



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
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Honorable Members of the City Council  
Through the Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**RE: Notification of Revised Tot Lot Recognition**

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

This letter requests that the City Council pass an amendment to the following subsection found in the Mount Vernon City Code: Ch 186 Parks and Playgrounds; § 186-17 Tot lots as follows:

**"A. The following playgrounds are hereby designated as tot lots:**

- (1) Grove Street Playground (Grove Street);**
- (2) Lorraine Avenue Playground (Lorraine Avenue and Claremont Place);**
- (3) Sophie J. Mee Playground (South 3rd Avenue and 4th Street);**
- (4) Adams Street Playground (Adam Street and South Fulton Avenue);**
- (5) Ben Gordon Playground (South 8th Avenue and 7th Street);**
- (6) Brush Park (South 3rd Avenue and 6th Street);**
- (7) Eddie Williams Playground (South 7th Avenue and 4th Street);**
- (8) Fleetwood Playground (Broad Street);**
- (9) Nichols Playground (High Street);**
- (10) Hartley Park/Playground (North 3rd Avenue and Gramatan Avenue);**
- (11) Howard Street Playground (Howard Street);**
- (12) Leo Mann Playground (Sheridan Avenue);**
- (13) Madison Avenue Playground (Madison Avenue and Franklin Avenue);**
- (14) Purdy Playground (South 9th Avenue and West 2nd Street);**



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**B. No person 18 years or older shall remain in or enter a children's playground area designated as a tot lot unless actually engaged in the care, custody, or supervision of a person younger than 12 years of age who is using the facilities in the area. "**

The purpose of adding the names of all the Tot Lots is to inform the public that these areas are not intended for the congregation of adults but are exclusively for the use of children accompanied by adults (over the age of 18). Additionally, it is to provide a legal basis for MVPD to enforce summons and legal charges against anyone who violates the rules and regulations stated in the charter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walker-Pinckney  
Commissioner

cc:     Office of the Mayor  
         Office of the Comptroller  
         Corporation Council  
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