

BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS, County of Butler, Pennsylvania, establishing a playground inspection code.

This Ordinance establishes guidelines and regulations for the inspection of the playgrounds for the Borough of Seven Fields in order to maintain safety for the users of the playground and the equipment installed thereon.

Section 1. The Borough Building Inspector or other official duly appointed by the Council of the Borough of Seven Fields shall personally inspect all playgrounds and playground equipment pursuant to the guidelines set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 2. The playgrounds and playground equipment shall be inspected on a monthly basis during each month of each year. If any deficiencies or problems are reported to the Borough government, the building inspector will respond to said complaints and inspect the alleged defect within two working days of the report.

Section 3. A written inspection report shall be delivered to the Parks and Recreation Chairperson, the Borough Secretary, and Council within two working days of the inspection. The formal report shall be as established and adopted by Council, and shall cover all of the items set forth in the "Playground Inspection Checklist" which is part of this Ordinance. Any deficiencies requiring immediate repair or closing of any playground or playground equipment shall be reported on the same day as the inspection.

Section 4. Any problems requiring immediate repair or which could cause injury to anyone using the facilities shall require the building inspector to post a "closed" or "restricted" sign on the playground area or equipment requiring repair.

Section 5. Within three working days after receiving notice of the necessity of repair or replacement of defective or damaged area or playground equipment, the Borough shall initiate corrective actions. Until the repairs are made, the building inspector shall daily inspect the area in question to insure that all warning devices remain correctly installed and/or that the subject equipment or playground area cannot be used.

Section 6. The items of inspection which are to be visibly inspected are as follows: that all fasteners and connectors are in place and tight; that all anchoring systems are in place and their integrity is not impaired; that all play surfaces are in proper condition; that all structural members of the playground equipment are in proper condition; that all decks and surfaces are inspected for security and correct wearing surfaces; condition of any corrosion is to be checked; all equipment is to be checked for

proper operation; inspector is to inspected for any hazardous conditions that may cause injury in and around the playground area and equipment.

Section 7. The Borough shall retain the services of an independent maintenance company or Borough employee to perform a twice a year mechanical check of all playground equipment to make sure it is structurally secure and that all equipment is properly functioning.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Seven Fields this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1993.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS

Christine R. Clutter  
Secretary

Frank Fresda  
President

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY ME this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December,

1993.

Christine R. Clutter

Michael H. Coleman  
Mayor

