

**ORDINANCE BOOK**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**



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**MISSION**

*We are stewards of our natural and historic resources  
through conservation, education, and the compatible  
recreation experiences we provide at  
Champaign County's Forest Preserves.*

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**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE GENERAL USE OF  
DISTRICT PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, hereinafter called "District," to establish a General Use Ordinance governing the use of the forest preserves and property of the District; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/7, provides as follows:

"The Board of any Forest Preserve District organized hereunder may by Ordinance regulate and control the speed of travel on all paths, driveways and roadways within forest preserves, and prohibit the use of such paths, driveways and roadways for racing or speeding purposes, and may exclude there from traffic, teams and vehicles, and may by Ordinance prescribe such fines and penalties for the violations of their Ordinances as cities and villages are allowed to prescribe for the violation of their Ordinances"; and

WHEREAS, Section 7a of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/7a, provides as follows:

"The Board of any Forest Preserve District organized hereunder may by Ordinance regulate, control and license all modes of travel within the Forest Preserve District"; and

WHEREAS, Section 7b of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/7b, provides as follows:

"The Board of any Forest Preserve District organized under this Act may by Ordinance issue licenses for any activity reasonably connected with the purpose for which the Forest Preserve District has been created"; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/8 provides as follows:

"The Board shall be the corporate authority of such Forest Preserve District and shall have power to pass and enforce all necessary Ordinances, Rules and Regulations for the management of the property and

WHEREAS, Section 8a of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/8a, provides as follow:

"The Board shall have the right and power to appoint and maintain a sufficient police force, the members of which shall be peace officers certified and trained under the provisions of the Illinois Police Training Act. The members of the police force shall have and exercise police powers over the territory owned, leased or licensed by the District and property over which the District has easement rights for the preservation

of the public peace, and the observance and enforcement of the Ordinances and laws, such as are conferred upon and exercised by the police of organized cities and villages; but such police force, when acting within the limits of any city or village, but outside the territory owned, leased, or licensed by the District and property over which the District has easement rights, shall act in aid of the regular police force of such city or village and shall then be subject to the direction of its chief of police, city or village marshals, or other head thereof”; and

WHEREAS, Section 8b of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/8b, provides as follow:

“It is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the District to establish Rules and regulations in order to provide for the safe and peaceful use of the District Forest Preserves and other property; for the education and outdoor recreation of the public; for the protection and preservation of the District's property and facilities and the flora and fauna within the District; and for the safety and general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 8c of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805/8c, provides as follow:

“The District has the authority and the power to establish such Rules and regulations through this General Use Ordinance.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District as follows:

## **SECTION I DEFINITIONS**

1. “Area” means a specified place within the District’s lands or waters.
2. “Authorized Use” means a use on District property that has been authorized on that property by the Board through ordinance or resolution or by the District through the posting of a notice or the establishment of a written policy.
3. “Board” means the duly appointed Board of Commissioners of the District.
4. “Bicycle” means every device propelled primarily by human power used for human conveyance, including but is not limited to single or multi-wheeled cycles, in-line skates, roller skates, skateboard and skis; or any other nonmotorized device that may be legally operated on Illinois public roads.
5. “Bicycle Trail” means any trail designated by the District for uses that include bicycle riding.
6. “District” means the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois, its Executive Director, and other employees.
7. “District Property” means any land, waters, facilities, equipment or possessions of the District.
8. “District Waters” means any river, springs, seeps, stream, lake, slough, bog, wetland, creek, or any other waters owned or controlled by the District.
9. “Employee” means any full-time, part-time, regular, or temporary employee of the District.
10. “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the District and any person to whom the Executive Director has delegated his or her authority.
11. “Fee Ordinance” means the ordinance approved annually by the Board establishing fees or charges for the use of certain District property.
12. “Forest Preserve” means District land or District waters designated by the District as a forest preserve.
13. “Pedestrian Trail” means any trail designated by the District for uses that include walking, hiking, jogging, or skiing.
14. “Permit” means a written authorization issued or granted by the District in accordance with Section III of this ordinance or other Rules allowing the use of District property for a particular purpose or function.
15. “President” means the President of the Board.
16. “Posted” means that a notice is displayed either by a sign or written notice in or at the entrance to the lands or waters or any area therein or at the District’s Headquarters, the

location being at the discretion of the Executive Director.

