

**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2017**

**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE USE OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
WATERSHED RECREATIONAL AREA**

**1. Statement of Policy.** The City of Port Jervis does hereby create the Watershed Recreational Area within the areas occupied by existing City parklands and the City's water reservoirs; the City tax lots contained within the Watershed Recreational Area are designated as:\_\_\_\_\_.

This area contains abundant natural, scenic and recreational resources, including walking, hiking and biking trails. The City encourages and facilitates the use and enjoyment of this recreational area and the facilities the City has created for the use and enjoyment of the public believing that the use of these facilities promotes and enhances the well-being of the citizens of the City of Port Jervis and visitors to the City.

However, there may be dangers created by natural hazards within the Recreational Area in the use of the Recreational Area and its facilities by the public for varied and divergent purposes may also, if not controlled, endanger the safety of individual users and the environment of the area.

Therefore, in order to enhance and promote the safety, well-being and enjoyment of each individual in the use of the Watershed Recreational Area, the enjoyment of the facilities within the Area and the protection of the natural, scenic and recreational resources, this Local Law has been created to establish rules and regulations to govern the conduct of the public with respect to the use of the Area.

**2. Legislation.**

a. Activities by incorporated groups, school groups, legally formed entities, clubs and organizations must be approved in advance by a vote of the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis.

b. No parking of a motor vehicle, motorcycle or recreational vehicle of any type shall be permitted within the Recreational Area, except ten (10) designated parking areas established by the City. This prohibition shall not apply to any authorized or supervised activities of the Recreation Department or any other City Department having jurisdiction over the Recreational Area.

c. No loitering by a person or persons within the Recreational Area shall be permitted.

d. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to carry upon, have in their possession upon or cause to be carried upon or within the Recreational Area any alcoholic beverage, including wine, beer or liquor.

e. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to carry upon or within the Recreational Area, in their possession, or to sell or use any glass containers.

f. Dogs on leashes shall be permitted in the Recreational Area.

g. No swimming, boating, selling or offering for sale, hire or lease of any merchandise, service or thing of value shall be permitted within the Recreational Area.

h. No form of entertainment, performance, contest or any such event for commercial purposes nor the posting of advertising or handbills in connection therewith shall be permitted within the Recreational Area, except with the specific consent of the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis.

i. No posting or distributing of advertising materials or soliciting in connection with the same of same shall be permitted within the Recreational Area.

j. No camping, campsites, campfires or open fires shall be permitted within the Recreational Area.

k. No picnics or outings or group activities shall be permitted within the Recreational Area except in specifically designated areas.

l. No fishing, hunting or the use of bows and arrows, guns or firearms shall be permitted within the Recreational Area.

m. The pollution of waters within the Recreational Area, injury to property and the environment shall be prohibited within the Recreational Area.

n. Disorderly conduct, abusive or obscene language or gestures, obstruction of pedestrian traffic, climbing upon any tree, fence, structure or monument, violent or threatening behavior, unreasonable noise, gambling, use of a snowmobile or ATV or any other motorized vehicle shall be prohibited within the Recreational Area.

**3. Enforcement.** Penalties for violation of any section of this Local Law are those set forth in the General Provisions of Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Port Jervis City Code.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS LOCAL LAW MAY CONFLICT WITH APLICABLE PORTIONS OF THE GENERAL CITY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, IT IS THE STATED INTENTION OF THE CITY TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE AND AMEND, AS GRANTED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SECTION 10. THE CITY HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE THAT IT IS EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE AND AMEND PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SECTION 22.