

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 112  
HOUSE BILL 418

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FORSYTH COUNTY TO CONDUCT AS OWNER  
CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE OPERATION OF TANGLEWOOD PARK.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The purpose of this act is to authorize Forsyth County as the owner of Tanglewood Park to conduct certain activities in connection with the operation of Tanglewood Park as a recreational facility and conference center. It is the further purpose of this act to authorize Forsyth County to operate Tanglewood Park in the same manner and to provide at Tanglewood Park the same recreational activities as have been provided at Tanglewood Park in the past. Tanglewood Park consists of 1152 acres in western Forsyth County and lies on the banks of the Yadkin River. It is described with particularity in Deed Book 1193, page 1579, Forsyth County Registry.

**Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding any other laws or provisions thereof, Forsyth County is hereby authorized to conduct the following activities at Tanglewood Park:

- a. operation and maintenance of tennis and volleyball courts;
- b. operation and maintenance of campground facilities, both for mobile home campers and tent campers and provision of services reasonably necessary thereto, including provision of laundry facilities and equipment;
- c. operation and maintenance of golf courses, including driving ranges, par-three courses, and miniature golf courses, including the rental of balls, clubs, and other equipment, and including the right to sell memberships to any member of the public who wishes one;
- d. operation and maintenance of swimming pools, including rental of such pools to groups for special functions, provided such rental does not unreasonably impair the use of such pools by the public;
- e. holding of a steeplechase or horse race event open to the public, the printing of programs therefor, and the sale of advertising space in such programs, the solicitation of donations for such event, and the provision of cash prizes for said event, provided such prizes may not be provided from tax funds;
- f. operation and maintenance of a motel for the use of the general public utilizing any of the facilities of Tanglewood Park, including the right to charge a reasonable rental for lodging at such motel;
- g. operation of a day camp for children, provided all permits required by applicable law are obtained;

- h. operation of the various lakes on the property, including the rental of boats and charging of a fee for fishing;
- i. provision of fire works displays for special occasions, provided all permits required by State law are obtained;
- j. maintenance of the church and graveyard on the property including rental of said church for special functions, such as weddings;
- k. operation and maintenance of a clubhouse, including the rental of the meeting rooms for meetings and other functions;
- l. operation and maintenance of picnic and other meeting facilities, including the right to rent said facilities for special functions;
- m. maintenance and rental of any cottage or residence for a reasonable period of time.
- n. operation and maintenance of a theater, including rental of said theater for the season for the production of plays or other entertainments, or rental to groups or individuals for meetings, special functions or other occasions;
- o. rental of surplus office space to various groups for parks and recreational purposes;
- p. operation and maintenance or rental of the barns, stables, other facilities for the housing, exercising, grooming, and other activities incidental to the keeping of horses;
- q. operation of a work-play program for underprivileged children in Forsyth County;
- r. provision of food, drink, or other refreshment, including the operation of restaurants at any appropriate place within the park;
- s. conduct of retail sales of various articles, such as golf equipment customarily sold at retail in connection with the various types of recreational activities mentioned above;
- t. right to accept payment for various activities and articles mentioned above by any reputable credit card.

**Sec. 3.** Forsyth County is hereby authorized to conduct such additional activities as are necessary or desirable to the operation and maintenance of Tanglewood Park.

**Sec. 4.** Whether specifically mentioned above or not, Forsyth County is hereby authorized to charge a reasonable fee for any activity conducted at Tanglewood Park, provided however, said fees shall not be charged to produce revenue beyond the reasonable needs of Forsyth County for operation, maintenance and capital expansion of the park.

**Sec. 5.** Forsyth County is authorized to conduct the various activities mentioned herein or those reasonably necessary or desirable to the operation and maintenance of Tanglewood Park either directly or by lease or concession of the various facilities to persons, groups or corporations.

**Sec. 6.** Forsyth County may operate Tanglewood Park as a department or division of the county government, by appointment of a board of commission, or by lease to a nonprofit corporation. Forsyth County may vest in such an appointed board or

commission or in a nonprofit corporation any or all of the powers set forth in this act or otherwise authorized by law for carrying out the purpose and intent of this act.

**Sec. 7.** Forsyth County is hereby authorized to protect the name "Tanglewood Park" by registering it with the Secretary of State, if such name meets the requirements for corporate names as set forth in Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

**Sec. 8.** The provisions, sections, paragraphs, portions and all parts of this act are hereby declared to be severable, and the determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that any part of this act is invalid shall not affect the other parts.

**Sec. 9.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of March, 1977.