

**BOROUGH OF PICTURE ROCKS  
LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 00-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PICTURE ROCKS, LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Picture Rocks, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and the same is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose.**

It is the intent, purpose and scope of this Ordinance to ensure the preservation of outdoor public park lands, outdoor recreation facilities and other playground areas within the Borough of Picture Rocks for the perpetual enjoyment of the residents of the Borough of Picture Rocks, to regulate activities within these areas consistent with enjoyment of natural settings and park facilities and to prevent any nuisances to the residents of the Borough of Picture Rocks in the use of such public park lands, recreation facilities and playground areas or in the enjoyment of private property adjacent to such areas. It is further the intent, purpose and scope of this Ordinance to provide for the issuance of event permits for individuals engaging in activities on all lands of the Borough including streets, sidewalks and alley ways.

**Section 2. Definitions.**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**Borough** - The Borough of Picture Rocks.

**Council** - Borough Council of Picture Rocks.

**Fireworks** - Shall mean and include any combustible or explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or, except as hereinafter provided, any article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible affect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges and toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, aerial fireworks, or other fireworks of like construction and any

fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound or any tablets or other device containing an explosive substance.

The term "fireworks" shall not include sparklers, toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, providing that they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion and toy pistol paper caps which contain less than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture.

**Parks and Recreation Area(s)** - Includes all public buildings, structures, facilities, lands and waters for any related public recreation purpose such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, swimming facilities, athletic fields, courts, maintenance buildings, trails, picnic pavilions and areas, recreation and environmental centers used for such active and passive purposes, including but not limited to, public parks, fishing, boating, and other recreation activities.

### **Section 3. Hours.**

A. From October 1 through March 31 of each year park and recreation areas shall be opened between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time, unless the time is extended for a scheduled, supervised activity, in which event, the closing time shall be one-half hour after the completion of such activity. No unauthorized person shall be on the premises after the closing time.

B. From April 1 through September 30 of each year park and recreation areas shall be opened between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. prevailing time, unless the time is extended for a scheduled, supervised activity, in which event, the closing time shall be one-half hour after the completion of such activity. No unauthorized person shall be on the premises after the closing time.

C. All park and recreation areas that become hazardous for public use due to weather, fire, water, construction or other conditions may be closed at any time at the discretion of the Borough Council or its designee.

### **Section 4. Vehicle Restrictions.**

A. Operating or parking any motor vehicle while in a park and recreation area in an unauthorized or reckless or negligent manner or in excess of the posted speed or in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other users is prohibited.

Operating a motor vehicle in an unauthorized manner shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Operating a motor vehicle on areas other than cartways especially designed, constructed and open for motor vehicular traffic excepting authorized emergency motor vehicles and motor vehicles owned or operated by the Borough.

(2) Parking a motor vehicle in an area other than a designated parking area.

(3) Parking or leaving a motor vehicle in a park and recreation area when the park is closed.

B. All non-licensed motorized vehicles are prohibited in all park and recreation areas except motorized wheelchairs used by disabled persons.

**Section 5. Park and Recreation Area Regulations.**

A. The following is prohibited in all park and recreation areas.

(1) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

(2) The presence of any individual under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

(3) Abusive, indecent or threatening language or any indecent act.

(4) The possession or use of fireworks unless written authorization is obtained from Council.

(5) Hunting, shooting, trapping or carrying of firearms, air rifles, bows and arrows, slings, slingshots, except properly licensed individuals may hunt on that section of Van Rensselaer Park known as the Cruse/Sprout Addition.

(6) Scattering, dropping, dumping or leaving of any trash, litter or substance of any kind in any park and recreation area or polluting or dumping any matter into any water way or pond.

(7) Cutting, removing, injuring or defacing any ornament, tree, plant, fern, flower or turf.

(8) Damaging, destroying, defacing, adding to or removing any property, including equipment, facilities, and the natural environment.

(9) Defacing or destroying any posted notices, rules or regulations.

(10) Disturbing water flow in streams, pools, ponds or basins.

- (11) Disturbing bird nests, eggs, or any other wildlife or wildlife habitat.
- (12) Erection of any temporary or permanent structure such as treehouses or platforms, clubhouses, goal posts, back stops, fences, tents or any other structure unless written authorization is obtained from Council.
- (13) Horses or ponies unless written authorization is obtained from Council.
- (14) Modifying any present structure or facility without the written authorization of Council.
- (15) Playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, horseshoes, quoits, model airplanes, football, baseball or lacrosse except in areas designated specifically for said use.
- (16) Roller skating, roller blading or skate boarding except in areas specifically designated for such use.
- (17) The playing of golf.
- (18) The sale of any items unless written authorization is obtained from Council.
- (19) All fires, except charcoal fires and portable gas fired grills, unless written authorization is obtained from Council.
- (20) The unauthorized use of special facilities for other than their intended purpose.
- (21) Distributing, selling, servicing or renting of any commodity or soliciting of any person whatsoever unless written authorization is obtained from Council.
- (22) Water craft utilizing combustion engines.
- (23) Overnight camping unless written authorization is obtained from Council.
- (24) Failing to leave any park and recreation area when directed to do so by a member of the Borough Council, the Mayor, police agency or an authorized representative of the Borough.
- (25) The depositing of any trash, garbage, or litter in any refuse can, dumpster or receptacle other than trash, garbage or litter which was generated as a result of lawfully using a park and recreation area.

