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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: June 6, 2018 - 4:00 PM

Location: Administration Building
Room 119
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Agenda: Adopting the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of OC Parks and Open Space" and repealing the Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Ocean County Parks adopted on 3/18/2015 as amended and including the Official Rules and Regulations for OC Golf Courses adopted on March 1, 2000.

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Little	✓				✓		
Bartlett, Jr.	✓				✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		
Kelly	✓			✓	✓		
Vicari	✓				✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

June 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION GOVERNING THE USE OF OCEAN COUNTY PARKS, OPEN SPACE, and COUNTY GOLF COURSES, REPEALING RULES AND REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37-259 et. seq., the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Ocean is authorized to establish standards of conduct which will promote peace, tranquility, order and respect within the Ocean County Park System and prescribe penalties for violations thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Ocean County to update and revise those rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid confusion, it is also desirable to repeal rules and regulations previously adopted by this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS of the COUNTY OF OCEAN, that the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Ocean County Parks and Open Space", as set forth below, are hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the previous rules and regulations governing the use of facilities within the Ocean County Parks System, including "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Ocean County Parks" adopted on March 18, 2015, as amended from time to time and including the "Official Rules and Regulations for Ocean County Golf Courses" adopted on March 1, 2000 are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that violators of any of the provisions set forth in the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Ocean County Parks and Open Space" shall be subject to the penalties contained therein, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:24.2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Resolution, together with the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Ocean County Parks, Open Space, and County Golf Courses", in a newspaper circulating within Ocean County, at which time they will take effect.

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OCEAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1

SECTION 1.0: DEFINITIONS

1.01 **Authorized Emergency Vehicles** – vehicles operated by Fire Departments, Ocean County Security Department, Ocean County Sheriff's Office , Police Departments, First Aid, Parks and Recreation Department or other vehicles as approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

1.02 **Department** – The Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation, under the auspices of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

1.03 **Director** – The Director of Parks and Recreation, as appointed by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, or his designated representative. The Director has the implicit authority to assign specific responsibilities to employees of the Department and to act on his behalf.

1.04 **Farmland Preservation Property** – Land acquired under the Ocean County Farmland Preservation Program. This program buys the development rights of the land while the farmer retains ownership and pays property taxes on the agricultural value of the land. Property acquired under the Farmland Preservation Program is open to the public by invitation of the landowner only.

1.05 **Natural Lands Trust Property –** Land acquired under the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund preserves environmentally sensitive, natural areas or open spaces that would protect farmland, water quality, wetlands and other lands with unique or sensitive features.

1.06 **Park Property** – any property under the ownership, maintenance or control of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, whether parkland, Natural Lands Trust, golf course, conservation area, body of water or other property not specifically described.

1.07 **Security Officer** – any person employed by the County of Ocean in the Ocean County Security Department and assigned to provide security and enforcement of Rules and Regulations in the public parks under the jurisdiction of the County of Ocean.

1.08 **Special Use Authorization** – a permit that allows occupancy, use and specified rights of the Ocean County property as defined in Section 1.06.

1.09 **Permit** – a special use authorization that provides permission, without conveying an interest in land, to occupy and use Ocean County Park property or facilities for specified purposes. It is both revocable and terminable.

1.10 **Terminable** – Termination of a special use authorization for reasons in the public interest, other than non-performance by the holder, or the end of the specified period of occupancy or use.

1.11 **Trespass** – the act of entering or remaining in or upon park property not open to the public or remaining on park property after posted closing hours, without express authorization, invitation or consent of the Director of Parks and Recreation or his authorized representative.

CHAPTER 2
PUBLIC USE AND HOURS

SECTION 2.0: PUBLIC USE

2.0.1 Parks owned by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and managed by the County Department of Parks and Recreation are intended for the use and enjoyment of the general public, excepting areas of special environmental sensitivity or presenting a hazard to public safety. To that end, the public is generally permitted free use of these facilities in public access areas, within the parameters of these Rules and Regulations. These are intended to balance the interests of the public with the need to maintain the parklands in a safe and proper condition. Fees may be charged for play at golf courses and for other special events and privileges.

2.0.2 Natural Lands Trust properties are environmentally sensitive, natural areas or open space that was acquired by the County for the purpose of protecting water quality, wetlands, and other lands with unique or sensitive features. The Natural Lands Trust Fund goals encourage the establishment of a system of protected lands, which help maintain the County's rural characteristics, protect critical environmental resources and water supply, and maintain and enhance active agriculture and buffer areas not compatible with development. The public is permitted free access to these lands within the parameters of these Rules and Regulations.

2.0.3 Areas, buildings, or sections thereof, within County parks property marked as Restricted, For Official Use Only, No Unauthorized Vehicles/Use, or other restrictive terminology are closed to the public for reasons of safety and/or security. Any person who enters upon an area, building or section of the park that is marked with restrictive terminology shall be trespassing.

2.0.4 The County assumes no liability for damage or injury as a result, directly or indirectly, of natural or man-made conditions encountered by visitors while on park property.

SECTION 2.1: HOURS

2.1.1 All County park properties are subject to daily and seasonal changes of operating hours at the discretion of the Director. No person shall, without permission from the Director or his representative, enter into, remain upon, or allow their vehicle to remain within a park property other than during the hours that facility is open to the general public.

2.1.2 In the event of park property closings due to weather, unforeseen conditions or other natural or man-made emergencies, the County assumes no liability resulting from the closing of any facilities, including but not limited to golf courses, off-leash dog parks, and swimming areas or cancellation of any program, event or other scheduled gathering.

SECTION 2.2: PERMITS

2.2.1 Any group or gathering of twenty-five (25) or more persons may reserve exclusive use of certain designated indoor/outdoor areas within park property, to the exclusion of others, by making application to the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation for a Special Use Permit.

2.2.2 An application for a reserved picnic space may be made by submitting a Picnic Reservation Form. Applications shall be made a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the requested date. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. These forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. The Director or his representative shall approve applications with guidelines established by the Department, subject to amendment, as set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Picnic Permits.

2.2.3 An application for large events, professional filming, professional photo shoots, organized classes, camps, leagues, school groups, etc. for the use of park areas and athletic fields may be made by submitting a Special Use Permit application. Applications shall be made a minimum of thirty: (30) days prior to the requested date. Large groups or organizations, or any activity drawing crowds of substantial size wishing to use County park facilities, are subject to a fee structure and special insurance requirements. These forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. The Director or his representative shall approve applications with guidelines established by the Department, subject to amendment, as set forth on the Rules and Regulations for Special Use Permits and Usage.

2.2.4 An application for use of the County stage may be made by submitting a Stage Reservation Form. Applications shall be made a minimum of thirty: (30) days prior to the requested date. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and are subject to a fee structure and special use requirements. These forms are available at the Parks Administrative Office. The Director or his representative shall approve applications with guidelines established by the Department, subject to amendment, as set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Stage Permits and Usage.

