



River Forest Park District

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ORDINANCE 111201: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING USE OF THE PARKS OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE PARKS AND OTHER PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIVER FOREST PARK DISTRICT, RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS, AND THE PRESCRIBING OF FINES AND OTHER PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RIVER FOREST PARK DISTRICT:

Section 1. Territorial Jurisdiction

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply and be effective in and for all grounds, buildings and territory, from time to time owned, occupied, or used by the River Forest Park District, Cook County, Illinois, all and every part of which is hereinafter referred to as the “Park District”.

Section 2. Enforcement

The qualified persons who may enforce the Park District’s rules and regulations prescribed by this Ordinance include state and local law enforcement officers and officers and employees of the Park District, including Park Board of Commissioners, the Executive Director of the Park District (“Director”) and Park District employees acting under the Director’s authority. Arrest powers are reserved to law enforcement authorities, including members of the River Forest Police Department, members of the Cook County Sherriff’s Department, and the Illinois State Police.

Section 3. Park Hours

Subject to restrictions on certain activities hereinafter set out, the Park System shall be open for public use between the hours of 6:00 a.m., prevailing local time, and dusk each day of the year, and no person shall enter, upon, or in any manner, use any part of the Park System between dusk and 6:00 a.m., prevailing local time, except that those portions of the Park System lighted for recreational use by the public may be used during such time as they are lighted.

Section 4. Permits

No person shall conduct, operate, present, manage, or take part in the following activities in a park, unless a permit is obtained from the Director prior to the activity:

1. Any athletic field used for more than eight (8) persons. The River Forest Park District Athletic Field Use Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is expressly incorporated by reference into this Ordinance as if fully stated herein.
2. Any picnic, outing, or gathering sponsored by any persons or organization, or composed of twenty (20) or more persons.

3. Any fund-raising activity, organized sporting event, fair, children's program or camp, ceremony, dramatic or musical performance, motion picture, radio or television broadcast, or public meeting, assembly or parade, including, but not limited to, rallies, picketing, marches, or political meetings.
4. Sell or offer for sale any goods or services.
5. The use of any park or facility for by a certain person or group to the exclusion of others.

Permits are not transferable without written consent of the Director, and fees paid are non-refundable.

Permits must be applied for at least four (4) weeks in advance of the event, but no Permit shall be issued in excess of twelve (12) weeks prior to the date of the event.

No person in a park or on park premises shall refuse or fail to produce and exhibit any written Permit if he claims to have upon request of any law enforcement officer, authorized Park District representative, or employee who wishes to inspect the Permit for the purpose of determining that the provisions of the Ordinance have been complied with.

Section 5. Protection of Property

No person shall, in connection with any property of the Park District:

1. Destroy, deface, paint, or remove any monument, sign, plaque, stake or post designating any boundary line, survey line or reference point.
2. Cut, break, mark upon, or otherwise damage, destroy, or remove any building, shelter, lamp post, post, flag pole, storage box, picnic table, bench, garbage can, paving or paving materials, utility outlet, or other park property without written permission of the Director.
3. Deface, destroy, cover, damage, or remove any sign, or place card, or parts thereof, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited by the Park District to announce the rules, regulations, and warning, or any other information to the public necessary or desirable for proper use of park or park property.
4. Construct or erect any building or structure of any kind, whether permanently or temporarily, or run or string any public utility into, upon, or across a park, without the written permission of the Director.
5. Enter into or upon any park area or structure closed or posted against trespass, without written permission of the Director. These structures or areas may be, but are not limited to, construction areas, workshops or stations, equipment and storage structures or area, or areas hazardous to public safety or health.
6. Tamper with in any way, enter or climb upon, weaken, destroy, damage, or remove anything from any park vehicle, machine, or implement.
7. Misuse any refuse container or receptacle by depositing into it any hot coals or other hot or burning substances, or by depositing into any garbage, trash, refuse, pet waste, or other unwanted material that was not gathered on the site in the course of normal, lawful use of park facilities.
8. Bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind, whether waste or otherwise, in the park, except refuse, ashes, garbage, and other material arising from the normal use within the Park System, provided such material is properly deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.

