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PARK USE ORDINANCES

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Chapter VIII

PARK POLICE

8.01 Police Force

The police force of the District shall consist of the Commissioners, Officers, Attorney and Director, and such employees and agents as the district may employ from time to time for such purpose.

CHAPTER IX

PARK RULES REGULATING THE

ADMINISTRATION OF PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES

9.00 Trash/Refuse/Littering

Each person/group is responsible for cleaning up his/her/their own use area. All refuse must be placed in the provided district receptacles.

9.01 Advertising

No person shall display any placard or advertisement of any kind in any park, nor will any person distribute, cast, throw or place any handbill, pamphlet, circular, advertisement or notice of any kind nor post stencil or otherwise affix any notice or bills, advertisements or other papers upon any structure or thing in or about any park, except as herein provided.

Community event advertising, in a form approved by the District, will be allowed in District parks no earlier than 7 days prior to the event date. Only the Executive Director may authorize placement of advertising or signage for community events in District parks.

9.02 Animals

(a) No person shall lead, ride or allow to be loose upon District property any horse, pony, or other riding animal, except in areas designated for riding and by express consent of the Director.

(b) Any animal found within the park system in violation of this section, may be apprehended, removed to the animal shelter, public pound, or any other place provided for that purpose, and impounded, all at the expense of the owner.

9.03 Parades and Meetings

No person or persons shall hold or participate in any procession, public meeting, gathering or parade within the park system without having first obtained permission to do so from the Director.

9.05 Closing Hours

The parks of the District shall be closed from dusk until daybreak, except in parks having lighted athletic facilities while in use, and in neighborhood or community recreation centers whose facilities are specifically in use and under the control of the Recreation Division of the District, or with the express consent of the Director. No person or property of any kind shall remain in the parks after closing time unless permission has been granted by the Director for later hours or as authorized by other District permits. With an exception that the parking lots at Oregon Park West shall be exempt from a curfew restriction at dusk on evenings football games are hosted by the Oregon Community Unit School District. An exemption is also granted for the roadway serving the community as a through street in Oregon Park West which shall remain open 24 hours per day unless due to inclement weather, maintenance and or repair or other security reasons stipulated by the Oregon Park District the road is closed.

9.08 Organization Picnics and Meetings

(1) No public meeting shall be held in any of the parks under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Park District unless a special use permit is first secured from the Board of Commissioners.

(2) Factory organizations, church organizations, and other large groups or societies shall be allowed to reserve areas in certain parks if a special use permit for that purpose is issued by the Park Board and said large groups and societies may operate their own concession stands to help defray expenses but not for profit to the organization or to any other individual. Entertainment features may also be provided by said organizations to their own people, but no charge shall be made therefore in any of the public parks, and rights to use the parks under permits granted are subject to the use thereof by the public at all times.

(3) There shall be no sale, collection or punching of admission tickets to any of the shelters, pavilions or other facilities provided in the parks under the jurisdiction of the Park District and no soliciting or collection of money for the use of any of said facilities. There shall be no advertising, either printed or otherwise, to the effect that any group has the exclusive use of shelters, pavilions, or other facilities, and any group which has been granted a permit to use any of said facilities shall stop its activities in bad weather and share said shelters, pavilions and other facilities with

the public. The Board of Commissioners of the Oregon Park District alone shall have the power to make and enforce charges for the use of the facilities of said Park District.

9.09 Play Classes and Camps

(1) No person or organization shall bring or cause to be brought onto the park system any play class, day camp or other organized group of any kind, organized for profit except into swimming pools of the District where each person entering said park system must pay a daily admission commensurate with the admission charged to individuals of that age and with the express permission of the District.

(2) Not for profit agency day camps, play classes or organized groups may use facilities of the park system when not in conflict with the Park District recreational program, with the express consent of the Director.

9.10 Tourist Camps

(1) No auto tourists shall be permitted to stop and camp in parks of the Oregon Park District.

