

Chapter 65**PLAYGROUNDS**

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 12-30-1964; amended in its entirety 9-3-1992 by Ord. No. 23-1992. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

- Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 15.
Curfew — See Ch. 39.
Loitering — See Ch. 60.
Minors — See Ch. 61.

§ 65-1. Purpose.

The City of Gloucester City has attempted to provide certain areas within the city that are set out for recreational use. It is the intention of the city to provide these facilities and maintain the order and dignity for the usage of same that is in keeping with the inhabitants of the city. By establishing certain rules and regulations, it is believed that the parks and recreational

areas will afford the inhabitants a safe, sanitary and wholesome location for recreational purposes.

§ 65-2. Hours to be closed.

- A. All areas designated within the city as park or recreational areas shall be closed to all persons from dusk to dawn, unless otherwise posted. This ordinance shall apply to all parks within the city, be they lighted or not; and parts of any previous ordinance or amendment thereto inconsistent in closing from dusk to dawn shall be repealed by this ordinance.
- B. Exceptions. All public playgrounds that are purposely illuminated for play, recreation, occupancy or use will be closed to all persons for said purpose from dusk to dawn. This shall not preclude ingress or egress by the public to attend organized and authorized functions on public playgrounds between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

§ 65-3. Prohibited acts. [Amended 4-3-1997 by Ord. No. 5-1997]

Except as provided for in § 15-19.1, Exceptions, of Chapter 15, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of the City of Gloucester City, the use of alcoholic beverages, the possession of alcoholic beverages, vandalism or destruction to any city property or being in the park or recreational area other than the designated hours shall be a violation and subject to the penalty provisions set forth hereinafter.

§ 65-4. Open fires. [Amended 6-3-1999 by Ord. No. 11-1999]

There shall be no open fires or barbeques unless an application has been made to the City Council and permission granted by that body. The application shall set forth the purpose for the open fire or barbeque as well as the exact date

and time to which permission is sought for the open fire or barbeque. Permits for open fires or barbecues shall be issued only for public purposes and not for private functions or affairs from which the public is barred from participating. Authorization shall not be for more than one day.

§ 65-5. Violations and penalties. [Amended 5-6-1999 by Ord. No. 6-1999]

Any person who is found loitering on or using or occupying any public playground during prohibited hours or committing any act prohibited in this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

§ 65-5.1. Guilty plea and fine. [Added 6-3-1999 by Ord. No. 10-1999]

Any person who violates the following subsection: § 65-7.A.2, which states "NO pets permitted" may plead guilty to the violation without appearing before the Municipal Judge and, upon such pleading, shall be required to pay a municipal penalty of \$30, in addition to the State of New Jersey A.T.S. Surcharge, for each offense, provided that the violation has been abated.

§ 65-6. Residency required for use.

The use of park and recreational areas shall be limited exclusively to residents of the City of Gloucester and their guests.

§ 65-7. Regulations for particular public parks, playgrounds, open spaces and recreation areas. [Added 5-6-1999 by Ord. No. 6-1999]

A. The following list of prohibitions and rules of play shall hereby be adopted, conspicuously posted and enforced at the Fort Nassau Community Playground located on Johnson Boulevard at the foot of Frances Avenue:

**FORT NASSAU PLAYGROUND
PARK PROHIBITIONS**

1. NO smoking and/or alcoholic beverages permitted.
2. NO pets permitted.
3. NO bicycles, skateboards, cleats or skates permitted.
4. NO playing Tag, running or running games permitted.
5. NO jumping over fences or from equipment permitted.
6. NO barbecue or open fires permitted.
7. This Playground shall be CLOSED DAILY FROM DUSK TO DAWN and, other times as posted for necessary maintenance.

RULES OF PLAY

1. Play at your own risk.
2. Climb only on equipment intended for climbing.
3. Use playground equipment properly.
4. Dispose of trash/recycling in proper receptacles.
5. Use only equipment designed for your age group.
6. Be considerate of small children.
7. Park bicycles in bike rack.

Please remember that this Playground was designed and intended for children ages 13 and under. We encourage families to come and play together but ask that the older children use restraint and common sense in the playground. In the spirit of teamwork, follow the rules and play carefully. Please take pride in our playground and keep it clean. Thank You