(26) Washing, repairing, servicing or abandoning of any motor vehicle or non motorized vehicle.

(27) The advertising of any gathering, meeting or assembly without written authorization from Borough Council.

(28) Depositing of any trash, garbage or litter other than in a designated can, dumpster or receptacle.

(29) All pets unless at all times the pet is restrained on a leash not more than 6 feet in length. All animal feces must be removed immediately.

B. The following shall apply to the Van Rensselaer Park Tennis Courts:

All activity of whatever nature shall be prohibited in the Van Rensselaer Park Tennis Courts other than the playing of tennis.

C. Any individual who violates any of the rules and regulations of the park and recreation areas is prohibited from reentering the park and recreation area unless authorized in writing by Council. The reentering of any park and recreation area without written authorization from Council shall constitute a trespass.

#### **Section 6. Specialty Areas.**

Borough Council may from time to time adopt rules and regulations governing the use of specialty areas, including but not limited to, hike/bike trails, tennis courts, pool, picnic pavilions, baseball fields and boat landings.

#### **Section 7. Responsibility for Damages.**

Any person or persons who cause any damage to any park and recreation area shall be responsible to compensate the Borough for said damage.

#### **Section 8. Penalties.**

Any person violating this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600.00 plus costs of prosecution, and in default thereof, be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days.

#### **Section 9. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

# Picture Rocks Borough

## VAN RENSSSELEAR PARK RESERVATION REQUEST

Submit Request to:  
**Picture Rocks Borough**  
**P O Box 410**  
**Picture Rocks, PA 17761**  
**570-584-6362**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  

**STREET**
**CITY**
**STATE**
**ZIP CODE**

**NAME OR GROUP/ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EVENT TIME: (from)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(to)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OR PARTICIPANTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include check or money order made payable to Picture Rocks Borough for all donations for facility use

#1	Large Pavilion Near Creek	12 Tables	\$55.00
#2	Small Pavilion Near Creek	6 Tables	\$40.00
#3	Large Pavilion Near Creek	12 Tables	\$50.00
#4	Small Pavilion Near Creek	9 Tables	\$35.00
#5	Large Enclosed Pavilion	10 Tables (1/2 facility)	\$70.00
#6	Large Enclosed Pavilion	20 Tables (all facility)	\$125.00
#7	All Park Pavilions		\$250.00

Non-profit and charitable organizations are exempt from the fee schedule. Donations accepted

We will abide by and help enforce any and all rules and regulations for the use of park facilities. We, in consideration of the acceptance of this application and request for use of facilities, do hereby waive and release Picture Rocks Borough and the Council of Picture Rocks Borough from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of the use of the park facilities. Further, I/We do hold the Borough of Picture Rocks and the council of Picture Rocks harmless and will indemnify them from any and all claims, debts, suits or other disputes that may arise from the use of the park facilities.

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**DATE**

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**SIGNATURE**

### SUMMARY OF PARK RULES

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No alcoholic beverages</li> <li>2. No camping-no hunting in area north of creek bed</li> <li>3. No pets allowed</li> <li>4. Motorized vehicles allowed in designated areas only</li> <li>5. Picnicking in designated areas only</li> <li>6. No one permitted in area north of creek</li> <li>7. No bikes-roller skates- rollerblades</li> <li>8. Residents have priority use of facilities</li> <li>9. Park facilities are not liable for damages</li> <li>10. Parents responsible for children</li> <li>11. All laws apply in park.</li> <li>12. Violation of park rules may be subject to fine or penalty</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Park opens dawn to dusk or 9:00 PM</li> <li>14. Events requiring longer hours require prior approval</li> <li>15. Borough of Picture Rocks assumes no responsibility to private property</li> <li>16. All refuse will be collected and placed in proper containers. Activities requiring Borough cleanup after use will incur appropriate charges</li> <li>17. Renters are responsible and will be held accountable for any park damages incurred while renting</li> </ol> |
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### TENNIS COURT RULES

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tennis shoes required on courts</li> <li>2. One hour limit if a waiting line</li> <li>3. Courts close at dusk or 9:00 PM</li> <li>4. No bicycles, skates or skateboards on courts</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Keep off the fences</li> <li>6. No crowded areas</li> <li>7. Observe all park rules</li> </ol> |
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DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of March, 2000.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF  
PICTURE ROCKS

By: William N. Dorman Sec.  
William Dorman, Secretary

By: Christopher T. Smith  
Christopher T. Smith, President

APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2000.

By: David Bender  
David Bender, Mayor