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Local Law Number ascribed by the legislative body of the local government listed below:

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Local Law Title: A Local Law Governing the Use of Town Parks and Facilities

Be it enacted by the Town Board **of the**
(Name of Legislative Body)

☐ **County** ☐ **City** ☑ **Town** ☐ **Village**
(Select one)

of Germantown **as follows on the attached pages:**
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(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto ascribed as local law number 2 of 20 26 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Germantown was duly passed by the Town Board on October 13, 20 26 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20 _____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20 _____ and was

(Name of Legislative Body)

(approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____

(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

on _____ 20 _____ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20 _____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20 _____ and was

(Name of Legislative Body)

(approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on

(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

_____ 20 _____.

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20 _____ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20 _____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20 _____ and was

(Name of Legislative Body)

(approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on

(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

_____ 20 _____ . Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20 _____ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

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5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20_____ of the City of _____ having submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20_____ became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed thereto, ascribed as local law number _____ of 20_____of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20_____ pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in the paragraph 1 above.

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

October 13, 2026
(Date)

(Seal)

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Local Law No. 2 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW GOVERNING THE USE OF TOWN PARKS AND FACILITIES

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Governing the Use of Town Parks and Facilities."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

The purpose of this local law is to regulate the use of Town-owned parks and facilities, protect public property, ensure safety, and provide an orderly framework for public use. This local law further promotes the health, safety and general welfare of the Town of Germantown and its inhabitants.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This local law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law section 10.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS.

"Town Board" means the Town Board of the Town of Germantown.

"Park(s)" or "Town Park(s)" means any park, playground, recreation area, trail, open space, or facility owned or operated by the Town and designated by the Town Board for public park or recreational use, including Cheviot Park, Ernest R. Lasher Jr. Memorial Park, Palatine Park, Roe-Jan Kill Park, Ice House Landing, and the Theodore Robinson Community Forest.

"Facility(ies)" includes buildings, pavilions, fields, courts, structures, and equipment located within a Town Park.

SECTION 5. APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL REGULATIONS.

A. This local law shall apply to all persons using Town Parks or Facilities.
B. No person shall use any Town Park or Facility in violation of this local law or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to it.
C. Prohibited conduct includes damage or removal of Town property, littering or dumping, unauthorized use, unsafe or disorderly conduct, use of alcohol or controlled substances where prohibited, gambling, and violation of rules or regulations adopted by the Town

Board.

D. The Town Board may establish fees for use of Town Parks or Facilities by resolution.
E. Smoking: Smoking, vaping, and spitting of tobacco products are prohibited in all Town Parks and Facilities.
F. Alcoholic Beverages: Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all Town Parks and Facilities except when a use permit is issued authorizing the consumption of such beverages. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold at a permitted event, the permittee must obtain and present to the Town Board before the event a 24-hour permit from the New York State Liquor Authority. The person responsible for the use of alcoholic beverages at a permitted event will be identified on the use permit for that event.
G. Damage: No person shall damage, destroy, or tamper with any real or personal property in Town Parks or Facilities or cut or injure any tree or other plant life in Town Parks without permission from the Town Board.
H. Disorderly Conduct: No person shall do any of the following: disobey the directions of any sign erected by the Town; use abusive or obscene language; throw stones or other objects that may injure others or their property; obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic; engage in or encourage harassment, fighting or violent or threatening behavior; make unreasonable noise; create a hazardous condition; without authority disturb any lawful assembly or meeting of persons.
I. Written notice must be given to the Town Board within 24 hours regarding any injury/mishap/damage to persons and/or property while in a Town Park or Facility.
J. Firearms and Weapons: Hunting or the unauthorized use of firearms or any weapons in a Town Park or Facility is strictly prohibited.
K. Unless otherwise noted, the Parks and Facilities are open one half hour after sunrise and close one half hour after sunset. No persons shall enter or remain in Town Parks or Facilities during the period of closure unless attending a permitted event or participating in overnight camping as permitted under Section 6.
L. Nothing shall be left in any Town Park or Facility without official permission. Nothing shall be removed from any Town Park or Facility without official permission.
M. Motorized and Recreational Vehicles: Licensed motor vehicles may be operated or parked only on roads, parking lots, or other areas officially designated for such use. Operators of licensed motor vehicles shall carry liability insurance in an amount equal to that prescribed by law for operation on highways and shall carry evidence of the same. Electric or motorized recreational vehicles, including but not limited to snowmobiles, e-bikes, dirtbikes, all-terrain vehicles, and similar vehicles, are prohibited in Town Parks and Facilities except where their use is expressly authorized by the Town. Non-motorized bicycles and scooters may be used only in areas designated for such use.
N. Children under twelve (12) years of age shall not be permitted to enter onto or remain in Town Parks or Facilities unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or by a person at least sixteen (16) years of age with permission from the child's parent/guardian.
O. Dogs are not permitted at recreational fields or in playground areas. In areas where pets are permitted, they must be under the control of their owners at all times and on a leash. Dogs are not to be tied. Owners must clean up after their pet(s).
P. All persons using Town Parks or Facilities must clean up the area or areas they have used before leaving.

