

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD,  
CHAPTER 306, ARTICLE III, COMMUNITY POOLS, SECTIONS 8 THROUGH 11 AS  
TO POOL MEMBERSHIP, HOURS OF OPERATION, POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES,  
AND ADDITIONAL POOL FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the “Township”), established rules and guidelines for the use and operation of the Township of Cranford’s swimming pool and field house facilities known as Swim Pool Utility, Memorial Recreation Complex or Cranford Community Pools of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee and Recreation and Parks Department have established rules and guidelines for the use of the facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Article III (Community Pools), Chapter 306, Sections 8 through 11 set forth the pool membership, hours of operation, pool membership fees, and additional pool use fees;

**WHEREAS**, those fees must be increased to keep pace with the operating costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township to update the pool membership, hours of operation, pool membership fees, and additional pool use fees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that § 306-8 through § 306-11 of the Code of the Township of Cranford is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** § 306-8. (Pool membership.) of the Code of the Township of Cranford is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 306-8. Pool membership.**

A. Membership composition.

(1) Summer and winter pool membership is not limited to residents of Cranford.

(a) Summer pool: Total memberships may not exceed 3,000. Cranford residents will be allowed to register even after the 3,000 memberships

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have been reached. However, the Director of Recreation & Parks (hereafter identified as “Director”) ~~Operations Manager~~ is authorized to increase the membership total by 50 if deemed necessary, at the Director’s ~~Operations Manager’s~~ sole discretion, for administrative purposes or special hardship cases. Individual memberships will be counted as 1/2 membership for the above purposes.

- (b) Winter pool: Total memberships may not exceed 1,000. However, the Director ~~Operations Manager~~ is authorized to increase the membership total by 50 if deemed necessary, at the Director’s ~~Operations Manager’s~~ sole discretion, for administrative purposes or special hardship cases.
- (2) Senior citizens and scholarships are excluded from these membership totals.
- (3) Memberships are not transferable.
- (4) Preference schedule for registering:
  - (a) Cranford residents.
  - (b) Nonresident annual members.
  - (c) Nonresident members of winter season or immediate past summer season.
  - (d) Nonresident from waiting list.
- (5) Employees of the Township of Cranford, employees of the Board of Education of the Township of Cranford and business owners of the Township of Cranford and their employees who are nonresidents are permitted to join the pool and are considered Cranford residents for purposes of any and all fees, except that § 306-10I is not applicable herein.
- (6) Persons with disabilities who reside in Cranford, upon presentation of acceptable documentation, shall be entitled to receive the senior resident rate for purposes of any and all fees. Persons with disabilities who are nonresidents in Cranford, upon presentation of acceptable documentation, shall be entitled to receive the senior nonresident rate for purposes of any and all fees.

B. Types of membership.

- (1) Individual membership is available to one person 14 years or older.
- (2) Family of two. Both individuals must be principally residing at the same address, and the child must be dependent on the adult for federal income tax

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purposes. An individual who is 22 years of age or older or will become 22 years of age in the current year cannot be considered a "child" in this membership.

- (3) Family of three. All individuals must be principally residing at same address.

If one member is a child, the child must be dependent on an adult for federal income tax purposes. An individual who is 22 years of age or older or will become 22 years of age in the current year cannot be considered a "child" in this membership.

- (4) Family of four-plus. Adults and children must be principally residing at the same address, and children must be dependent on an adult for federal income tax purposes. An individual who is 22 years of age or older or will become 22 years of age in the current year cannot be considered a "child" in this membership.

- (5) Senior citizen. Any individual who is 62 years or older.

- (6) Additional child-care provider. A person who is a bona fide child-care provider for a child member.

- (7) Corporation or business membership is available to any Cranford-based company by the submitting of an employee roster on the company letterhead and a check made payable in full to the Swim Pool Utility. Criteria for membership is five or more employees joining in the membership at the same time.

C. General provisions.

- (1) A guest is any nonmember who is admitted with a member of the Cranford Community Pools. Each member shall be allowed to bring guests per summer and winter swimming season at the prevailing fee.

- (2) Use of pool. All members or guests, upon proper identification being presented to the office, shall, upon payment of the proper fee, be entitled to use the pool facilities. Guests during the summer season are not allowed the use of the fitness center.

- (3) Any person or persons who shall violate any duly promulgated rule or regulation of the Township of Cranford shall be subject to immediate ejection from a facility and/or premises by the official in charge or his duly designated representative. The Director ~~Operations Manager~~ reserves the right to revoke any

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membership for dangerous acts, improper conduct or repeated violations of the rules and regulations.