9.11 Weapons, Missiles and Fireworks

No person or organization shall bring, carry, or use in any way knives, firearms or other weapons of any kind, or any fireworks or other explosive substance of any kind into the park system without the permission of the Director. No person shall throw, cast, or shoot arrows, stones, or other missiles of any kind within the park system except at such places and times as the District may designate for such purposes.

9.11(a) Unmanned Aircraft or Toys *(created August 9, 2015)*

Electric powered aircraft models or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) are only allowed to be flown in the southwest corner of Park West. Any model that is powered by an internal or external combustion engine can not be operated on the park premises. This rule is all inclusive and applies to all remote controlled aircraft, surface vehicles, and rockets. Caution is to be used at all times. If the southwest corner of Park West is in use by other patrons for other activities, no electric powered aircrafts or drones are to be flown.

No person shall start, fly or use any fuel-powered or electric-powered model aircraft, drone, boat or rocket within any other park property, unless given permission by the Director or Board for such use or unless a person is a participant in a Park District sanctioned class or program.

9.12 Fees

The Park Board may fix and collect reasonable fees for the use of park facilities. Such fees may be fixed at a uniform rate to all users of such facility or facilities, or

the Board may, in its discretion, fix such fees at a lower rate for resident users than the rate charged for the use of the same facility or facilities to non-residents. A "resident user" is hereby defined as a user of park facilities or facility who either resides, or owns real estate within the Oregon Park District.

9.13 Miscellaneous Rules

1. No person shall hawk or peddle any goods, wares or merchandise of any or nature within said parks and playgrounds without first having obtained the permission of the Director to do so.
2. Picnics may be held in such parts of the parks as shall be designated for that purpose and portions of the parks may be set apart for tennis, golf, croquet and other games, subject to such regulations as may be made by the Board; and, no person shall join any such picnics or games without the consent of the persons of whom they are composed, or shall in any manner disturb or interfere with the same.
3. All persons are hereby prohibited from practicing and playing golf upon the playgrounds or parks of the Oregon Park District except on areas as may be designated by the Director of the District.

9.14 Trucks

No person, other than park employees, shall drive any commercial vehicle upon any of the driveways of any of the parks of the District without first having gained the consent of the Director.

9.15 Parking Lots

No person shall park any vehicle in parking lots of the District beyond the normal closing hour of park system at 9:00 p.m., except where an individual is attending a function where permission has been granted for a later closing hour by the Director and specified herein. In no event, shall any car, except District vehicles, be parked in any parking lot beyond 11:30 p.m, unless authorized by other District permits.

9.16 Ordinances

All public ordinances of all municipalities within which any part of the Oregon Park District is located are hereby adopted by Oregon Park District in so far as the same are applicable to, and not in conflict with this ordinance, for the regulation of the use of that portion of the parks and park facilities of Oregon Park District located within the territorial limits of such respective municipalities. Said municipal ordinances within that portion of the Park District located within said respective municipalities shall be deemed to be in addition to the provisions of this ordinance.

CHAPTER X
PARK RULES REGULATING THE
USE OF PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES

10.01 Protection of Animals - Birds

1. No person shall hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal in any park.

2. No person shall bring a dog, cat or other animals within the park system controlled by the District unless properly leashed and under control at all times, except in connection with district-sponsored activities, programs, or events where it is specifically allowed by the District that animals may be unleashed. No leash shall be longer than eight (8) feet, and retractable leashes shall not be extended more than eight (8) feet.
 - (a) No dog, cat or other animals shall be permitted within 50 feet of district owned or leased playgrounds, shelters, toilets, ball diamonds, tennis courts, sports fields and courts, or other special outdoor recreation facilities and events regardless of whether the dog, cat or other animals is on a leash or under control of the owner, handler, etc. Leashed pets may be within 50 feet of the aforementioned areas only if traveling on a paved district path.

