

**CITY OF MILFORD**  
**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION**  
**Chapter 211-Trees**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was adopted during a meeting of Milford City Council on August 28, 2023:

Ordinance 2023-32  
Amendment to City of Milford Code  
Chapter 208 – Teen Centers

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
MILFORD BY RESCINDING IN ITS ENTIRETY  
Chapter 208 Entitled “Teen Centers”

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Milford is continually reviewing, revising, and updating the provisions of the City’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that updates, including removal of outdated ordinances and the elimination of redundant language, are in the best interest in the City; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Chapter 208 Teen Centers of the City of Milford Code be repealed; and

WHEREAS, Teen Centers are presently regulated by Chapter 230 Zoning, Chapter 88 Building Construction, Chapter 90 Business License, and Chapter 115 Disorderly Premises of the City of Milford Code, as well as various State of Delaware laws; and

WHEREAS, as part of their review of the matter, City Council will consider any public comment presented on this ordinance during a regular meeting on August 28, 2023, that convenes at 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, if unable to attend Council meeting either virtually or in person, written comments can be emailed to [thudson@milford-de.gov](mailto:thudson@milford-de.gov); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Ordinance Review and Public Comment Period was published in the Delaware State News on August 10, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Milford hereby ordains:

Section 1. Purpose: The Code of the City of Milford is amended by rescinding Chapter 208 Teen Centers in its entirety, as indicated below:

~~**Chapter 208 TEEN CENTERS**~~

~~[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Milford 12-8-1970. Amendments noted where applicable.]~~

## GENERAL REFERENCES

~~Curfew—See Ch. 111~~

### ~~§ 208-1. License required.~~

~~A.—Whoever operates, as a commercial venture, a teen center or place of amusement or dance hall catering solely or primarily to the teenage trade, shall first obtain a license from the city code official as provided in this Chapter.~~

~~B.—No license shall be issued to any person or business unless all taxes, assessments, sewer, water, electric, trash charges and any other fees due the City are paid and in good standing.~~

### ~~§ 208-2. General regulations.~~

~~The following regulations shall apply to the operations of such places of amusement as referred to above:~~

~~A.—The establishment shall be so constructed that it will meet all fire and safety standards and shall be so certified by the proper inspection authorities before a license is granted.~~

~~B.—In the event that food or drink is to be dispensed, the same standards as to sanitation shall apply as in the case of other eating establishments.~~

~~C.—At least two separate rest rooms in good working order shall be maintained, one for boys and one for girls, and they shall be so marked.~~

~~D.—The facilities shall be so constructed that all activity is in plain view of the management at all times, and there shall be no doors leading to connecting rooms.~~

~~E.—There shall be no other rooms, halls or other space available to the customers.~~

~~F.—For the safety of the occupants, the establishment shall be so lighted inside that the floor and furniture or fixtures shall be clearly distinguishable.~~

~~G.—Not more than one pool or billiard table shall be provided, and it shall be in the same room (or in plain view) as the other activities being carried on in the establishment.~~

~~H.—No betting or gambling of any nature whatsoever shall be permitted.~~

~~I.—No one under the age of 13 or over the age of 18 shall be admitted or allowed to remain on the premises during all hours of operation.~~

~~J.—No one under the influence of an intoxicating beverage or dangerous drugs shall be admitted to or allowed to remain on the premises, and no intoxicating beverages, narcotics, marijuana, central nervous system stimulants or depressants, mescaline, methadrine, LSD or other dangerous drugs shall be allowed anywhere thereon.~~

~~K.—No disorderly conduct of any kind shall be allowed on the premises.~~

~~L.—Hours of operation on days when the public schools are in session shall not start before 3:30 p.m., and at all times the closing time shall be not later than 11:00 p.m.~~

M. ~~A responsible adult shall be in charge of the operation at all times and be accountable for the enforcement of the rules and regulations.~~

N. ~~Rules and regulations governing the operation of the establishment shall be posted in a prominent place in the establishment.~~

~~§ 208-3. Violations and penalties.~~

~~Upon complaint made to the city regarding any alleged violation of this chapter, the Mayor shall appoint a committee of two or more persons to view the premises, and if violation is found to exist, the committee shall promptly inform the person then in charge of the establishment to correct the same; or, in the event that intoxicating liquors or dangerous drugs as defined herein are found upon the premises, the committee, upon investigation and proof thereof, may recommend to the City Council that the license of the establishment be suspended for a period not exceeding one month. In the event of more than three violations within any twelve month period, the Council may revoke the license of the establishment, after a hearing held, upon giving not less than 10 days' notice of the time and place thereof to the licensee.~~

Section 2.

Chapter 208 is hereby reserved for future use.

Section 3. Dates

Council Introduction: August 14, 2023

Council Public Comments/Determination: August 28, 2023

Effective: September 7, 2023

To review the entire chapter or a complete list of the City of Milford Code, please access the City of Milford website at [www.cityofmilford.com](http://www.cityofmilford.com) or contact the City Clerk's Office at 302-422-1111.

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