- (4) The Director ~~Operations Manager~~ reserves the right to deny any applicant membership regardless of membership classification in the Swim Pool Utility.

D. Enrollment.

- (1) Failure to provide complete and accurate enrollment and application information or to report change in that information, to immediately report changes in residency or to immediately report changes in membership status will result in termination of membership with no refund of fees.
- (2) All applicants must show proof of residence and age of all dependent individuals being enrolled for membership at time of registration or upon demand.

**§ 306-9. Hours of operation.**

- A. Summer pools; general hours. Sunday through Saturday, including holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except during the abbreviated pre- and post-summer. [Amended 3-10-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-04]
- B. Winter pools. Hours will be as scheduled by the Cranford Pool and Fitness Center.
- C. Adverse or dangerous conditions. The Township Committee or the Director ~~Operations Manager~~ may close or limit the use of the swimming pool facilities during periods of inclement or adverse weather conditions or whenever, in its judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for the protection of health or safety of such persons entitled to use such facilities or such persons working in such facilities.

**§ 306-10. Pool membership fees.**

- A. Summer pool fees shall be as follows:
- (1) Residents:
- (a) Individual: \$300 ~~275~~.
- (b) Family of two (non-senior): \$375 ~~325~~.
- (c) Family of three (non-senior): \$425 ~~375~~.
- (d) Family of four-plus (non-senior): \$475 ~~400~~.

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- (e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$300.
  - (f) Senior: \$125 ~~400~~.
- (2) Nonresidents:
  - (a) Individual: \$475.
  - (b) Family of two (non-senior): \$625 ~~600~~.
  - (c) Family of three (non-senior): \$675 ~~625~~.
  - (d) Family of four-plus (non-senior): \$725 ~~675~~.
  - (e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$300.
  - (f) Senior: \$300 ~~275~~.
- (3) Full corporation membership (minimum of five individuals), each individual: \$325.
- (4) Resident(s) and/or nonresident(s) who sign up August 1 or later will be entitled to 50% discount on summer fees.

B. Winter pool fees shall be as follows:

- (1) Residents:
  - (a) Individual: \$350 ~~325~~.
  - (b) Family of two: \$400 ~~375~~.
  - (c) Family of three: \$425 ~~400~~.
  - (d) Family of four-plus: \$450 ~~425~~.
  - (e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$300 ~~200~~.
  - (f) Senior: \$200 ~~175~~.
- (2) Nonresidents:
  - (a) Individual: \$500 ~~470~~.
  - (b) Family of two: \$625 ~~600~~.
  - (c) Family of three: \$650 ~~625~~.
  - (d) Family of four-plus: \$675 ~~650~~.

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(e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$300.

(f) Senior: ~~\$350~~ 325.

(3) Limited corporation or business (minimum of five individuals) for a corporation or business for usage from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, each individual: ~~\$350~~ 275.

(4) Full corporation or business membership (minimum of five individuals), each individual: ~~\$500~~ 425.

C. Annual pool fees shall be as follows:

(1) Residents:

(a) Individual: ~~\$550~~ 500.

(b) Family of two: ~~\$650~~ 600.

(c) Family of three: ~~\$675~~ 625.

(d) Family of four-plus: ~~\$700~~ 650.

(e) Care provider (for adult or child): ~~\$300~~ 250.

(f) Senior: ~~\$225~~ 200.

(2) Nonresidents:

(a) Individual: ~~\$750~~ 700.

(b) Family of two: ~~\$975~~ 925.

(c) Family of three: ~~\$1,000~~ 950.

(d) Family of four-plus: ~~\$1,025~~ 975.

(e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$400.

(f) Senior: ~~\$525~~ 500.

(3) Full annual corporation membership (minimum of five individuals), each individual: ~~\$600~~ 525.

D. Partial fees (winter pool only); residents and nonresidents.

(1) Members joining for the first time who apply after the opening enrollment date

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so fixed by the Township Committee but before December 1 will pay the full fee. Said member enrolling between December 1 and December 31 will pay 90% of the winter pool membership fee; said member enrolling between January 1 and January 31 will pay 80%; said member enrolling between February 1 and February 29 will pay 70% of the winter pool membership fee; said member enrolling between March 1 and March 31 will pay 60% of the winter pool membership fee; said member enrolling between April 1 and April 30 will pay 50% of the winter membership fee; said member enrolling between May 1 and May 31 will pay 40% of the winter pool membership fee. Said fee shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Any person who had been a member of the winter pool within the preceding winter season is not eligible for partial fee membership. [Amended 10-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-12; 3-10-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-04]

- (2) A membership may be converted to a higher membership category at any time during the winter season. The partial fee discount shall be applied against the difference in the membership rates, and the rates will be based on the fee structure in effect at the time the original membership was taken out.