 - (b) The Director, in his sole discretion, may designate District property or District events as no animal areas or events, respectively, in which cases no owner or person having control of any animal shall cause or permit such animal to be in such areas or present at such events.

 - (c) The preceding rules shall not apply to a blind person or a seeing-eye dog, which is under the control of a blind person, or any recognized assisting animal for the disabled.

3. No person shall feed any wild bird or animal in any park or property owned or leased by the District without written consent of the Director or Superintendent of Parks.

4. Any person bringing a dog, cat, or other animal into a district park must clean up any defecation said animal produces in the park and dispose of said waste in a district provided receptacle or remove the waste from the district park. Failure to comply will subject person to penalties set forth in the Chapter XI Section 11.03 of district ordinance 79-7-10A.

10.02 Fires

No person shall light or make use of any fire in the park system except at such places as may be established for such purposes and then only under such rules as may be prescribed therefore. Every fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person from the time it is kindled until it is completely extinguished.

10.02(a) Smoking

(a) No person shall smoke in park district buildings, enclosed facilities on park property, enclosed or partially enclosed park facility, or within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exits, window that opens or ventilation intake that service any park district buildings as set forth in Section 10 of the Smoke Free Illinois Act (410 ILCS 82/10). "Smoking" means the carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, tobacco, weed, herbs or any kind of smoking equipment.

(b) No person shall smoke in the following designated areas of non-enclosed areas of park property, including outdoor areas:

- (i) Within fifty (50) feet of all athletic fields, bleachers, hard court play surfaces, swimming pools, playgrounds, shelters and boat docks.
- (ii) Within fifty (50) feet from a designated park program being operated on park property at which members of the public are visibly present.

10.03 Obscene Language

No person shall use any vile, abusive, profane, indecent or obscene language or engage in any vile, abusive, violent, indecent or obscene conduct within any park calculated to, or which might reasonably result in a breach of their peace or interfere with the peaceable enjoyment of park facilities by others.

10.04 Intoxicating Liquors

No person shall consume or possess any intoxicating liquor within any park of the Oregon Park District. No intoxicated person shall enter or remain in any such park. This section shall not apply to wine intended for use and used by any church or religious organization for sacramental purposes.

10.04(a) Narcotics - Drugs

No person within or entering any park of the Oregon Park District shall use, consume, smoke, or be under the influence of heroin, marijuana, or any other drug, narcotic or other substance designed to induce excitement, exhilaration, hallucination, drowsiness or any other abnormal or unusual conduct or behavior upon the part of the recipient or user thereof. This section shall not apply to any drug taken or used pursuant to doctor's prescription, nor to any non-prescription drug

designed to reduce or cure human illness, pain or suffering, when so consumed by the user.

10.05 Tents and Camping*(created August 9, 2016)*

No person shall erect a tent, portable shelter, structure or sun shade on Park District property, unless given permission by the Director or Board of Commissioners. The use of stakes or weights of any kind to assist in securing any structure is prohibited.

No person shall use Park property for camping without permission by the Director or Board. Camping means the use of a park for sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep, including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping.

10.06 Restricted Area

No person shall enter upon any portion of the park system where persons are prohibited by the District as indicated by sign or notice. No person shall enter or attempt to enter any building or area in the park system when it is closed to the public or scheduled for a specific group or activity, unless invited by same.

10.07 Miscellaneous Rules

1. No person shall cut, break, or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, flower, turf, or any of the buildings or other structures and properties, or dig into the soil or into any road, park, parkway or playground within the Oregon Park District without permission of the Director to do so.
2. No person shall ride, drive or lead any animal, except dogs, over or through any park or playground in the District, or haul, drag, or ride any vehicles therein, except in the roads or area provided for such purposes.
3. No person while in the state of intoxication shall lounge or wander about such parks or playgrounds, or create any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein.
4. No person within the limits of such parks or playgrounds shall engage in, instigate, cause or procure any prize fight, dog fight, cock fight or any public or private fighting.
5. No person shall trespass, stand, walk, ride or write upon any place laid out and appropriated for shrubbery or grass when there shall have been placed thereon a sign forbidding same.