Section 6. Protection of Natural Resources

No person shall, in connection with any property of the Park District:

1. Cut, remove, uproot, pick, saw, chop, carve, injure or wantonly destroy any tree, bush, shrub, flower or plant, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim, or otherwise deface or injure any tree, shrub or bush, or break or remove any branch or foliage thereof, or pick or gather any seed of any tree or other plant, unless necessitated by the performance of restorative maintenance, construction work, pursuant to contract with the Park District.
2. Drive any nail, staple, or attach or fasten any wire, rope, or device to any tree or plant, or tie or hitch any animal to any tree, plant or bush.
3. Climb any tree, or walk, stand or sit upon any monument, vase, fountain, railing, fence or any other park property not designated or normally used for such purposes.
4. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, downed timber, rock, sand or gravel, or remove or cause to be removed any other natural material from Park District property, unless necessitated by the performance of restorative maintenance, or construction work, pursuant to contract with the District.
5. Hunt, trap, molest, wound, poison or kill, or attempt to hunt, trap, molest, poison, or kill any animal, bird or reptile, or disturb any nest, lair, den or burrow of any animal, bird or reptile, without written permission of the Director.
6. Release or cause to be released any wild, or domestic animal, bird or reptile, or distribute the seeds or spores of any flowering or non-flowering plants into or upon park lands, without written permission of the Director.
7. Ride, lead or allow to be loose upon park premises, any horse, pony or other riding animal.
8. Use or cause to be used any chemical or biological pesticide or any other substance, measured or process designated to alter the anatomy or physiology of any organism for the purpose of directly manipulating their populations, without written permission of the Director, and then only in compliance with all applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States of America.

Section 7. Domestic Dogs and Cats

1. No person shall bring any bird or animal into the Park System other than domestic dogs and cats.
2. Persons owning or having right to immediate custody or control of any dog or cat shall not permit any or all such dog or cat to enter into or remain in the Park System, unless at all times that it is within the Park System, such dog or cat is, by means of a leash or other physical equipment, entirely and continuously under and subject to the direction and control of a person.
3. Any person who brings such dogs or cats into the Park System shall pick up and remove from the Park System any and all solid waste of such dog or cat. Disposal of any solid waste is prohibited in any Park District waste receptacle.
4. Dogs and cats are prohibited inside Park District facilities, inside fenced facilities such as tennis courts, batting cages, or platform tennis courts; or on playgrounds.
5. Seeing-eye dogs or service animals for the visually-impaired are expressly excluded from this Section and are authorized to be within the Park System.

Section 8. Vehicles

1. No person shall drive or operate any motorized vehicle in the Park System, except upon designated parking areas. Persons not subject to this provision are Park District employees, Police Officers, Park District hired contractors when acting under the authority of the Director.
2. Operate a vehicle in disregard of any sign, signal, marking, or device erected, constructed or created by the Village or any public body, or official having jurisdiction for the purposes of regulating,

warning, or guiding traffic, or contrary to the order or direction of any Police Officer or other person duly authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

3. Vehicle parking in any Park System parking lot is permitted only during park hours, as described in Section 2.
4. Park System parking lots are limited for participants of the Park System. Use of the Park System parking lot for any other use except use of the Park System without written permission from the Director is prohibited.
5. No person may operate a motorized vehicle in such a manner so as to cause or produce unnecessary loud, raucous noise. Excessive or unusual noise, including, but not limited to, the racing of the motor, the continuous sounding of a horn or other signal device, audio music heard beyond 25' of the vehicle, the creation of tire friction by sudden, unnecessary motor acceleration or rapid turning or weaving, or the failure to have a properly operating muffler.
6. No person in charge of a motorized vehicle within the Park System shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine.
7. Overweight. Operate any motor vehicle at a rate of speed or in any manner that is unreasonable or imprudent, not having regard to the traffic and use of the way, condition or the weather, visibility, condition or the roadway and other surrounding conditions, so as to endanger the life limb, or injure the property of any persons.