E. Fees for guests of members shall be as follows:

- (1) Summer pool.
  - (a) Daily guests:
    - [1] Weekdays: \$10 per entry per person.
    - [2] Weekends: \$15 per entry per person.
    - [3] Holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day): \$15 per entry per person.
    - [4] Twilight pass (after 5:00 p.m. any day): \$5.
  - (b) Guest pass book: 10 daily passes for \$80; five daily passes for \$40.
- (2) Winter pool.
  - (a) Daily guests:
    - [1] Weekdays: \$10 per entry per person.
    - [2] Weekends/holidays: \$15 per entry per person.
  - (b) Infant guest under two years: free.

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- F. Refunds.
- (1) No membership fees are refundable for the summer season after the first day of June, except at the discretion of the Township Committee for good cause shown. All requests for refunds shall be in writing.
  - (2) No membership fees are refundable for the winter season after the second Monday in October, except at the discretion of the Township Committee for good cause. All requests for refunds shall be in writing.
  - (3) No membership fees are refundable for year-round memberships after the first day of June, except at the discretion of the Township Committee for good cause shown. All requests for refunds shall be in writing.
- G. Deadline for payments. The enrollment and payment schedule for year-round, summer and winter pool membership fees is to be fixed by the Township Committee by resolution.
- H. See § 306-11 for babysitting fees.
- I. Employees of the Township of Cranford who are also residents shall receive a twenty-five-percent discount on all pool membership fees.

**§ 306-11. Additional pool use fees.**

- A. Courses or programs.
- (1) Swim lessons, all levels, summer pool:
    - (a) Member fee: \$50 (five lessons).
  - (2) Swim lessons, all levels, winter pool:
    - (a) Member fee: \$100 ~~\$85~~ (seven lessons).
    - (b) Nonmember fee: \$125 ~~100~~ (seven lessons).
- B. Special courses or programs (winter and summer). Cost of books and materials necessary for Starfish-approved courses not included in fee.
- (1) Resident members:
    - (a) Minimum fee: \$30.
    - (b) Maximum fee: \$300.

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(2) Nonresident members and nonmembers:

(a) Minimum fee: \$40.

(b) Maximum fees: \$350.

C. Competitive swimming.

(1) Swim team: "Jersey Gators" is a sanctioned swim team by the Township of Cranford and the Swim Pool Utility.

(2) A swim team member must be a member of the swim pool during the swim team season.

(3) A swim team member under the age of 14 must have an adult as a member during the swim team season.

(4) Swim team fees. Fees are to be paid to the Swim Pool Utility at the time of registration.

Number of Children	Winter Pool	Summer Pool
First child	<del>\$100</del> 25	<del>\$50</del> 25
Each additional child	<del>\$50</del> 20	<del>\$25</del> 10

D. Miscellaneous fees:

(1) Lost card: \$10.

(2) Insufficient funds, canceled check, stop payment: \$30.

(3) Babysitting fees: \$5 per hour, per child. When paid with summer membership fee, \$100 for the first and \$25 for each additional child; with winter membership fee, \$170 for the first and \$50 for each additional child; with annual membership fee, \$200 for the first and \$50 for each additional child.

E. Special events programs: fee set and posted by Cranford Pool and Fitness Center.

F. Rental or security fees:

(1) Rental of outdoor pool complex: \$350 per hour.

(2) Rental of indoor pool area: \$300 per hour.

G. Kidz Klub Camp Program. The Cranford Pool and Fitness Center offers a camp program in addition to regular membership. This program is offered to children between the ages of five and 12 years of age.

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- (1) The cost of the program is as follows:
  - (a) One to three weeks: \$220 per week per child.
  - (b) Four to six weeks: \$210 per week per child.
  - (c) Seven to 10 weeks: \$200 per week per child.
- (2) Payment may be in the form of cash, credit card or check payable to the Cranford Pool and Fitness Center.

**Section 2.** Unless otherwise set forth herein, all other fees and terms set forth in Conservation Center, Chapter 183 shall be and remain unchanged.

**Section 3.** Any ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** Upon final passage and publication according to law, this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Introduced: February 22, 2022

Adopted: March 29, 2022

Approved:

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Kathleen Miller Prunty  
Chairperson, Township Committee

ATTEST:

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Recorded Vote	Introduced	Adopted
Kathleen Miller Prunty	Aye	Aye
Brian Andrews	Aye	Aye
Jason Gareis	Aye	Aye
Gina Black	Aye	Aye
Mary O'Connor	Aye	Aye

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