2.2.5 A Special Use Permit is required for use of a metal detector on any park property. The Director or his representative may limit metal detecting to specific locations.

2.2.6 A Special Use Permit is required for wedding ceremonies and wedding photos

2.2.7 A Special Use permit is required for a yearly permit for professional photo shoots. The Director or his representative shall approve applications with guidelines established by the Department, subject to amendment, as set forth on the Rules and Regulations for Special Use Permits and Usage.

2.2.8 An application to reserve a pavilion space must be made by submitting a Pavilion Reservation Form. Applications shall be made a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the requested date. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. These forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. The Director or his representative shall approve applications with guidelines established by the Department, subject to amendment, as set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Picnic Permits.

2.2.9 Any violation of the Rules and Regulations for Picnic Permits, Stage Reservation and Usage, or Special Use Permit may result in immediate revocation of any permit previously issued, and loss of future privileges for park usage.

CHAPTER 3
PROTECTION OF PARK PROPERTY

SECTION 3.0: DESTRUCTION OF COUNTY PARK PROPERTY, VEGETATION AND NATURAL AREAS

3.0.1 No person shall, upon any real or personal property owned or maintained by the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation:

(a) Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument marker, benchmark, blaze, boundary line, survey line or any other reference point.

(b) Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise mar any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fence, or other structure.

(c) Deface, destroy or remove any notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted within or upon park property.

(d) Deface, destroy, set ablaze or otherwise cause damage to furnishings, plumbing, electrical apparatus, interiors or exteriors of buildings or structures within the boundaries of park property.

(e) Appropriate, excavate or destroy any historical or prehistorical ruin, or any object of antiquity, without the expressed permission of the Director or his representative.

(f) Tamper or attempt to tamper with County personal property or real property, or move, manipulate or set in motion any of the parts, thereof.

(g) Destroy, injure, deface or damage County personal property or real property.

(h) Cut, remove, destroy or otherwise damage any tree, sapling, seedling, shrub, turf, or any other vegetation, without explicit permission of the Department.

(i) Remove or cause to be removed, or cause damage to any earth, sand, rock or natural deposit, without explicit permission of the Department.

(j) Throw, dump, or place any foreign or waste substance in any body of water contained within or feeding into any property controlled by the Department.

(k) Throw, dump, or place any rubbish, refuse, paper, sand, stone, or any other substance, natural or manufactured, into or on any property controlled by the Department including but not limited to athletic fields.

(l) Construct or place, whether temporary or permanent, any structure or shelter on, above or under any property controlled by the Department without explicit written permission from the Director of the Department.

(m) Encroach upon any park property in any manner other than the intent for which the property is used.

SECTION 3.1: PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

3.1.1 No person shall hunt, trap, wound, kill any live bird or any animal, or disturb any nest, den, burrow, or other home of any animal found within park property except in accordance with Section 4.9.

3.1.2 Ice fishing is strictly forbidden in any waters owned, maintained or under the jurisdiction of the Department.

3.1.3 Under no circumstances shall commercial fishing, eeling, crabbing, minnowing, or other similar for-profit activity be permitted in any area owned, maintained or under jurisdiction of the Department.

3.1.4 Feeding of birds, animals, fish or other wildlife by unauthorized persons is strictly prohibited. This shall include, but not limited to, all migratory and non-

migratory birds such as geese and ducks, which gather on area waterways in and adjacent to park property.

3.1.5 No person may tamper with any fish ladder, dam, or spillways owned, maintained or under the jurisdiction of the Department.

3.1.6 Abandonment or the relocation of wildlife or domestic animals is prohibited within any park or Natural Land Trust properties.

SECTION 3.2: FIRES

3.2.1 No person shall willfully set or cause to be set any fire on park property except within designated areas for cooking purposes.

3.2.2 Electric grills are strictly prohibited.

3.2.3 Propane grills are permitted within designated areas on park property and with expressed written permission from the Director or his representative and approval by the Ocean County Fire Marshal.

3.2.4 Fires are to be tended at all times, and must be completely extinguished before abandonment.

3.2.5 In the event of drought conditions or other environmental conditions, the Director reserves the right to temporarily ban all fires and close Park and Natural Lands Trust properties in accordance with New Jersey law. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

3.2.6 The Director, through the New Jersey Forest Fire Service, is authorized to conduct prescribed burning on Park and Natural Lands Trust properties for the purpose of reducing the hazardous accumulations of forest fuels. Prescribed burning aids in the prevention of wildfires, reduces intensity of the fires and provides a foundation for safer, more effective fire suppression and protection operations.

CHAPTER 4
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SECTION 4.0: SWIMMING

4.0.1 Swimming, diving, snorkeling, scuba diving or other related water sports is strictly prohibited in any body of water owned, maintained or under the jurisdiction of the Department unless expressly designated for these activities by the Director.

4.0.2 Designated swimming, diving, snorkeling, scuba diving or other related water sport areas are provided at the discretion of the Director, and are subject to closure without prior notice at the discretion of the Director.

4.0.3 Swimming or wading is not permitted under any circumstances without a lifeguard on duty. Any person found entering waters without the supervision of a lifeguard shall be immediately ejected from the park property.

4.0.4 No person shall use soaps, lotions or other substances for any purpose while in any spray park facility or any body of water on or adjacent to Park property.

4.0.5 Children under the age of 13 who wish to swim, dive, snorkel, SCUBA dive or participate in any other related water sport contained within or adjacent to Park property must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

4.0.6 Anyone participating in any regulated water related activities must comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and/or regulations. Failure to comply will result in ejection from Park property.

SECTION 4.1: BOATING

4.1.1 Boating is permitted in designated waters only**.** Boats and boaters must comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations. Boats shall be powered manually or by electric motors only on fresh water. Rafts, houseboats, hydroplanes, jet skis, aquaplanes, race boats, surfboards and/or crafts deemed unseaworthy by the Department are strictly prohibited.

4.1.2 All boats must be equipped with U.S. Coast Guard approved life-saving devices and must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State requirements for the type and quantity.

4.1.3 Racing of watercraft is prohibited unless approved in writing by the Director.

4.1.4 Boat trailers may be used only in areas specifically designated for boat launching. Launching of boats transported via car top is permitted in designated areas only. All boats must be removed from water and park property prior to park closing each day. Gasoline propelled motors are strictly prohibited in freshwater bodies of water.

4.1.5 Swimming or diving to or from any watercraft is strictly prohibited.

4.1.6 Model boats shall be operated only after permission is requested through completion of a Special Use Permit application granted from the Director or his representative, and only in specifically designated areas.

SECTION 4.2: FISHING/CRABBING

4.2.1 Fishing, crabbing or catching of any other fresh or saltwater creature shall be permitted in designated bodies of water in areas indicated by appropriate signage, provided the sportsman possesses any and all appropriate licenses or permits as may be required by Local, State, or Federal statute.