Section 9. Bicycles, Skateboards, Rollerblades

No person shall, in connection with any property of the District:

1. Ride a bicycle on any path, roadway, or other areas designated and posted prohibiting bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades.
2. Operate a bicycle, skateboard, or rollerblade in a reckless manner so as to danger pedestrians or the rider or riders thereof.
3. Leave unattended any bicycle, except in those designated for such purpose, and then only in such a manner as not to create a nuisance or hazard to the public.

Section 10. Sports and Games

No person shall, in connection with any property of the Park District:

1. Golf in the Parks: Swing or make use of any golf club nor play golf, nor hit or putt golf balls within or into the Park System.
2. Engine Powered Models and Toys: Start, fly, or use any fuel-powered or rocket or jet-type or electric powered model aircraft, boat, or rocket-like powered toy or model.
3. Aviation: Bring, land, or cause to descend or alight within the Park System any airplane, flying machine, balloon, parachute, or other apparatus for aviation, except with the written permission of the Director.
4. Games: Take part in the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes. The use of lawn darts on any park property is specifically prohibited.
5. Gambling: Manage, operate or engage in gambling of any form without written permission of the Director, and then only in compliance with all local, state and federal law.

Section 11. Winter Sports

No person shall, in connection with any property of the District:

1. Sled , toboggan, ski, or slide on any area posted as being ‘unsafe’ or ‘hazardous’ or as being ‘closed’ due to inadequate snow cover, or other environmental conditions, or upon being duly notified of such by the Director or authorized Park District personnel.
2. Ice skate on any area posted as being ‘unsafe’ or ‘hazardous’ or as being closed due to inadequate ice or other environmental conditions, or upon being duly notified of such by the Director or authorized Park District personnel.
3. Access or use of the platform tennis courts without required membership, guest pass, as a registered participant to a platform tennis program, or as a participant to a platform tennis lesson with approval from the Director.
4. Snowmobiles: Operate a snowmobile upon any Park property.

Section 12. Personal Conduct

No person shall, in connection with any property of the Park District:

1. Public Assemblies, Meetings. Hold any public meetings, exhibits, contests, tournaments, concerts or public entertainment of any kind within the Park System without written approval from the Director.
2. Obstruction of Use. Exercise exclusive control or dominion over Park District property within the Park System without written approval from the Director.
3. Weapons. Have in their possession or on or about their person or use any firearm, pistol, revolver, shotgun, ammunition, bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot, blackjack, billy club, and devise capable of discharging a projectile by air, spirit, gas or explosive, any explosive substance or harmful solid, liquid or gaseous substance, any tear gas or any disabling chemical agent or any other dangerous weapon.
4. Fireworks. Have in their possession or on or about their person or use any sparklers, fireworks, pyrotechnic devices or explosive devises at any time within the Park System without written approval from the Director.
5. Alcohol and Controlled Substances. Be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or, other controlled substances shall enter, be or remain in the Park System, nor shall any person bring within, possess, sell, give away, inhale, ingest or otherwise use or consume any alcohol, illegal drugs or controlled substances in the Park System. The smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chew tobacco, and e-cigarettes is prohibited inside or within 25 feet of any building, facility or structure, or within 100’ of any organized activity within the Park System.
6. Disorderly Conduct. Shall make countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace, or diversion tending to a breach of peace, in the Park System, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct therein, or collect with other persons, in bodies or crowds for unlawful purposes, or for any purpose to the annoyance or obstruction or disturbance of other persons.
7. Improper Speech and Conduct. Use or engage in any abusive, threatening, insulting, indecent, profane, or obscene language, signs, symbols, postures, or acts or employ any such language or acts in such a way as to be conducive to a breach of peace in the Park System, as reasonably determined by any person authorized to enforce this Ordinance. No person shall behave in any manner that is unsportsmanlike, insulting, provoking, abusive, potentially harmful or physically harmful toward any

person while within the Park System, as reasonably determined by any person authorized to enforce this Ordinance.

