

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER

ORDINANCE NO. 642

AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND  
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER IX,  
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MAURICE RIVER

WHEREAS, Chapter IX, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River, was previously adopted by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, hereinafter NJDEP, has voiced a concern that the Delaware Bay beaches within Maurice River Township be closed to public access during a limited period each year, during the period of time that horseshoe crabs lay their eggs on the beaches during the red knot migration; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that Chapter IX, should be amended to address the concerns of NJDEP while at the same time protecting public access to certain Township facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, does hereby amend Chapter IX, Parks and Recreation so as to add Section 9-10, Beach Access, as follows:

Section 9-10, Beach Access

- a) Annually, from May 1 through June 8, there shall be no public access to the Delaware Bay Beaches within Maurice River Township.
- b) Notwithstanding the above, the following Township owned facilities and areas shall remain open for public use:
  1. The Thompson's Beach Road boat ramp and bird observation tower.
  2. The Thompson's Beach parking lot to include the East Bay Avenue, Lot 1-12, and west via the Dike Trail to what is commonly known as the Balloto property.
  3. The East Point boat ramp and fishing beach.
  4. The East Point public parking lot and access area.
  5. The Riggins ditch Bridge access area.
  6. The Thompson's Beach Road bridge between the boat ramp and bird observation tower and the Delaware Bay access area.

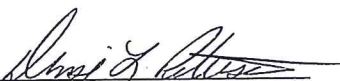
The intent of this ordinance is to permit limited public access to Township owned facilities and areas during a limited period of each year to provide for protection of the migrating red knot.

All provisions of Chapter IX, Parks and Recreation Areas, as set forth in the revised general ordinances of the Township of Maurice River, shall remain in full force and effect except as amended by this ordinance.


Severability: Should any section, sentence, clause or provision or a portion of this Ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect or impact upon any other section, sentence, clause or provision or portion of this Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

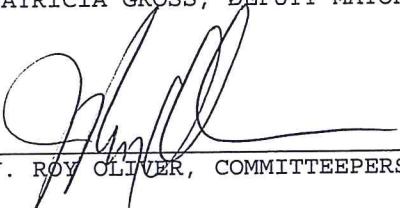
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:

  
DENISE PETERSON, TOWNSHIP  
CLERK

  
ANDREW SARCLETTE, MAYOR

  
PATRICIA GROSS, DEPUTY MAYOR

  
J. ROY OLIVER, COMMITTEEPERSON

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