4.2.2 Regulations regarding limits, size and other special conditions shall be strictly enforced. Fishing, crabbing or catching of any other fresh or saltwater creature is strictly prohibited in any area designated as a swimming area.

4.2.3 Fishing, crabbing or catching of any other fresh or saltwater creature for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 4.3: FIELD SPORTS

4.3.1 Reserved use of soccer, softball or baseball fields by organized leagues for competition purposes is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis through the Parks Administrative Office, subject to established guidelines and availability.

4.3.2 Programs or events scheduled by the Department shall take precedence over non-scheduled use.

4.3.3 The Director reserves the right to close any field without prior notice when it is in the best interest of the public to do so. In the case of such action, under no circumstances will make-up game time or fields be assured, and the County assumes no liability for damages as a result of missed games.

SECTION 4.4 COURT SPORTS

4.4.1 Tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts are available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis; however, programs or events as scheduled by the Department shall always take precedence over non-scheduled use.

4.4.2 The Director reserves the right to close any court without prior notice when it is in the best interest of the public to do so.

SECTION 4.5 CAMPING

4.5.1 Campsites of any type, including but not limited to tents, sleeping bags, vans, recreational vehicles or lean-tos, are prohibited within any park property without the express written permission of the Director.

SECTION 4.6: SKATING/SLEDDING/WINTER SPORTS

4.6.1 No roller skating, roller blading, ice skating, skateboarding or other similar activity is permitted on park property and/or adjacent waters unless approved by the Director or his authorized representative.

4.6.2 Sledding, tobogganing, snowboarding or other winter recreational sports are allowed in designated areas only.

4.6.3 Cross-country skiing is permitted in snow-covered areas normally used as hiking paths in those parks containing such paths.

4.6.4 Dogsledding and horse drawn sleds and are not permitted without the written permission of the Director.

SECTION 4.7: MISCELLANEOUS RECREATION

4.7.1 Hiking shall be allowed in those parks, which provide hiking/walking trails for the public. Where applicable, hikers must register with park staff before using trails and again upon return. Clothing appropriate for hiking must be worn.

4.7.2 Horse drawn carriages are not permitted without the written permission of the Director.

SECTION 4.8: GEOCACHING, WAYMARKING AND OTHER GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

4.8.1 Caches may not be placed in or near any natural or historically sensitive areas; in lakes, stream banks or under water; in trees, wetlands, historic sites, exemplary natural communities, ecologically sensitive areas, underground, or in any unsafe areas.

4.8.2 Caches are only permitted to be placed within 10 feet of an authorized trail or road shoulder.

4.8.3 Caches may not be permanently attached (glued, bolted, or screwed) to any historic structure, monument, archaeological, natural, geologic feature, within or attached to any park structure or facility.

4.8.4 Caches may not be buried. Shovels, trowels or other pointy objects are not to be used to dig or break ground, either to hide or to find the cache. Vegetation, stones, etc., shall not be disturbed when selecting a location for cache placement or retrieval.

4.8.5 Cache containers must be non-breakable and have some form of latch or other closing mechanism to prohibit content exposure to wildlife.

4.8.6 Caches may not contain inappropriate, offensive or dangerous items. All contents of a cache shall be subject to inspection by park staff at all times. Park staff has the authority to remove any items that are deemed unacceptable or that are in violation of this policy or County Park Rules and Regulations.

4.8.7 Metal detectors may not be used in cache searches.

4.8.8 The Parks and Recreation Department may ban geocaching from certain areas, an entire park or Natural Lands Trust property at any time.

SECTION 4.9: HUNTING

4.9.1 Hunting may be permitted on property specifically designated as Natural Lands Trust unless otherwise posted. Hunters are responsible for knowing the boundaries of Natural Lands Trust properties open to hunting, as well as, safety zones and adjacent private properties. Hunters shall abide by any and all Federal, State, and Local codes, rules, regulations and license and permit requirements applicable. Where Park Rules and Regulations are more restrictive, they shall be enforced, in addition to all other Federal, State and Local codes, rules and regulations. Properties are subject to the inspection and enforcement from the Division of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officer. Individual hunting privileges may be revoked at the discretion of the Director or his representative. A listing of Natural Lands Trust properties approved for hunting privileges is available on the Ocean County website.

4.9.2 Dogs used while hunting during open season, or while used in field trials in accordance with all Federal, State and Local hunting codes, rules and regulations are exempt from leashing requirements Section 6.9.1

4.9.3 Permanently attached duck blinds, stands, ladders, screw or nail in steps, spikes, trail cameras, bait dispensers and other fixtures are not permitted on park property or Natural Lands Trust properties. Portable blinds, stands, ladders, trail cameras and bait dispensers are permitted to be erected no more than (14) days before the season begins and must be removed within fourteen (14) days of hunting season closing dates. All firearm and bow and arrow hunters utilizing a ground blind when firearm season is open must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop of the blind visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. The Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to remove and discard any and all property permanently attached or left behind.

4.9.4 Hunting stands or blinds must be located no less than four hundred and fifty (450) feet if hunting with a firearm from any road, building, school, playground, blazed or marked trail. For bow hunters, one hundred and fifty (150) feet but remains four hundred and fifty (450) feet from a school or playground and No shooting may take place across recognized trails or paved or dirt roads. Vegetation removal for stand or blind access or improved sight lines is prohibited.

4.9.5 Hunting on park properties may be allowed for wildlife management purposes at the discretion of the Director.

4.9.6 The practice of “driving deer” may be allowed on designated areas during the Six Day Firearm Season at the discretion of the Director When and where drives are permitted, the use of slugs is prohibited.

4.9.7 Sunday hunting is not permitted on park property or Natural Lands Trust property.

4.9.8 The Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to adjust boundaries or eliminate hunting areas from properties at any time. Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department has the right to engage in property care, prescribed burning and maintenance that may interfere with hunting.

4.9.9 Planting or creating food forage plots is strictly prohibited.

4.9.10 Vehicle access is prohibited on most access points to Natural Lands Trust Properties see Section 5.0 and 5.1.

4.9.11 Reflective tags, clips and twists are permitted to mark routes, are permitted to be erected no more than 14 days before the season begins and must be removed within fourteen (14) days of hunting season closing dates. Color flagging, painting, blazing, or scarring of trees is strictly prohibited.

4.9.12 Hunters should be aware that non-hunting visitors are permitted to be on park property or Natural Lands Trust property at all times during normal park hours.

SECTION 4.10: Spray Park

4.10.1 Children must be under adult supervision at all times in the Spray Park. Supervising adult(s) shall be responsible for any mess made by the child they are supervising.

4.10.2 Participants must conduct themselves in a courteous, safe and family oriented manner at all times.

4.10.3 Smoking, glass containers, food or drinks of any kind are prohibited on the Spray Park pad.

4.10.4 Skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, water balloons, beach balls, pool noodles, etc. are prohibited on the Spray Park pad.

