

# ***Town of Franklin***

## ***Ordinance on***

### ***Public Parks & Recreational Areas***

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Franklin has established public parks and recreational areas for the use and enjoyment of the public;

**WHEREAS**, the use and enjoyment of the public parks and recreational areas has been diminished by the acts of vandalism and public property destruction;

**WHEREAS**, the vandalism and public property destruction to public parks and recreational areas occurs during the hours between sunset and sunrise;

**NOW, THEREFORE**: the Town of Franklin hereby resolves the adoption of the following ordinance restricting access to public parks and recreational areas:

- A) Town of Franklin public parks and recreational areas are open to the public from sunrise to sunset daily. The parks are closed from sunset to sunrise, and no person shall enter a closed park.
- B) The Chairman of the Recreation Commission may extend the hours that the public parks and recreational areas are open for special organized events that have been approved by the Commission.
- C) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Recreation Commission to deny the admittance for special events may request, in writing, a hearing with the Board of Selectmen to appeal the decision.
- D) A violation of this ordinance will be considered a trespass and will be referred to the Office of the Connecticut State's Attorney for prosecution by said office.
- E) If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or phrase of this ordinance so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and remain in full force and effect.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE AND AFTER NOTICE AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ADOPTED BY VOTE OF TOWN MEETING LEGALLY WARNED

AND HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2002.

PUBLICATION DATE: OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2002

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2002