

Ordinance #4 Use of the Commons and Forests

Adopted by the Town Assembly September 27, 2010. Replaces Ordinance #4 adopted July 1973

https://arden.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/004_UseOfCommonsForest.pdf

The purpose of this ordinance as given in Section 1 is to preserve the community forests, greens and other commons for the enjoyment of Arden residents and their invited guests.

The ordinance lays out rules concerning camping, littering, open fires, trees, recreational equipment, and use of motor vehicles on the commons and in the forest. All of the rules appear to be reasonable. Section 8 states: "The Civic Committee shall establish rules of the use of commons, including, but not restricted to consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of recreational equipment and requests for exclusive use of a specific area. The Forest Committee shall establish rules for Sherwood and Arden Forests. The rules are to be posted at several places in the Village."

The rules for the commons and forests as stated in Ordinance #4 are available on the Village Website by clicking Ordinances under the Quick Links pull-down tab. There is also a link to the ordinances in the Quick Links under the Red Book menu item. The Red Book or Village handbook also has a link to this ordinance under Policies and Procedures. The rules are not posted on Bulletin Boards in the Village. No specific rules concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of recreational equipment and requests for exclusive use of a specific area were found on the Village of Arden Web Page.

Recommendations

1. No changes to the Ordinance are recommended.
2. The Governance Task Force recommends that the Civic and Forest Committees post rules for the use of the commons and forests, including any rules not specifically stated in Ordinance #4, on Village Bulletin boards and on the greens and at entrances to the forests.