

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA



BY-LAW NO. 43-26

**A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE USE, PROTECTION AND
REGULATION OF PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION
AREAS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA.**

WHEREAS Paragraph 6 of Section 11(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, (the “***Municipal Act, 2001***”) provides that a municipality may pass by-laws to protect the health, safety and well-being of persons;

WHEREAS S. 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of culture, parks, recreation and heritage;

WHEREAS the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c.1, Sched 1, Section 55 authorizes the municipality to appoint person(s) to enforce the by-laws of a municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Zorra enacts as follows:

PART 1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this by-law, the definitions in this Section apply:

- 1.1. “**Change rooms**” means any permanent or temporary structure or portion of a structure designed to accommodate persons for the purpose of changing their clothing. A change room may or may not include washroom facilities.
- 1.2. “**Council**” means the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Zorra.
- 1.3. “**Loitering**” means remaining in a public place for a prolonged period without any apparent lawful purpose or reason.
- 1.4. “**Municipal Law Enforcement Officer**” means an officer or designate, appointed by Council to enforce Township by-laws.
- 1.5. “**Park**” means land and land covered by water and all portions thereof under the control of the Township of Zorra, that is or hereafter may be established, dedicated, set apart, or made available for use as public open space, including a natural park area, recreation area, and an environmentally significant area including any buildings, structures, facilities, erections and improvements located in or on such land.
- 1.6. “**Recreation area**” means an area or building or combination of both, under the control of the Township of Zorra which is maintained and/or supervised by

employees of the Township and includes but is not limited to: an arena, skating rink, swimming pool, dog park, spray pad, play area, community centre, skateboard facility, sports field, volleyball court, trail, a park, a building or portion of a building which is owned, leased or used by the Township, including a school and school grounds, for the purpose of offering recreation to the public.

- 1.7. **“Unauthorized Gathering”** means formally constituted events or gatherings in public parks or recreation areas of twenty-five or more persons, or for which an invitation is extended to a group or members of an organization, or which are open to the public and are not authorized by the Township through Special Events Permits and/or rental agreements.
- 1.8. **“Washroom”** means any permanent or temporary structure or portion of a structure that contains toilets, or urinals and wash basins and which is owned, leased or operated by the Township.
- 1.9. **“Township”** means The Corporation of the Township of Zorra.

PART 2 – SHORT TITLE

- 2.1. This by-law may be referred to as The Parks and Recreation Area By-Law.

PART 3 – BY-LAW APPLICABILITY

- 3.1 This by-law applies to all recreation areas, parks and any premises located therein which are under the control of the Township.

PART 4 – GENERAL PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 In any park or recreation area within the Township, no person shall:

- (1) engage in riotous, boisterous, violent, threatening, or illegal conduct or use profane or abusive language, including:
 - i. making any verbal comments or physical gestures, about or toward anyone that could reasonably be considered to be offensive, derogatory or abusive;
 - ii. making noise likely to disturb any inhabitant or interfere with the enjoyment of the park through the use of electronic equipment or any other means;
- (2) urinate or defecate except in a designated washroom facility;
- (3) engage in conduct that endangers the health and safety of oneself or others;
- (4) remain in a park or recreation area for the purpose of, or appearance of, loitering;
- (5) play or practice golf or strike any golf ball by any means whatsoever;
- (6) enter or remain in a park or recreation area between dusk and dawn of the following day, except that a person may enter or remain in a park during the times provided that the Manager of Recreation & Facilities has authorized use of the recreation area or park beyond dusk;
- (7) discharge or permit the discharge of any water from private properties, including pool water and water from a roof drainage system, onto, into or over any park with the exception of natural over land flow from adjacent residential yards;
- (8) loiter in any washroom or change room, or engage in conduct that could

reasonably be considered to be offensive;

- (9) vandalize Township assets, including but not limited to, natural and capital assets;
- (10) cause or permit any animal under their control or ownership to swim in, enter into or foul any public swimming or wading pool or public splash pad intended for human use only, unless authorized by the Township to swim in or enter into a swimming or wading pool or public splash pad;
- (11) erect a tent or canopy for recreational camping, or park a trailer of any kind for daytime or overnight use;
- (12) ride or lead a horse, pony, donkey or mule in an area unless authorized by Township staff;
- (13) hold, organize or permit an Unauthorized Gathering.

