

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

ORDINANCE NO. 562-2025

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

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, on May 6, 2025, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 556-2025 which regulates certain conduct on the newly established Nature Trails at Lafayette Street Park and permitted dogs with certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, after further discussion and review at the May 20, 2025 regular meeting of City Council, the Council has determined that it is appropriate to amend the Ordinance to simply prohibit dogs on 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(B) of the City of Cape May Code is hereby amended as follows (with strikethrough language indicating deleted language and **bold/underlined** portions indicating new language):

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.~~ **Dogs are not permitted on the Nature Trails at any time.**

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 are not permitted on the Nature Trails at any time.

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 562-2025 was introduced at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May, held on June 3, 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 July 1, 2025 at 3:00 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			
McDade	X					
Bodnar	X					X
Baldwin	X				X	
Mullock	X					

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cc: Code Enforcement
 CMPD