17. “Rules” means Rules, regulations, or conditions applicable to permits or authorized uses that are established by the Board through ordinance or resolution or by the District through the posting of a notice, the establishment of a written policy, or through the permit review process established in Section IIC of this ordinance.
18. “Sound” means music, speech, or any sound or noise transmitted by artificial means, including but not limited to amplifiers, loudspeakers, radios, or any similar devices.
19. “Special Use Area” means an area that may be designated by the Board from time to time for a particular use that is best suited to a limited, specific, location where it can be conducted in an orderly manner that does not interfere with other uses of District property.
20. “Structure” means a dwelling, shelter, facility, equipment or building.
21. “Vehicle” means but is not limited to any device of conveyance on the land using wheels or belt-type track or racks, skids or skis and propelled by an engine or motor and includes such land conveyances that are able to float and operate on water.
22. “Watercraft” means any device of conveyance on the water whether propelled by motor, engine, wind or human power.

### **CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS**

Words importing the singular number may be applied to several persons or things, and words importing the plural number may include the singular, and words importing gender may be applied to both male and female.

### **INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

The Executive Director shall exercise his or her best judgment when interpreting and enforcing these Rules and regulations.

## **SECTION II PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE AND CLASSIFICATION OF USES**

### **A. GENERAL PURPOSE AND AT YOUR OWN RISK POLICY**

The general purpose of this ordinance is to set forth Rules and regulations governing the use of District Property. These Rules and regulations are intended to protect and preserve District Property and the flora, fauna and scenic beauties therein, and to provide opportunities for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public, all in a manner that will result in the greatest benefit to all of the citizens of Champaign County.

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District, through these Rules and regulations, advises all individuals using its facilities that the District assumes no liability for any action or failure to act that may result in injury to person or property. Specifically, all activities, including but not limited to sledding, skating, fishing, sliding, walking, running, bicycling, rollerblading, swimming, boating, wading, bathing, camping, golfing or any activity occurring on its premises is conducted at the risk of the participant.

## **B. CLASSIFICATION OF USES**

### **1. Uses Authorized **With** a Permit**

There are some uses of District Property that because of their nature, are allowed only with a Permit. Through the Permit application and review process, the District can determine whether these uses can be conducted in a manner that protects public safety, District Property, the District's objectives and goals for the District Property sought to be used, and the rights and interests of other members of the public. These uses are identified in Section III.

### **2. Uses Authorized **Without** a Permit**

There are some uses of District Property that may be conducted without a Permit. These uses are identified in Section IV.

### **3. Uses **Prohibited****

There are some uses of District Property that are prohibited. These uses are identified in Section V.

## **SECTION III USES AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT**

### **A. PERMIT REQUIRED**

No person shall use District Property for any of the following uses, unless the person has first obtained, and has physical possession of, a Permit allowing such use. Permits are not transferable. Minor changes in the Permit may be made with written permission of the Executive Director provided that the specific Forest Preserve designated has not changed, the date or dates involved have not changed, the number of designated Areas is not increased and the request for change is made at least 72 hours prior to the event.

Such activities shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- i. any use on District Property, if the District Property is not open to the general public at the time of the proposed use;
- ii. any use on District Property that is not an Authorized Use on that property;
- iii. riding any animal or providing any ride in which a Vehicle is pulled or moved by an animal;
- iv. training or exercising any dog or other animal or allowing a dog or animal to be unleashed on District Property;
- v. use of any District Property designated by the District as a Special Use Area;
- vi. conducting **organized** contests or sports, including but not limited to any team sport or game such as cross-country, baseball, football, field hockey, volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, or horseshoes;
- vii. conducting shows, exhibits, dramatic or musical performances, plays, acts, or motion pictures;
- viii. conducting a day camp;
- ix. a group picnic at an Area where picnics are not Authorized Uses;
- x. uses that are intended or likely to exclude other members of the public from using



