



Ohio Revised Code

Section 755.13 Supervision and maintenance of recreation facilities.

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(A) The authority to supervise and maintain parks, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, or indoor recreation centers, may be vested in any existing body or board, or in a recreation board, as the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, the board of township trustees, or the board of county commissioners determines. The local authorities of any such municipal corporation, township, or county may equip, develop, operate, and maintain such facilities as authorized by sections 755.12 to 755.18 of the Revised Code. Such local authorities may, for the purpose of carrying out such sections, employ play leaders, recreation directors, supervisors, superintendents, or any other officers or employees, and may procure and pay all or any part of the cost of a policy or policies insuring such officers or employees against liability on account of damage or injury to persons or property arising from the performance of their official duties.

(B) The board of township trustees may expend funds from the township general fund, or revenue derived from property taxes levied for parks and recreational purposes, for the public purpose of presenting community events that are open to the public at such parks, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, or indoor recreation centers.

(C) The board of county commissioners may adopt rules for the preservation of good order within parks, playfields, and reservations of land under its jurisdiction and on adjacent highways, rivers, riverbanks, and lakes, and the preservation of property and natural life therein. Such rules shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, before taking effect. In counties in which no newspaper is generally circulated, notice shall be accomplished by posting copies in not less than five of the most public places in the district, as determined by the board of county commissioners, for a period of not less than fifteen days before the rules take effect. The rules shall be enforced by a "law enforcement officer" as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code. No person shall violate a rule adopted under this division. Whoever violates a rule adopted under this division shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of the rule, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. All fines collected for any



violation of any rule adopted under this division shall be paid into the general fund of the county treasury.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, the controlling authority of each sports and recreation location shall do all of the following:

(a) Require the placement of an automated external defibrillator in each sports and recreation location, under the authority's control, at any time that the location is hosting an organized youth sport activity;

(b) Require that a sufficient number of the staff persons of each sports and recreation location successfully complete an appropriate training course in the use of an automated external defibrillator as described in section 3701.85 of the Revised Code;

(c) Adopt an emergency action plan for the use of automated external defibrillators and may use the model plan developed by the department of health under section 3701.851 of the Revised Code.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply to a village if the population of the village is less than five thousand, and does not apply to a township if the population of the unincorporated area of the township is less than five thousand.

(E) As used in this section:

(1) "Automated external defibrillator" has the same meaning as in section 2305.235 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Sports and recreation location" means indoor recreation centers and facilities, gymnasiums, swimming pools, and playing fields that are designated, operated, and maintained for those uses as authorized by sections 755.12 to 755.18 of the Revised Code.