PART 5 – ENFORCEMENT

5.1 (1) Where any person contravenes any provisions of this by-law, such person is subject to the provisions of the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21.

- (2) A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or designate may enforce the provisions of this by-law.
- (3) No person shall obstruct, hinder or attempt to obstruct or hinder a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer in the enforcement of the provisions of this by-law.

5.2 APPLICABLE LAW

- (1) Park and recreation area users are subject to all applicable Township by-laws and all Provincial and Federal laws and regulations and all persons violating any by-law or law may be required to leave any park or recreation area.

5.3 CONTINUATION – REPETITION OF OFFENCE – PROHIBITED

- (1) The court in which the conviction has been entered and any other court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted, and such order shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed by the court on the person convicted.

PART 6 - OFFENCES

6.1. Any person contravening any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to such penalty as is provided for under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended (see Schedule “A”).

PART 7 – CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY

7.1. In the event of any conflict between any provision set forth in this by-law and any other Township regulation, the competing provisions shall be harmonized to the fullest extent possible so as to facilitate the intent and proper effect of the separate areas of regulation.

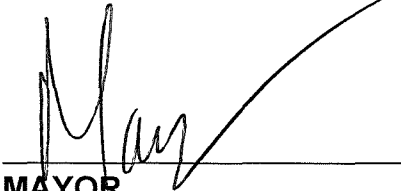
7.2. It is declared that notwithstanding that any Part or Parts of this by-law, or sections thereof, may be found by any court of law to be invalid, unlawful, unenforceable, or beyond the power of the Council to enact, such Part or Parts or sections thereof shall be deemed to be severable and that all other Parts or sections of this by-law are separate and independent therefrom and enacted as such.

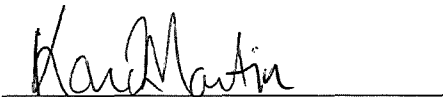
PART 8 – ENACTMENT

8.1. This by-law comes into force and effect on the date it is passed.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED TIME THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 2026.


MAYOR
MARCUS RYAN


CLERK
KAREN MARTIN

BY-LAW 43-26
SCHEDULE “A”
TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA
PARKS & RECREATION AREA BY-LAW FINES

Part I Provincial Offences Act

Item	Short Form Wording	Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Set Fine
1	Engage in riotous, boisterous, violent, or threatening conduct	4.1 (1)	\$250.00
2	Use profane or abusive language	4.1 (1)	\$250.00
3	Urinate or defecate in undesignated area	4.1 (2)	\$250.00
4	Endanger the health and safety of oneself or others	4.1 (3)	\$250.00
5	Loiter in park or recreation area	4.1 (4)	\$250.00
6	Play or practice golf in park or recreation area	4.1 (5)	\$250.00
7	Enter or remain in park between dusk and dawn	4.1 (6)	\$250.00
8	Discharge water from private property	4.1 (7)	\$250.00
9	Loiter in washroom or changeroom	4.1 (8)	\$250.00
10	Vandalize Township assets	4.1 (9)	\$250.00
11	Permit animals in public pools and/or splash pads	4.1 (10)	\$250.00
12	Erect a tent for daytime or overnight use	4.1 (11)	\$250.00
13	Ride or lead a horse, pony, donkey or mule	4.1 (12)	\$250.00
14	Hold or organize an unauthorized Organized Gathering	4.1 (13)	\$250.00
15	Obstructing or attempting to obstruct an Officer	5.1(3)	\$500.00

NOTE: The General Penalty Provision is Section 6.1 of By-law 43-26, a certified copy of which has been filed.