4.10.5 Running, rough play and fighting is prohibited.

4.10.6 Pets are not allowed in the spray park area.

4.10.7 Swim diapers are required for infants and toddlers.

4.10.8 Proper attire must be worn at all times no street shoes are allowed.

4.10.9 The Climbing, swinging, hanging or pulling on any Spray Park equipment is prohibited.

4.10.10 The Hanging of clothes or towels on trees, walls, structures or stone benches is prohibited.

4.10.11 Programs or events scheduled by the Ocean County Parks Department shall take precedence over non-scheduled use.

4.10.12 The Director reserves the right to close the Spray Park without prior notice when it is in the best interest of the public to do so. Spray Park may be closed until further notice if the surface or any part of the facility is damaged or is undergoing maintenance.

CHAPTER 5
TRAFFIC AND PARKING

SECTION 5.0: MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

5.0.1 All provisions of the New Jersey State Motor Vehicle Act with regard to equipment, lights, driver licenses, vehicle registration, and operation will apply within all County parks and Natural Land Trust properties.

5.0.2 No commercial vehicle or any other vehicle with a gross weight in excess of five (5) tons shall be operated within any park property unless written permission has been granted by the Director.

5.0.3 Buses shall park in designated bus parking areas only.

5.0.4 No vehicle shall enter any park property while either towing, or being towed, or being towed by another vehicle, unless in an emergency.

5.0.5 Vehicles shall remain on designated roadways and/or parking areas at all times. Vehicles are not to be parked or driven upon grassy areas, hiking/biking trails, fire roads, maintenance roads or other restricted areas unless specifically approved by the Director or his representative. Under no circumstances are vehicles to be driven on frozen bodies of water.

5.0.6 The operation of a motor-driven vehicle on a park road or other park property at a speed or other manner unsafe for park conditions is strictly prohibited.

5.0.7 The washing, cleaning or repairing of any vehicle in any park property, except in emergency situations, shall be prohibited.

5.0.8 Regulations regarding "Handicapped Parking" stalls shall be strictly enforced. Drivers of vehicles parked in such spots without proper authority or tags shall be removed from the park at the owner's expense and subject to fine.

5.0.9 Vendors who, by contract or other written permission from the Director, have authority to be upon park property shall park in designated "Vendor Parking" areas only, unless the Director has issued specific alternate instructions.

SECTION 5.1: MISCELLANEOUS POWER VEHICLES

5.1.1 All terrain vehicles (ATVs), snowmobiles, dirt bikes or any other type of off-road vehicle, are prohibited on any park property, and Natural Lands Trust property with the exception of golf carts as supplied by the County to golfers, in accordance with Chapter 7. In no case will privately-owned golf carts be permitted on any park property.

5.1.2 Scooters or motorized wheelchairs designed specifically to aid persons with disabilities shall be permitted on walkways, hiking trails, and other access roads and green ways normally available to the general public, with the exception of golf courses and driving ranges, where special accommodations must be requested of the Golf Course Manager a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

5.1.3 Persons wishing to use Other Powered Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) on Ocean County Parks and Recreation trails must file an application for an OPDMD Permit.

5.1.4 An OPDMD Permit is subject to the conditions of the OPDMD policy and possession of your **original** "Disabled Persons Identification Card". Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.

5.1.5 An OPDMD Permit holder must be in possession of the permit card at all times when accessing the designated trails. Permit is non-transferable.

5.1.6 Remote control cars may be operated only within specifically designated areas of the parks or lakes, by Special Use Permit only.

SECTION 5.2: BICYCLES/MANUALLY POWERED VEHICLES

5.2.1 Bicycles, tricycles, tandem bicycles, baby carriages and strollers, wheelchairs or any other manually powered vehicles are permitted on roadways, walkways, and hiking trails, except where prohibited, keeping at all times to the right and yielding to pedestrian traffic, unless a trail, due to environmental conditions, is designated as a pedestrian trail only.

5.2.2 Manually powered vehicles shall be operated in a safe manner, and in accordance with the intended use. Infants or toddlers riding as passengers on bicycles must be in federally approved child carriers. All operators shall wear protective equipment as required by law.

CHAPTER 6
PERSONAL CONDUCT

SECTION 6.0: PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

6.0.1 No peddling or solicitation of any business or product shall be conducted within any park property without the permission of the Director or his representative.

6.0.2 Requests to peddle or solicit within park property shall be made in writing to the Director. Numerous requests for the solicitation of specific products may result in a formal bid process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

6.0.3 The Director reserves the right to reject requests to solicit when in the best interest of the County and/or Department.

6.0.4 Any person found peddling or soliciting within the park property without written evidence of permission shall be immediately ejected.

SECTION 6.1: DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS/ADVERTISING MATTER

6.1.1 The distribution of printed matter is allowed within park property, provided that a permit to do so has been issued by the Director or his representative, and provided further that the printed matter is not solely commercial advertising.

6.1.2 An application for such a permit may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office and shall set forth the name of the applicant, the name of the organization (if any), the date, time, duration and location of the proposed sale or distribution, the number of participants, and any other information required by the permit application form.

6.1.3 The Director or his representative shall, without unreasonable delay, issue permit on proper application unless:

(a) A prior application for a permit for the same time and location has been made that has been or will be granted and the activities authorized by that permit do not reasonably allow multiple occupancy of the particular area; or
(b) It reasonably appears that the distribution will present a clear and present danger to the public health and safety; or
(c) The number of persons engaged in the distribution exceeds the number that can reasonably be accommodated in the particular location applied for, considering such things as damage to park resources or facilities, impairment of a protected area's atmosphere of peace and tranquility, interference with program activities, or impairment of public use facilities;
(d) The location applied for has not been designated as available for the sale or distribution of printed matter; or
(e) The activity would constitute a violation of an applicable law or regulation.

6.1.4 If a permit is denied, the applicant shall be so informed in writing, with the reason(s) for the denial set forth.

6.1.5 The Director or his representative shall designate on a map, which shall be available for inspection in the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, the locations within the park area that are available for the distribution of printed matter. Locations may be designated as not available only if the distribution of printed matter would:

(a) Cause injury or damage to park resources; or
(b) Unreasonably impair the atmosphere of the peace and tranquility maintained in wilderness, natural, historic, or commemorative zones; or
(c) Unreasonably interfere with interpretive, visitor service, or other program activities, or with the administrative activities of the Department; or
(d) Substantially impair the operation of public use facilities or service of Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation, concessioners or contractors; or
(e) Present a clear and present danger to the public health and safety.

6.1.6 The permit may contain such conditions as are reasonably consistent with protection and use of the park area for the purposes for which it is established.

6.1.7 No permit shall be issued for a period in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive days, provided that permits may be extended for like periods, upon a new application, unless another applicant has requested the use of the same location and multiple occupancy of that location is not reasonably possible.

6.1.8 It is prohibited for persons engaged in the distribution of printed matter under this section to obstruct or impede pedestrians or vehicles, harass park visitors with physical contact or persistent demands, misrepresent the purposes or affiliations of those engaged in the sale or distribution, or misrepresent whether the printed matter is available without cost or donation.

