COUNTY OF BUCKS, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 52

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 4, 1973 TO PROVIDE FOR "PENALTIES AND ARRESTS" UNDER THE SAID ORDINANCE NO. 14 WHICH ARE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE BUCKS COUNTY PARK SYSTEM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. Section 41 of Ordinance No. 14, adopted September 4, 1973 is hereby deleted, and in its place and stead, shall be provided the following Section 41 as set forth in Paragraph 2 hereof.

2. Section 41 - Penalties and Enforcement

   A. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, for every such offense, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice of the Peace in Bucks County in the magisterial district in which the violation is committed in a Bucks County park, in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) and/or to undergo imprisonment for a term of not more than thirty (30) days. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of the County of Bucks, and all fines shall be paid to the County of Bucks.

   B. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be the duty of the Bucks County Park Rangers. The Bucks County Park Rangers shall have the authority, upon view of a violation of this Ordinance, to arrest and detain a suspected violator and to issue to him a non-traffic citation under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure for violation of this Ordinance. The arrest and detention rights of the park rangers shall be limited to the issuance of non-traffic citations for summary offenses.

   C. Upon issuance of a non-traffic citation as aforesaid, the Bucks County Park Rangers shall follow the procedure set forth in the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to the issuance of non-traffic citations, and shall proceed with the same with the District Justice of the Peace having competent jurisdiction.
D. The enforcement authority of the Bucks County Park Rangers, including the issuance of non-traffic citations, is limited in jurisdiction solely to property within the Bucks County Park System.

E. The Bucks County Park Rangers shall be permitted to carry no weapons other than a nightstick to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

3. All other provisions of the said Ordinance No. 14, where they are not inconsistent herewith, are ratified and confirmed.

4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 29th day of July, 1981.

Attest:

[Signature]
Chief Clerk

BUCKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:

[Signature]
Elaine P. Zettick, Chairman

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Andrew L. Warren

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