8. Public Indecency. Engage in conduct that is publicly indecent, and a person shall be deemed to have committed an act of public indecency when any person performs any of the following acts:
 - a. An act of sexual intercourse.
 - b. An act of deviate sexual conduct
 - c. A lewd exposure of the body, done with intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desire of the person.
 - d. A lewd fondling or caressing of the body on another person of either sex.
9. Unlawful Use of Photographic or Video Equipment. The use of any devise with photographic or video capabilities is not permitted within restrooms within the Park System, or locker rooms, shower rooms, restrooms, or changing rooms in other facilities where and when Park District programs are being conducted.

Section 13. Hindering or Bribing Employees

1. Interfere with, unreasonably disrupt, delay, or in any manner hinder performance of their duties.
2. Give or offer to give an employee any money, gift, privilege, or article of value on or off Park District property in order to violate the provisions of this Ordinance or any other Park District Ordinance, contract, permit, or statues of the State of Illinois and the United States, or in order to gain or receive special consideration in applying for any use or privilege, or to gain special consideration and treatment in the use of any Park District property or facility.

Section 14. Advertising and Vending

No person shall, in connection with any property of the District:

1. Advertise. Post, affix, or otherwise display any place card, bill, notice or advertisement of any kind in the Park System, nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw or place any handbill, pamphlet, circular, advertisement or notice of any kind in the Park System, nor shall any person post, stencil or otherwise affix any notice, bill, advertisement or other papers upon any structure or thing in or about the Park System without written approval from the Director.
2. Expose or offer for sale or hire any articles or things, or conduct or solicit any business, trade or occupation or profession without a Concession Contract Agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners, and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, it being the intension of the Park District to control commercial enterprises or sales on Park District lands.
3. Enter, without invitation or without having paid

Section 15. Fires

No person shall, in connection with any property of the Park District:

1. Set fire or cause to be set on fire, any tree, garden, grassland, refuge container or structure.
2. Build a fire anywhere for any purpose, except in a Park District fire pit with written permission from the Park District and the River Forest Fire Department is required.

Section 16. Additional or Temporary Rules and Regulations.

No person shall violate any rule of the Park District relating to the use and administration of the Park System. The Board of Commissioners or the Director or authorized representatives may issue such additional or temporary rules and regulations as are necessary to incur public health and safety in the use and enjoyment of any and all park facilities, including, but not limited to, its park lands, another recreational activities, and any special events. No person shall use any Park District facility, which in the opinion of the Director, is not in condition for use, and all persons shall refrain from using the same when requested by a written notice or personally requested by the Board of Commissioners, the Director, or authorized Park District personnel

Section 17. Fines

Fine. Any person violating a clause or provision of any Section of this Ordinance shall be fined, upon conviction thereof, not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each convicted offense.

Eviction, Expulsion. Any person violating any clause or provision of any Section of this Ordinance may be evicted or expelled from the Park District by any person empowered to enforce this Ordinance as prescribed in Section 2 herein.

Damage; Restitution. Any person violating any clause or provision of any Section of this Ordinance and having caused damage to the building, property or equipment of the Park District, shall make restitution in addition to any other fine or penalty imposed. Restitution shall include all expenses required to make the Park District whole, including, but not limited to, contractor’s fee, attorney’s fees and court costs.

Section 18. Effective Date and Saving Clause

This Ordinance shall be and become effective in full force and effect ten (10) days after its due passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law. All Ordinances of River Forest Park District and parts of Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed. Several parts of this Ordinance are severable, and invalidity of any one or more of its provisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions than can be given effect without the invalid provision(s).

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Secretary

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012

President