10.08 Keep to Drives

No person shall drive any automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle within any of the parks of the District except upon the parking lots and roadways

provided for driving or parking the same, except Park District employees in the performance of their duties.

10.09 Speed

No person shall drive any vehicle within the park system at a speed greater than fifteen miles per hour, or greater than is reasonable and proper with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the roadway, or at a speed that endangers the safety of any person or property.

10.10 Parking

No person shall park or place any vehicle or other property of any kind within the park system so as to obstruct or interfere with traffic or travel, or endanger the public safety, and no person shall park any vehicle in any of the following places, except where otherwise designated:

(1) on areas and grounds; (2) in front of public or private driveways; (3) in any position blocking another car legally parked; or (4) at any place where official signs prohibiting parking or prohibiting parking for more than a specified period have been posted by the District.

10.11 Impounding of Vehicles

Any vehicle parked or standing within the park system in violation of any law, ordinance or rule is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Such vehicle may be removed and impounded and the owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle shall pay charges and expenses arising out of any action taken hereunder.

10.12 Food & Beverage Concession Policy

The Oregon Park District holds the exclusive right to provide concession service within the park system. Any other person, group or agency shall not operate a food and beverage service for the exchange of money within the park system unless express written consent is given by the Park District Board of Commissioners. Persons, groups or agencies requesting permission must submit proper health and insurance information to the Executive Director 45 days before the service date.

10.13 Other Recreational Activities

No person shall skate board, skate, toboggan, snowmobile, ski, slide, golf or engage in similar activities on District property except at such places and at such times as the District may designate for that purpose, and no person shall engage in such activity in a reckless manner or at a speed greater than is safe and proper under the circumstances.

10.14 Noise Restrictions

No person shall willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace or is an annoyance to any reasonable park visitor of normal sensitivity. Use of any loudspeaker, stereo or sound amplifier is should only be used in a manner as not to disturb other persons.

CHAPTER XI
ENFORCEMENT

11.01 Permits

1. Any act prohibited by or under this code or any other ordinance or rule of the District, provided such act be not otherwise prohibited by law or ordinance, shall be lawful to the extent authorized or permitted under the provisions of a permit issued or permission granted by the District.

2. Permits shall be issued and permission granted only upon the payment of such fees as may be established from time to time by the District. All terms for the issuance of the permits and granting of permission must be strictly complied with, and any violation of same or any other law, ordinance, or rule of the District shall be grounds for revocation of same.

11.02 Rules to be Obeyed

No person shall violate or disobey any rule of the District relating to the use and government of the park system.

11.03 Penalties

Any person violating or disobeying any clause or provision of any section of Chapters IX & X of this ordinance or any of the other regulatory ordinances or rules of the District shall be forthwith ejected from the park system and have any permits or passes previously issued, forfeited for the season and shall be fined, upon conviction, not less than \$25.00 (Twenty Five Dollars) and not more than \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for each offense, the fine to be recovered in manner and form as provided by law. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during time which violation occurs or continues.

CHAPTER XII

CONSTRUCTION AND REPEAL

12.01 Owner Liability

Any person who is owner, registered owner, or in control of any animal, vehicle or other property of any kind, brought, placed, parked or remaining in the park system, or otherwise in violation of this ordinance or other ordinance or rule of the District shall be responsible for the violation involved and subject to the penalty provided herein.

12.02 Partial Invalidity

If any provision of this Code or the application of such provision to any person, body or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Code, or the application of such provision to persons, bodies or circumstances other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

12.03 Repeal of Prior Ordinances - Effective Date of Ordinance

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall be enforced from and after its passage and approval.