6.1.9 A permit may be revoked under any of those conditions, as listed in paragraph 6.1.3 of this section, that constitute grounds for denial of a permit or for violation of the terms and conditions of the permit. Such a revocation shall be made in writing, with the reason(s) for revocation clearly set forth, except under emergency circumstances, when an immediate verbal revocation or suspension may be made, to be followed by written confirmation within 72 hours.

6.1.10 Violation of the terms and conditions of a permit issued in accordance with this section may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit.

SECTION 6.2: PUBLIC EXHIBITION

6.2.1 Exhibitions, displays, or other shows involving humans, animals, machinery or other apparatus are prohibited on any park property without explicit written permission of the Director or his representative.

6.2.2 Application for such public exhibition shall be made, in writing, to the Director, a minimum of two (2) months prior to the requested date.

6.2.3 The Director or his representative, at his discretion, shall make determination as to appropriateness of the exhibition and issue a permit subject to compliance with liability requirements.

SECTION 6.3: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS

6.3.1 Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on any park property unless the Department has issued a permit for consumption of beer and/or wine in conjunction with a picnic or pavilion reservation permit. The permittee assumes all responsibility for the distribution of wine and/or beer. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed outside the area specifically set aside for the picnic.

6.3.2 An established organization may apply in writing to the Department to allow the sale of beer and/or wine and submit a Special Use Permit during a gathering. Permission will be granted at the discretion of the Director provided the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has issued a permit to the requesting party and proof of adequate liquor liability and general liability insurance has been provided in accordance with current Ocean County policy.

6.3.3 Wine and beer in boxes, kegs or cans are permitted. Glass containers are strictly prohibited.

6.3.4 Possession of any illegal substance(s) is (are) strictly prohibited in all Ocean County Parks and Natural Lands Trust properties.

SECTION 6.4: LOUDSPEAKERS, AUDIO AND VIDEO DISPLAYS

6.4.1 Radios, televisions, musical instruments, or other sound-producing instruments shall be played with consideration for other park visitors. Sound shall be kept at a level to be heard no more than 150 feet from the listener.

6.4.2 Loudspeakers, public address systems, karaoke systems, or other voice amplifying apparatus are prohibited except for use by law enforcement or park officials in the scope of their duty, or with the written permission of the Director.

6.4.3 Requests for use of amplifiers of any type within any park, with the exception of Robert J. Miller County Airpark, must be made in writing to the Director no less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed activity.

6.4.4 The Director reserves the right to reject any application he deems not in the best interest of the Department.

SECTION 6.5: FIREWORKS, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES

6.5.1 Fireworks are not permitted on parks property at any time, except with the explicit written permission of the Director.

6.5.2 Requests to present fireworks displays must be submitted to the Director no less than three (3) months prior to the requested date. Approval will under no circumstances be given unless requirements as set forth in writing by the Director are strictly adhered to, including those for liability insurance and approval by the Ocean County Fire Marshall as required by the County of Ocean.

6.5.3 Firearms, including but not limited to revolvers, shotguns, machine guns, air guns, paintball guns, pistols, dart guns, bows, cross bows or any other weapon with the capability of discharging a projectile, or any replica of said firearm are strictly prohibited in any park property by anyone other than law enforcement officers authorized to carry such weapons, unless specifically related to Ocean County Parks and Recreation programs, with written approval by the Director or in accordance with SECTION 4.9: HUNTING.

6.5.4 Any person found in possession of an unauthorized firearm while on park property shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

SECTION 6.6: LITTERING AND POLLUTION OF WATERS

6.6.1 No person shall discard or deposit refuse of any description in or upon or adjacent to park property except in specifically designated areas, recycling containers or garbage receptacles.

6.6.2 Recyclable items including, but not limited to, glass, plastic and aluminum shall be deposited in containers marked for such.

6.6.3 Under no circumstances shall any unauthorized person release or discharge or cause to be released or discharged any product, liquid, or solid, into any land or body of water on or adjacent to park property, including waste from holding tanks of recreational vehicles.

SECTION 6.7: AIRCRAFT

6.7.1 Takeoff or landing of any airplane, parachute, balloon, hang glider, bungee or other airborne mechanism is strictly prohibited from or to any park property or adjacent waters unless specifically approved by the Director.

6.7.2 Model airplanes and model helicopters shall be operated only within specifically designated areas of parks property, and by Special Use Permit only. Model airplanes and model helicopters must remain constantly within the line of site of the operator.

6.7.3 Drones are prohibited except for official use only at the discretion of the Director or his representative.

SECTION 6.8: DOMESTIC PETS

6.8.1 All domestic pets, including dogs, cats, birds, horses, reptiles, or other animals, shall be restrained by leash, tether, cage, or other restraint at all times while on park property with the exception of off-leash dog areas or in accordance with SECTION 4.9: HUNTING.

6.8.2 Persons bringing animals onto park property are personally responsible for removing and properly disposing of solid waste products discharged by the animal. Abandoning of the animal is strictly prohibited.

6.8.3 Any animal deemed to be posing a threat, acting as a nuisance to other park property visitors or destroying County property, by a representative of the County, will be required to leave the property immediately.

6.8.4 Horses shall be allowed at Jakes Branch County Park, Robert J. Miller County Airpark and Wells Mills County Park. Requests for use of these facilities by horses and handlers must be made to the Director or his representative. Horses are also permitted on trails located within Natural Lands Trust property. Open grazing is not permitted. Horses are to remain restrained by halter or bridle at all times, and in control of a handler.

6.8.5 Any person found abusing, neglecting, abandoning or otherwise mistreating any animal shall be subject to punishment by law.

6.8.6 Persons may bring service dogs, Seeing Eye dogs, etc., on park property if required due to a disability.

SECTION 6.9: OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

6.9.1 Use of the off-leash dog areas at Robert J. Miller County Airpark and Ocean County Park is by permit only.

6.9.2 Users must abide by all Rules and Regulations governing Ocean County Parks and Recreation lands as adopted by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

6.9.3 The hours for the Off-Leash dog area are subject to daily and seasonal changes at the discretion of the Director. Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to close the area due to weather conditions.

6.9.4 Children under eight (8) years of age are not permitted within the off-leash area. Children eight (8) years of age and older must be closely supervised by an adult.

6.9.5 The maximum number of dogs using the off-leash area at one time is twenty (20). There is a limit of two (2) dogs per person. When others are waiting, please limit your use to thirty (30) minutes.

6.9.6 Owners are responsible at all times for the behavior and safety of their dogs and should be considerate of others.

6.9.7 Dogs with a history of dangerous or aggressive behavior are prohibited. Puppies under (6) months old are prohibited.

6.9.8 Dogs must wear collars displaying valid licenses at all times and have current vaccinations. Choke collars are not permitted in the Off Leash Dog Facilities.