SECTION 6. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF TOWN PARKS OR FACILITIES

A. Cheviot Park
   i. Boats, rafts, canoes, kayaks, or other vessels may not be left on docks or within the Park without permission from the Town Board.
   ii. No fishing from the boat ramp or floating docks.

B. Ernest R. Lasher Jr. Memorial Park
   i. Boats, rafts, canoes, kayaks, or other vessels may not be left on docks or within the Park without permission from the Town Board.
   ii. No fishing from the boat ramp or floating docks.

C. Palatine Park
   i. Swimming is not permitted at Lake George South.
   ii. Palatine Bark
      1. Dogs entering the park must be under the care, custody, and control of a person age 18 or older. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times;
      2. All dogs entering the park must be licensed;
      3. All dogs must be under voice control;
      4. Owners/guardians must carry a leash at all times;
      5. No single person may have more than three (3) dogs in the off-leash area at one time;
      6. Dogs which are sick, in heat, or aggressive are not permitted;
      7. Persons in charge of the dog shall quiet them if they bark;
      8. Persons in charge of the dog shall promptly remove litter;
      9. All toys/ bones are prohibited with the exception of Frisbees and tennis balls at appropriate times;
      10. Choke chains and prong collars are prohibited in the park;
      11. Digging is not permitted. Owners must promptly fill in any holes created by their dog;
      12. No smoking or eating at any time while in the park. Glass bottles or containers are not permitted;
      13. Owners must discourage their dogs from standing/jumping on the fence;
      14. All dogs must be up-to-date on routine vaccinations (Kennel Cough is highly recommended) and be wearing the proper tags before entering the dog park;
      15. An emergency kit is located in the entrance area and is for emergencies.

D. Roe-Jan Kill Park
   i. Swimming is not permitted.
   ii. Hours: Except for overnight camping permitted below, the park is open from dawn until dusk.
   iii. Overnight camping is permitted only in the designated upper level camping area of the park. Quiet hours are from dusk until dawn. During quiet hours, campers shall not make unreasonable noise. Campsites are carry-in/carry-out. Campers shall remove all personal property and garbage from the camping area before leaving.

E. Ice House Landing
   i. Hours: Except for overnight camping permitted below, the park is open from dawn until dusk.
   ii. Overnight camping is permitted. Quiet hours are in place from dusk until dawn. During quiet hours, campers shall not make unreasonable noise. Campsites are carry-in/carry-out. Campers shall remove all personal property and garbage from the camping area before leaving.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES; ENFORCEMENT.

A. A violation of this local law is hereby declared to be an offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding three hundred fifty dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both for conviction of a first offense; for conviction of a second offense both of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than seven hundred dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both; and, upon conviction for a third or subsequent offense all of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than seven hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both. However, for the purpose of conferring jurisdiction upon courts and judicial officers generally, violations of this local law shall be deemed misdemeanors and for such purpose only all provisions of law relating to misdemeanors shall apply to such violations.
B. In addition to the above remedies, the Town Board may maintain an action or proceeding in the name of the Town in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with, restrain by injunction, or otherwise remedy violations of this local law.
C. All persons shall comply with any lawful direction of a Town official issued to enforce this local law.

SECTION 8. REPEAL.

Local Law Nos. 1 of 1983 and 3 of 2005 are hereby repealed in their entirety. All other ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed, provided, however, that the Town's Smoke-Free Policy and Local Law Prohibiting Metal Detecting and Treasure Hunting on Town-owned Property shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, provision or part thereof of this local law shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this local law as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not so adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 10. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.