsible adult.**
 - C. Puppies under four months old are not permitted in the off-leash area.**
 - D. No animals other than dogs are permitted in the off-leash area.**
 - E. Handlers must be present with their dog(s) inside the dog park gates and must have them under visual and voice control at all times.**
 - F. Dogs in heat, ill, and/or with internal or external parasites (fleas, ticks, worms) are not permitted in the park.**
 - G. Dogs must be leashed when exiting or entering the off-leash area.**
 - H. Handlers must have a leash in hand at all times while in the off-leash area.**
 - I. Dog waste must be collected by the handler and placed in the proper receptacle.**
 - J. Owners/handlers must stop their dogs from digging and immediately fill in any holes created by their dogs.**
 - K. No rawhide treats or food for pets or humans allowed in the off-leash area.**
 - L. All dogs must display current license and vaccination tags.**
 - M. An attending adult must closely supervise all children while in the off-leash area.**
 - N. The dog park may not be used for private use or gain, which includes, but is not limited to, instruction or training activities or events of any type without written approval from Upper Macungie Township.**
- 4. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to close the dog park facility for any circumstances deemed necessary or restrict entry to the facility, suspend, and/or ask dog handlers to leave the facility if any of the rules are not followed.**

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) calendar days after the date of enactment.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

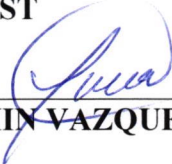
In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance, it being the intent of this Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. REPEALER

All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be and the same expressly are repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED the 4th day of May, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST

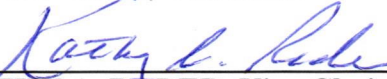


JAZMIN VAZQUEZ, Township Secretary

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