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BOROUGH OF HELMETTA
ORDINANCE NO. 2004 – 11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 43 (PLAYGROUNDS,
PUBLIC LANDS AND PARKS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF HELMETTA, MIDDLESEX COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Helmetta in the
County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Section 43-2 (Regulations Pertaining to Use of Park Property) is
amended as follows:

43-2C1. Hunting, exception. Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap,
chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, nor shall he remove or have in his
possession the eggs, nest or young of any wild animal; except that as required and
permitted under the laws of the county, state or Federal government such activities may
be undertaken by Borough employees for animal control purposes.

43-2C2. Feeding. Give or offer or attempt to give or offer any animal any
edible or inedible substance.

Section 2. Section 43-4 (Control of Traffic) is amended as follows:

43-4D. Operation confined to roads. Drive any vehicle on any area except
the paved park roads or parking areas or such other areas as may on occasion be
specifically designated as temporary parking areas by the Borough.

Section 3. Section 43-6 (Regulation of Activities) is amended as follows:

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43-6C. Domestic animals. Fail to have a dog on a leash, or fail to clean up and properly dispose of defecation left by a dog or other pet under the control or ownership of such person, or allow a dog or other pet within the designated playground area.

43-6D. Fires. Build or attempt to build a fire except in such areas and under such regulations and pursuant to a permit as may be designated by the Borough. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other flammable material within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto.

Section 4. Section 43-7 (Regulation of Commercial Activities and Signs) is amended as follows:

No person in a park shall engage in any of the following activities:

1. Vending and peddling, exception. Expose or offer for sale any articles or thing; nor shall he station or place any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing, except for any regularly licensed concessionaire acting by and under the authority and regulation of the Borough.

2. Advertising. Announce, advertise or call the public's attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire.

3. Signs. Paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatever; nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park.

Section 5. Section 43-8 (Park Operation Policy) is amended as follows:

A. Hours. Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, parks shall be open to the public every day of the year from the hour of 8:00 am, except that walking, jogging or fishing may begin at sunrise, through sunset or through the time in which the park is illuminated, whichever is later. No person shall enter upon or occupy any park except during such hours without the written permission of the Governing Body of the Borough.

B. Use. Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public at any time for any interval of time, either temporary or at regular and stated intervals, daily or otherwise, and either entirely or merely for certain uses.

Section 6. Section 43-9 (Enforcement) is amended as follows:

All members of the Police Department, including special officers, and Borough Public Works employees shall have such powers as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this chapter, including but not limited to the following enumerated powers:

A. To eject from the park any person acting in violation of this chapter.

B. To seize and confiscate any property, thing or device in the park used in violation of this chapter.

C. To issue summonses before the Municipal Court to any persons acting in violation of this chapter.

Section 7. If any part of parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency. All other parts of Chapter 40A of the Code of the Borough of Helmetta not inconsistent herewith are ratified and confirmed.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law.