

**LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 310 – PARKS AND RECREATION**

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman:  
Hirsch, Pasti, Mickens, Dennison

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Kingston adopted a Local Law in 1984 adopting General Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the request for the amendment addresses the issue of parking of vehicles in parks overnight, outside of standard park operating hours and the enforcement of said rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Kingston finds it in the best interests of the City to adopt said proposed Local Law in the form attached hereto.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The purpose of this Local Law is to amend City Code Section 310: Article I General Rules and Regulations of the City’s municipal code for Parks and Recreation.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Kingston Code, Section 310, Article I General Rules and Regulations of Parks and Recreation is amended to read in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 3.** If any provisions of this local law are held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the local law shall remain in effect.

**SECTION 4.** This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Submitted to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

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Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES  
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Description:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF KINGSTON, NY AMENDING CODE SECTION 310 -  
PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES AS PER ATTACHED

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by TM

Seconded by RAD

Action Required: \_\_\_\_\_

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Action \_\_\_\_\_


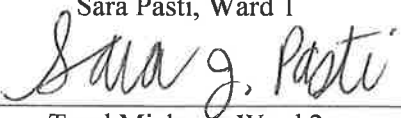
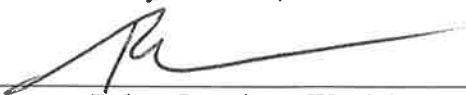

Unlisted Action \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioned Negative Declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Lead Agency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Dennison, Ward 6 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Pasti, Sara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:37 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa; Jankowski, Matthew; Timbrouck, Lynsey  
**Subject:** Communication Regarding Amendments to Code Section 310 - Parks & Recreational Facilities  
**Attachments:** Chapter 310 Parks and Recreational Facilities General Rules and Regulations Draft 2.26.25 w.edits.docx

Dear President Shaut,

Please accept this message as a communication to be placed on the agenda of the appropriate committee.

I am requesting edits to be made to the City's General Rules and Regulation Section 310 - Parks and Recreational Facilities. These changes, indicated in red and underlined, address the parking of vehicles in parks overnight outside standard park operating hours.

Please note that at its last meeting the Finance & Audit Committee considered the amount of the fines to be added to the City's Fee Schedule for parking violations and also recommended that the City's Regulations be amended to reflect the parking prohibitions and fines.

I am copying both Corporate Counsel Matt Jankowski and Director of Parks and Recreation Lynsey Timbrouck on this email so they will be apprised of this communication.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sara Pasti

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**Sara Pasti**  
Ward 1 Alderwoman  
Kingston Common Council  
(845) 392-2519

## ARTICLE I

## General Rules and Regulations

[Adopted 8-7-1984 by L.L. No. 3-1984, approved 8-28-1984, as Ch. 84, Art. I, of the 1984 Code]

**§ 310-1. Legislative determination; compliance required.**

It is hereby declared, pursuant to the authority created by the City Charter<sup>1</sup> of the City of Kingston, the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the City Home Rule Law and the General City Law of the State of New York, that the establishment and maintenance of proper rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the parks, bathing beaches, skating rinks, bathing pools and other recreational facilities of the City of Kingston are essential to the public welfare. Therefore, the provisions hereinafter prescribed to provide appropriate rules and regulations for the proper use and enjoyment of the aforesaid facilities are enacted, and their necessity in the public interest is hereby declared a matter of legislative determination. Except as herein otherwise provided, there shall be official hours for the opening and closing of the parks and other recreational facilities referred to herein, and the use by any person or persons of said parks or said recreational facilities at any other time is absolutely prohibited.

**§ 310-2. Hours of operation. [Amended 8-5-1986; approved 8-7-1986]**

The parks and other recreational facilities in the City of Kingston shall be opened no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and shall be closed no later than dusk each day. As used in this section, "dusk" shall be defined as 1/2 hour after sunset.

**§ 310-3. Enforcement.**

- (a) The jurisdiction over all of said parks and other facilities herein referred to shall reside in the Director of Parks and Recreation of the City of Kingston, who shall have the power to enforce the rules and regulations herein provided for.
- (b) Authorized enforcement officers, including City law enforcement and parking enforcement officers, may issue tickets and enforce violations of the rules and regulations contained in this Chapter.

**§ 310-4. Use during closed hours.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or any vehicle to loiter in or to pass through, on foot or by means of any vehicle, any of the parks or other facilities herein referred to at any time other than the time officially permitted within such park or such facility.
- (b) Only vehicles authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation may remain parked at any time outside the hours of operation for the park or recreational facility. All other vehicles are prohibited from parking, or otherwise being left unattended, in a City park or recreation facility outside the hours of operation.

**§ 310-5. Glass containers. [Added 8-1-2006, approved 8-3-2006]**

It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to bring into, or possess in, any City park glass containers of any type or size at any time.

**§ 310-6. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 8-1-2006, approved 8-3-2006; 5-1-2012, approved 5-2-2012]**

(a) The violation of any of the provisions of this article shall be a violation for which the first shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$100; second and subsequent offenses shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$300.

(b) In addition to the penalties set forth herein, vehicles in violation of §310-4 may be subject to removal under the direction of the Police Department of the City of Kingston.

**§ 310-7. Special hours for certain events or functions. [Amended 8-1-2006, approved 8-3-2006]**

Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, the public shall have the right to remain in the parks or other facilities of the City of Kingston when special events or functions are held thereat, and if the affair or function is not concluded until after the closing hours as fixed herein, it shall be lawful for the general public to be there; provided, however, that they leave the parks or other facilities within a reasonable length of time after the conclusion of the affair or function referred to herein.

**§ 310-8. Posting of signs.**

Appropriate signs establishing the hours for the opening and closing of such parks and public facilities shall be conspicuously posted in said parks and other facilities before the effective date of this article for those facilities now in operation and, hereafter, prior to the opening of any such park or other recreational facility.

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