6.9.9 Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving area. Owners must remain with their dogs at all times and must carry a leash for each dog at all times.

6.9.10 Food and/or treats in the off-leash area are strictly prohibited.

6.9.11 Owners must properly secure access gates upon entering and leaving the off-leash area. Once within the area, owners must momentarily restrain their dogs when others are entering or leaving in order to prevent dogs from leaving the enclosure.

6.9.12 Owners must clean up after their dogs.

6.9.13 Dogs in heat and non-neutered male dogs will not be permitted inside the facility.

69.14 Smoking in the off leash facilities is prohibited

SECTION 6.10: ATTIRE

6.10.1 All visitors to park property, Natural Lands Trust property and participants in programs are expected to dress in appropriate attire, which shall be determined at the discretion of the Director or his representative. Nudity is prohibited in any park.

SECTION 6.11 WEAPONS

6.11.1 Weapons of any type, including but not limited to handguns or other firearms, bows and arrows, crossbows, knives, blades, machetes, swords, ice picks, switchblades or any sharp item which could be used as a weapon; or any other item not specifically named but which may be construed as a weapon, are strictly prohibited in any park property except in accordance with SECTION 4.9: HUNTING.

SECTION 6.12: PROHIBITED CONDUCT

6.12.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to disturb the peace, or to disturb or annoy others while upon any property under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department.

6.12.2 Participation in any form of gambling, lottery or any other game of chance, while upon any property under the jurisdiction of the Department is strictly prohibited unless under the discretion of the Director or his representative. Requests must be made in writing to the Director no less than 30 days prior to a planned event and shall include copies of all required state and local permits and licenses.

6.12.3 It is unlawful to fail to obey or interfere with an officer or guard in the proper performance of his duties.

6.12.4 Loitering is prohibited.

6.12.5 Disorderly conduct is prohibited.

(a) A person commits disorderly conduct, when, with intent to cause public alarm, nuisance, jeopardy or violence, or knowingly or recklessly creating a risk thereof, such person commits any of the following prohibited acts:

(1) Engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent behavior.

(2) Uses language, an utterance, or gesture, or engages in display or act that is obscene, physically threatening or menacing, or done in a manner that is likely to inflict injury or incite an immediate breach of the peace.

(3) Makes noise that is unreasonable, considering the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct, location, time of day or night, and other factors that would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances.

(4) Creates or maintains a hazardous or physically offensive condition.

(b) The regulations contained in this section apply on all lands and waters within a park area that are under the jurisdiction of the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation.

SECTION 6.13: RESISTING COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS, SHERIFF OFFICERS OR POLICE PERSONNEL

6.13.1 Interfering with agency functions.

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Interference. Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or intentionally interfering with a County Security Officer, County Sheriff Officer, Police Officer, County employee or agent engaged in an official duty, or on account of the performance of an official duty.

(2) Lawful order. Violating the lawful order of a County Security Officer, County Sheriff Officer, Police Officer, County employee or agent authorized to maintain operations, search and rescue operations, wildlife management operations involving animals that pose a threat to public safety, law enforcement actions, and emergency operations that involve a threat to public safety or park resources, or other activities where the control of public movement and activities is necessary to maintain order and public safety.

(3) False information. Knowingly giving a false and fictitious report or other false information:

(i) To an authorized person investigating an accident or violation of law and regulation or;
(ii) on an application for a permit.

(4) False report. Knowingly giving a false report for the purpose of misleading a government employee or agent in the conduct of official duties, or making a false report that causes a response by the government or its agents to a fictitious event.

(b) The regulations contained in this section apply on all lands and waters within a park and/or Natural Lands Trust area that are under the jurisdiction or management of the Ocean County Park and Recreation Department

CHAPTER 7
GOLF COURSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 7.0: GENERAL RULES

7.0.1 The following activities are SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED at the Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis, Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Pond, and any other golf courses which may be subsequently added to the Ocean County Parks System:

(a) The consumption or transportation of alcoholic beverages (The consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Atlantis Clubhouse is restricted to the licensed premises, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages Control).

(b) Use of the golf course for any purpose other than to play golf or FootGolf.

(c) Solicitation of any kind, or selling of any goods, wares, or merchandise other than by authorized vendors.

(d) Possession or discharge of any firearm, slingshot, air gun, fireworks of any kind, or any other explosive.

(e) Disposing of trash anywhere except in designated trash or recycling containers.

(f) Loitering on the premises.

(g) Permitting pets or other animals, leashed or unleashed, on any golf course.

(h) Parking in non-designated areas and overnight parking, unless authorized.

(i) Scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming or otherwise harvesting golf balls from water hazards on the golf courses.

(j) Use of radios, tape players or other sound amplification devices.

(k) The playing of FootGolf on putting greens.

7.0.2 In the event of any infraction of these rules, personnel of the Department of Parks & Recreation may, at their discretion, call upon the Ocean County Department of Security personnel or local law enforcement authorities for assistance. In addition, golfers are responsible for any personal injury, property damage, or any required repairs occasioned by their actions, including damage to neighboring private properties.

7.0.3 Golf Course Rules and regulations include FootGolf where applicable.

SECTION 7.1: DRESS CODE

7.1.1 Suitable attire and proper footwear shall be worn on the golf course at all times.

(a) The wearing of cut off shorts, cut off shirts, tank tops, halter tops, swim trunks or bathing suits is specifically prohibited.

(b) Shoes worn on the golf course shall be appropriate for golf. For FootGolf, sneakers or turf shoes are acceptable. Soccer cleats and metal spikes of any kind are strictly prohibited.

SECTION 7.2: RULES OF PLAY

7.2.1 All players shall register with the Starter prior to commencement of play and retain a valid greens fee receipt throughout their round.

7.2.2 USGA Rules of Golf and posted local rules will govern play at all times. In accordance with local rules and common courtesy to other groups on the course, a maximum of five (5) minutes may be taken to locate a lost golf ball. Ball hawking is specifically prohibited.

7.2.3 All golfers are expected to have a basic knowledge of the rules, regulations and etiquette of the game of golf in order to minimize slow play and avoid possible danger to other golfers. American FootGolf League rules govern play for FootGolf.

7.2.4 All players are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play; slow groups shall allow faster groups to play through. FootGolfers are permitted to play through slower groups of golfers and FootGolfers. Proper golf etiquette applies in this situation. Instructions of the golf rangers shall be followed at all times.

7.2.5 It is each player's responsibility to rake and smooth traps, replace all divots, and repair ball marks or other damage to the tee areas, fairways and greens.

7.2.6 Players shall tee-off only between proper tee markers (ladies-red, seniors-gold, men-white, championship-blue FootGolf will utilize the red tees).

7.2.7 Each player must have his/her own set of clubs consisting of at least three clubs, one of which must be a putter. Each FootGolfer must have his or her own ball.

