

CITY OF CAPE MAY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 556-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 368-2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING PROHIBITED CONDUCT IN PARK AND RECREATION AREAS TO REGULATE USE OF THE LAFAYETTE STREET PARK NATURE TRAILS

WHEREAS, Section 368-2 of the City Code sets forth prohibited acts in parks and recreation areas in the City of Cape May; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed and determined that in preparation for the completion of the Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails project, the City Code should be amended to confirm permitted conduct in this area for all users of the Nature Trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cape May as follows:

Section 1. Section 368-2 of the City of Cape May Code is hereby amended as follows to add the following **NEW SUBSECTION 368-2(B)**:

B. Use of Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails.

- (1) The Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails are established for pedestrian access and for those utilizing any type of mobility aid, including for example wheelchairs and walkers. No person shall cause or create any obstruction to use or access to the Nature Trails. No person may ride or park any type of recreational device on the Nature Trails at any time. Examples of prohibited recreational devices include, but are not limited to, bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, and skateboards.**
- (2) Dogs are permitted but shall be kept on a leash at all times and be accompanied by their owner or caretaker. The owner or caretaker shall carry a dog waste disposal device. Any owner or caretaker of a dog who permits such dog to leave animal waste on the Nature Trails without disposing of same shall be subject to the penalties as set forth in § 368-6.**

Section 2. For purposes of providing clear direction to the public, the same or substantially similar language below shall be used on City signage to be placed in the area of the park:

NATURE TRAILS

The Lafayette Street Park Nature Trails are for pedestrian access only.

Walking, wheelchairs, and any other mobility aids are permitted.

Please watch your step while utilizing and share the road.

Dogs must be leashed and accompanied by the owner.

Dog owners must carry waste bags and clean up after their dogs.

No Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or any other recreational device are permitted at any time.

Violators are subject to the penalties set forth in § 368-6.

Section 3. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. Should any portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or repeal the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after passage and publication, according to law.

ATTEST:



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

CITY OF CAPE MAY, a municipal corporation of
the State of New Jersey



BY:

Zachary M. Mullock, Mayor

NOTICE

Ordinance 556-2025 was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May on April 1, 2025, and was further considered for final passage during a Regular Meeting of the City Council, held at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey, on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. at which time a Public Hearing was held.



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

Roll Call	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Motion	Second
Meier	X				X	
McDade	X					
Bodnar	X					X
Baldwin	X					
Mullock	X					

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