

## **ORDINANCE NO. 508 of 2024**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF TIOGA, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROHIBIT CAMPING WITHIN PUBLIC PARKS AND UPON SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MANSFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Mansfield Borough Council wishes to prohibit the practice of overnight camping within its parks, upon sidewalks and other public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, such a prohibition will contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the community;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mansfield, County of Tioga, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. Prohibition**

It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep outdoors overnight or to erect any tent or other temporary or semi-permanent structure on any real property owned or leased by the Borough of Mansfield, within any legal right of way maintained by the Borough of Mansfield, or upon any sidewalk adjacent to legal right of ways within the Borough of Mansfield.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to ignite any fire or allow any fire to continue burning on any real property owned or leased by the Borough of Mansfield, within any legal right of way maintained by the Borough of Mansfield, or any sidewalk adjacent to legal right of ways within the Borough of Mansfield.

#### **SECTION 2. Enforcement**

Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$300.00, together with any court costs and restitution. In addition, persons found to be in violation of this Ordinance, who refuse a legal order to vacate the premises, may further be subject to the filing of criminal charges for defiant trespass pursuant to applicable law.

#### **Section 3. Severability**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid it shall not affect or impair any sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence,

clause, or section had not been included herein. Any Ordinance or any part of any Ordinances conflicting, with the provisions of this Ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Repealer**


All ordinance or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Effective date.**

These amendments shall take effect and be in force upon the date of approval.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

MANSFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL



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President

ATTEST:



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Borough Secretary

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**APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.