7.2.8 Holes must be played in sequence, except with the approval of authorized personnel.

7.2.9 The Double Par Rule is always in effect.

7.2.10 When sufficient players are registered for play, four persons will be scheduled or assigned in each playing group. No more than four players may play in one group.

7.2.11 Non-Players must be part of a foursome and will be charged a “spectator fee”. Group size is at the manager’s discretion.

7.2.12 Practice anywhere on the golf course, except within designated areas, is prohibited.

7.2.13 Children aged 9years of age and under will be permitted to play or use the golf facility, including the driving range and practice green, when accompanied by an adult, at the discretion of the manager or his/her designee. Golfers ages 10, 11 and 12 may play, but must be accompanied by an adult with a valid greens fee receipt. Student golfers age 13 and over may play without adult supervision unless otherwise determined by management.

“Childs Day Rate” – Daily after 1:00 p.m., open to children 16 years of age and under when accompanied by an adult. Play is for 9 holes only.

7.2.14 Authorized personnel representing the Department of Parks & Recreation reserve the right to cancel play for individuals or groups using Ocean County golf facilities if at any time conditions justify that action.

7.2.15 Players may be denied playing privileges or may be shown from the course, without refund, temporarily or indefinitely, for the following reasons:

(a) Failure to comply with the existing rules and regulations governing golf play, practice, operations of golf carts, pull carts, or proper attire.

(b) Intoxication, disorderly conduct, use of abusive or profane language, or other behavior detrimental to the normal operation of the golf course.

(c) Commencing play without paying greens fees.

(d) Submitting false information for securing golfing privileges.

(e) Severe or dangerous weather conditions. In case the course is closed due to unexpected severe weather, refunds or rain checks may be given at the discretion of management.

SECTION 7.3: GREENS FEES

7.3.1 Patrons will be charged greens fees in accordance with the current fee schedule established by resolution of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Management shall conspicuously post a listing of current greens fees and other charges in the Pro Shop.

7.3.2 Weekend greens fees shall also apply on the following holidays - Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

7.3.3 PM rates are available as follows:

(a) The PM rate begins at 1:00 p.m.

(b) The Super PM rate begins at 3:00 p.m.

7.3.4 "Early Bird" Nine Hole rate is available on a limited basis. Check Pro Shop for hours.

7.3.5 No credit or refund or rain check will be given in the event a golfer is not, for any reason, able to complete his/her round.

7.3.6 Winter Rates apply at Atlantis during the months of January, February, March, November and December.

7.3.7 Payment for all fees shall be made by cash, check, traveler's check, credit card or valid Ocean County gift certificate. Checks must be imprinted with signer's name, and signer must supply two (2) proofs of identification upon request. In the event that a personal check fails to clear for any reason, the issuer's privilege to pay for services by check will be indefinitely revoked.

7.3.8 Promotions and specials will be offered from time to time, including but not limited to “play 9 get 10th greens fee free”, “bring 4, 3 pay”, “bring a new resident card member, get greens fee free” and Winter Rate.

7.3.9 Lost or damaged rental equipment will be subject to a fee in accordance with current fee structure.

7.3.10 The golf course manager shall enter into agreements with similar government owned and operated golf courses to implement a Cross Honor Program. A Cross Honor Program agreement shall permit non-county residents, who present a valid Golf Identification Card as determined by the golf course manager, to play at Ocean County Owned – Operated Golf Course’s at the current “resident rate” for Ocean County Golf Course Identification Card Holders. Any Cross Honor Program agreement shall not provide any additional rights to non –county residents. Any updated list of other counties which participate in a Cross Honor Program agreement with Ocean County, shall be kept on file at any owned and operated Golf Courses.

SECTION 7.4: GOLF ID CARDS

7.4.1 Resident Golf I.D. Cards are available to all Ocean County residents at the prevailing annual rate. A Resident Golf I.D. Card qualifies the golfer for the resident greens fee rates and is valid from the date of purchase for the balance of that calendar year. It may be renewed annually. Any person who does not present a current Resident Golf I.D. Card when registering for play must pay the non-resident rate.

7.4.2 Resident Golf I.D. Cards are available to the following individuals:

(a) DOMICILED OCEAN COUNTY RESIDENT - Domiciled residents of Ocean County (defined as those who maintain their permanent residence within the County) shall provide two (2) of the following four (4) forms of current personal identification. Acceptable identification includes the following:

(1) Driver's license

(2) Current tax bill or yearly current residential lease with applicant name and street address (not a post office box)

(3). Voter's Registration Card with matching name and street address (not a post office box)

(4) Ocean County Identification Card

(b) OCEAN COUNTY TAXPAYER – Individuals owning property in Ocean County (but not domiciled residents) are eligible for a Resident Golf ID Card upon presentation of a current Ocean County tax bill and one (1) additional form of identification with matching name. Resident Golf ID cards will be issued to persons whose name appears on the current tax bill and his/her spouse upon payment of the appropriate fee/s. Resident Golf ID cards shall not be issued to other family members unless they also qualify on an individual basis.

(c) RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZEN – Resident Senior Citizen Golf ID cards are available to persons age 62 and older. Proof of age shall be presented at the time of application. A resident senior citizen shall meet the same identification requirements as regular Resident Golf ID cardholders. This card entitles senior citizens to a special rate.

(d) RESIDENT STUDENT – Resident Student Golf I.D. Cards are available to persons age 10 through 21, inclusive. This card entitles students to a special rate all year. A Resident Student Golf I.D. Card shall be issued upon presentation of a School Report Card and/or Student I.D. Card, together with proof of age.

(e) LOST CARD PROCEDURE – If a Resident Golf I.D. Card is lost, the holder may be issued a replacement card upon payment of the appropriate fee. The replacement card rate applies only when the golfer had purchased or renewed the Resident Golf I.D. Card within the previous 365 days. Otherwise, a new Resident Golf I.D. Card must be purchased.

(f) I.D. CARD RENEWAL PROCEDURE – All Resident Golf I.D. Cards may be renewed annually for residents upon presentation of proof of address for residents and presentation of a current tax bill for taxpayers.

7.4.3 All Ocean County Golf ID Cards are nontransferable.

7.4.4 All yearly golf packages and cart packages are nontransferable. The package is to only be used to the purchaser whose name registered to the said package.

SECTION 7.5: TOURNAMENTS AND GROUP OUTINGS

7.5.1 Groups and/or organizations may request the privilege of conducting a golf tournament at any County operated golf course. An authorized representative must review the tournament/outing contract, sign and return contract to the golf course manager along with a certificate of liability insurance. Payment is due on the date of the event.

7.5.2 All groups must comply with each requirement set forth in the tournament/outing contract.

7.5.3. Tournaments are permitted at the discretion of the golf manager.

7.5.4 Tournament participants must observe all prevailing rules and regulations governing use of the golf course, personal conduct, dress and golf play as prescribed by the County.

7.5.5 Tournament sponsors are liable for any personal injury, property damages, or required repairs resulting from tournament play.

