

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEPORT, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REGULATIONS TO APPLY TO THE TRANSIENT FLOATING BOAT DOCK, AND TO ALL PARKS OWNED BY THE BOROUGH, PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES OF ANY VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS the Borough of Freeport, Pennsylvania owns a floating boat dock that is available to the public for use; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Freeport owns and operates Freeport Riverside Park and the Second Street Park; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Borough of Freeport to have rules and regulations applicable to the use of the floating boat dock and the existing parks owned by the Borough as well as any future parks owned by the Borough.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Freeport, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

Section 1. This Ordinance shall apply to the Freeport Floating Transient Dock (“the Dock”) all current and future parks owned by the Borough of Freeport.

Section 2. Definitions:

A) “Transient Boat” shall mean any boat or vessel that is 26 feet or longer as established by the registration and/or capacity plate on the boat.

B) “Recreational Boat” shall mean any boat or vessel less than 26 feet in length as established by the registration and/or capacity plate. In the event there is no registration (certain canoes, row boats, kayaks, etc.) it shall be irrebuttably presumed that the boat or vessel is a recreational boat.

Section 3. A) No recreational boat shall be docked or moored to the Freeport Floating Transient Boat Dock between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. nor during other hours of the day at any time for more than two consecutive days.

B)(i) No transient boat shall dock or moor to the Freeport Floating Transient Boat Dock for more than 10 consecutive days with a minimum of 10 consecutive days between moorages.

B)(ii) No transient boat shall be permitted to have additional dock space for a dinghy tied to the rear of the boat. All dinghies shall be secured to the river side of the vessel or otherwise secured so as to not use additional dock space.

Section 4. No transient boat or recreational boat shall have access to any on-shore power supply owned by the Borough.

Section 5. Any boat or vessel with a draft of less than 3 feet (excluding any motor) shall moor on the shore side of the Freeport Floating Transient Boat Dock.

Section 6. No child under the age of 13 years old shall be permitted on the dock without wearing an USCG approved life vest or floatation device.

Section 7. No person shall deposit garbage, rubbish or waste on the dock, or in any park owned by the Borough.

Section 8. Any person fishing from the dock shall immediately yield to any boat approaching the dock and may continue the fishing activity only if it does not interfere with boats mooring or moored to the dock. In addition to any other penalty failure to so yield to boats is cause for the violator to be banned from fishing from the dock.

Section 9. No person may ingest, or transport any open container of any alcoholic beverage while on the dock, the gangway leading to and from the dock or while in any park owned by the Borough.

Section 10.

Dogs or other domestic animals are not permitted on the dock or in any park owned by the Borough.

Section 11.


Smoking is not permitted on the dock or in the Second Street Park, and is permitted only in Riverside Park in the designated smoking area.

Section 12. No person may use the dock as a platform for swimming or diving.

Section 13 Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance and upon conviction for same shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense, and not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for each subsequent offense.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 4th day of April, 2016.

Borough of Freeport


by: RICHARD HASTINGS
President of Council

ATTEST:


CAROL CRYTZER
Borough Secretary

Approved as to form and substance:


JAMES SWARTZ, Mayor