

## As Introduced

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### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE USES OF THE EAST AND WEST WOODS PRESERVES

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council enacted Ordinance 2021-013 revising Article I of the Code of Ordinances to, *inter alia*, provide that the Council may adopt resolutions establishing rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the East and West Wood Preserves and any Town park or land; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 2 of the Code of Ordinances, states it is unlawful for any person or persons to, at any time or in any manner injure or remove any tree... or other structure...or destroy in any manner public property within the corporate limits of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2020-13, which adopted Article I, Sec. 14 of the Code of Ordinances, recognized that the preservation of the East and West Woods and other wooded portions of the Town (“The Woods”) is an important objective of the Town, both to ensure a natural habitat for native wildlife that buffers the town and to provide areas of sanctuary for residents to walk; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council approved a Forest Stewardship Plan (2015) developed by the Woods Committee to restore the ecosystem health of the East and West Woods; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Washington Grove is an Historic District and was placed on The National Register of Historic Places in April, 1980. The Town’s listing was amended in October, 2020 to accept expanded boundaries including The Woods; and

**WHEREAS**, rules adopted to implement Article I, Sec. 14 should be focused on achieving the objectives described above and consistency with the Town’s status as a historic district by prohibiting or regulating inconsistent activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Town Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article I of the Code of Ordinances, hereby approve and authorize the following rules for the use of the East and West Woods Preserves:

1. No fires and no smoking at any time. Both are fire hazards.
2. No possession or discharge of any fireworks or other explosive materials or devices.
3. No camping.
4. No cutting or removal of wood except for purposes of public safety and maintenance of the Woods by Town Maintenance, the Woods Committee, or professional services under Town contract.
5. No alcoholic beverages
6. No wheeled vehicles to include cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs and bicycles may be ridden in The Woods except for purposes of restoration and maintenance of the Woods by Town Maintenance or the Woods Committee.
7. No carrying or use of firearms.
8. No hunting except as specifically authorized by Town Council.
9. No dumping of trash, debris or yard waste
10. All pets must be on leash. The person in control of the pet shall immediately clean up and remove the animal's feces or other deposited waste.
11. Pedestrians must stay on established trails except for those engaged in Woods Committee sponsored activities or required Town Maintenance work.
12. No structures or enclosures may be erected except for specific purposes of forest restoration as authorized by Town Council.
13. Devices to amplify projected sound or otherwise create excessive noise may not be used in The Woods.

Adopted and effective this \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved by Mayor and Town Council:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk Date