7.5.6 Group Outings may be requested at the Pro Shop.

7.5.7 Student tournaments may be exempted from the mandatory cart rule.

SECTION 7.6: GOLF COURSE CLOSING

7.6.1 The Director of Parks and Recreation, or his representative, is responsible for the decision to close the golf course. In determining whether to close, the most important consideration shall be the potential for damage to the golf course and/or the safety of the golfers and staff.

7.6.2 Prior to final decision to close a golf course due to rain, snow, sleet, frost or other unusual conditions, the Supervising Greenskeeper or other management representative shall, when possible, make a thorough inspection of the playing area. If, at that time, a determination is made that the use of the playing area may result in damage, the course will be officially closed until conditions have improved. Whenever possible, this decision will be made prior to first tee-off time.

7.6.3 County personnel shall remain at the golf course until such time that a decision has been made either to reopen the course or to close it for the remainder of the day.

SECTION 7.7: GOLF CARTS AND PULL CARTS

7.7.1 All patrons shall sign a rental agreement prior to receipt of cart key. Any damage will be dealt with in accordance with the terms and conditions stated on the rental agreement.

7.7.2 Golf carts and pull carts shall be returned to the specified area immediately upon completion of a round of golf, but no later than dusk.

7.7.3 The use of pull carts and/or golf carts may be restricted or prohibited when an authorized agent of the County determines that such use would be detrimental to the condition of the golf course.

7.7.4 Golf carts and pull carts shall be operated in accordance with all rules and in a manner designed to protect the course, speed up play and protect the safety of other players. Maximum capacity is two persons and two sets of clubs.

7.7.5 Golf carts shall be driven on cart paths or rough areas, except where otherwise authorized. Signs posted to control cart traffic must be observed. The 90 DEGREE RULE is in effect at both courses. Carts of any kind shall not be driven or pulled through wet or muddy areas or over sprinkler heads.

7.7.6 Golf carts and pull carts shall be kept at least thirty feet from the side of the green closest to the next tee.

7.7.7 Golfers must be 17 years of age in order to rent or operate golf carts.

SECTION 7.8: DRIVING RANGE POLICY (Atlantis)

7.8.1 All players must hit off the mat area only and otherwise conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner. The second (2nd) Green is not part of the practice area.

7.8.2 Only irons may be used on the driving range. Woods and metal woods are specifically prohibited.

7.8.3 Range balls are the property of the County of Ocean and are to remain on the premises.

7.8.4 Hours of operation: Open during Pro Shop business hours.

SECTION 7.9 TEE TIME PROCEDURE

7.9.1 Tee time reservations are taken seven (7) days or less in advance. Reservations are accepted in the Pro Shop or by phone during regular business hours.

7.9.2 Tee times may be reserved, either via telephone or in person, at both Atlantis and Forge Pond seven (7) days per week. Each golfer may reserve a maximum of two (2) tee times per call or appearance, subject to availability.

7.9.3. Golfers with tee times are encouraged to report to the Starter at least twenty (20) minutes prior to their scheduled tee time. Those who fail to report at least ten (10) minutes prior to their scheduled tee time risk forfeiture of their tee time at the discretion of management.

7.9.4 Other details associated with tee times will be promulgated and administered by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his representative.

SECTION 7.10: COMPLIMENTARY PLAY

7.10.1 Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation employees permanently assigned to Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis or Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Pond may request the privilege of complimentary play. If granted, play is restricted to non-working hours and will be at the discretion of the golf course manager.

7.10.2 PGA professional golfers will receive complimentary play upon presentation of a valid PGA card.

7.10.3 Ocean County High School Golf Teams – Students on golf teams that are authorized to use the golf courses for their practice and match play will receive complimentary greens fee play upon presentation of proof of team membership.

SECTION 7.11: SCHOOL TEAM PLAY

The Board of Chosen Freeholders, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, may permit junior high or high school golfers to play practice rounds and scheduled league matches on County golf courses in accordance with specific rules and regulations for school team play.

7.11.1 Applications for school team play, together with a proposed schedule, must be submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation, accompanied by a certificate of liability insurance holding the County of Ocean harmless, at least one (1) month prior to the start of the golf season.

7.11.2 School golf teams will not be allowed on the golf course unless accompanied at all times by the golf coach or other authorized faculty representative who will be held accountable for their conduct. All will be expected to observe and adhere to the rules of conduct, dress and golf play prescribed by the County of Ocean.

7.11.3 Each school may be permitted to play a maximum of two (2) matches per week, for no longer than twenty (20) weeks per year.

7.11.4 Team members may play only one 18-hole round on each assigned day or days.

SECTION 7.12: LOST AND FOUND

7.12.1 The Department of Parks and Recreation will not be responsible for any personal property lost, stolen or missing at any County golf course.

7.12.2 Employees of the Department of Parks and Recreation are not permitted to hold any patron's money, valuables, or other personal property for safekeeping.

7.12.3 The Department of Parks and Recreation will hold all lost and found items for a maximum of thirty- (30) days.

SECTION 7.13: RESPONSIBILITY

The authority and responsibility to enforce the "Rules and Regulations" herein described are vested in the Director of Parks and Recreation. Golfers are encouraged to share any suggestions, comments or constructive criticism by writing to the Director at Parks Administration, 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08753.

CHAPTER 8
PENALTIES, FINES AND IMPRISONMENT

SECTION 8.0: PENALTIES, FINES AND IMPRISOMENT

8.0.1 A municipal court of a municipality shall have jurisdiction over all cases under the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations, hereinafter "Rules." A municipal prosecutor shall represent the County of Ocean in the prosecution of all offenses under the Rules within the statutory jurisdiction of the municipal court.

8.0.2 All prohibited conduct contained within the Rules shall be classified for sentencing as a petty disorderly persons offense unless where otherwise determined a crime. A person who has been convicted of a petty disorderly person's offense may be sentenced to pay a fine, to imprisonment, or both, such fine not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by the municipal court jurisdiction. A person who has been convicted of a petty disorderly persons offense may be sentenced to imprisonment for a definite term, which shall be fixed by the court and not exceed thirty: (30) days to be served in a County facility.

8.0.3 All fines imposed by a municipal court shall be collected by the municipal court administrator. All fines imposed by the municipal court on defendants convicted of petty disorderly persons offenses, and all fines imposed following conviction on appeal, and all forfeitures of bail shall be paid over by the officer entitled to collect same to the treasury of the municipality wherein the municipal court is located.

8.0.4 Any person violating any provision of the foregoing Rules and Regulations shall, upon conviction thereon be fined, not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by the municipal court jurisdiction or be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or, both for each offense. All fines collected hereunder shall be paid to the County Treasurer of the County of Ocean.

EFFECTIVE DATE

These Rules and Regulations shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and shall remain in full force and effect until amended, supplemented or rescinded by resolution of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

CHAPTERS ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and adoption by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Ocean and its proper publication as required by law, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:24-3.