- or enjoying a particular Area of District Property, including weddings, receptions, meetings, assemblies, parades, marches, drills, maneuvers, rallies, pickets, speeches, and addresses;
- xi. uses of District Structures, or other Areas of District Property, if the District has determined that the orderly use of such buildings or Areas requires a written reservation system;
  - xii. research for any scientific study or survey. Scientific collection, research, observation, or measurement on any District Property including soils, plants, animals, or waters are prohibited without prior approval and proper Permitting from the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, and private, state and federal agencies;
  - xiii. placement of geocaches must be approved with conditions specified by the District prior to placement. Unapproved or unauthorized geocaches will be removed.
  - xiv. drawing of water from any of the ground or surface waters for other than District use;
  - xv. accessing any District Property by a Vehicle if such property is not available for access to the general public;
  - xvi. use of District Property in any manner that emits Sound (a) that unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of District Property by other members of the public or (b) that may disturb sensitive natural resource Areas, or (c) at a decibel level in excess of that which is prescribed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or that is audible for a distance of 75 feet from the source of the Sound or which is disturbing to the reasonable quiet of other persons nearby;
  - xvii. use of an amusement device;
  - xviii. arranging or sponsoring a bazaar, fair or carnival, animal rides, balloon launch or release;
  - xix. use of a hot air balloon, airplane, glider, hang glider, kite, or parachute to ascend from or descend to District Property;
  - xx. taking any still or motion pictures for commercial purposes or for use in commercial advertising;
  - xxi. distributing any handbill, pamphlet, or other written or printed material, seeking or soliciting charitable donations;
  - xxii. possession and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages for persons 21 years of age or older at the designated District locations. Permit grants a certain person or persons renting pavilions and the immediate grounds of those pavilions; the grounds of the 18-hole and Par 3 golf course, the golf course pro shop, lounge and clubhouse facility; the museum and botanical garden, and other Areas so designated by Permit as permissible for the possession and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages.

## **B. PERMIT RULES**

### **1. Establishment of Rules**

In addition to the Rules identified in this ordinance, the District may promulgate additional Rules governing a Permit or the Permit application and review process if those Rules are designed:

- i. to protect or minimize damage to District Property and the flora, fauna, water, air and soil within the District;
- ii. to protect the physical safety of people using District Property;

- iii. to minimize the interference by the proposed use with the use and enjoyment of District Property by others;
  - iv. to ensure an orderly and organized use of District Property; or
  - v. to assure compliance with applicable laws and other Rules.
2. Duration of Permit  
The District may, in its discretion, make the Permit valid for a period of one to seven days, or any portion thereof, or on an annual basis. Permits are not transferable, and Permit fees paid to the District are not refundable.
  3. Compliance with Rules  
The person, group, or organization to whom a Permit has been issued shall comply with all applicable laws and Rules. The District may revoke a Permit for any violation of such laws or Rules. Any misuse or damage to District Property will be the responsibility of the Permit holder.
  4. District's Reserved Right  
Even if a Permit has been granted, the District reserves the right to restrict access to or close any District Property temporarily because of (i) a threat to the safety of those using such property, including threats posed by the weather or (ii) potential damage to sensitive natural resource Areas.

## **C. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT AND REVIEW OF APPLICATION**

1. Application  
All Permits required by this ordinance and issued by the Executive Director shall be issued at the District Headquarters at 109 South Lake of the Woods Road, Mahomet, IL, on a first come, first serve basis. All rental Permits cannot be obtained any earlier than one year in advance of the earliest requested date of use. All applications for Permits shall be submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the requested date of use. The Executive Director may waive the 72-hour time period when conditions warrant.
2. Review of Application  
The District shall not grant the Permit if it is determined that:
  - i. the proposed activity or use is not reasonably compatible with the type of preserve, the size and character of the Area or waters involved and the facilities available, and that it is reasonably expected to cause irreparable harm or extreme damage to the natural environment of the preserve;
  - ii. the proposed use or activity is reasonably likely to result in violence or in serious harm to property or persons;
  - iii. the proposed use will delay, hinder, or prevent the District's implementation of planning for District Property;
  - iv. the proposed use or activity shall unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's use and enjoyment of the preserve and surrounding property or facilities;
  - v. the Area desired has been previously reserved for another activity at the same time;
  - vi. the proposed use violates state or local laws or Rules;
  - vii. the proposed use poses a substantial threat or danger to public safety or, if it is a contest or sporting event, poses a reasonable likelihood of physical injury, or the proposed use detracts from the promotion of public health;

- viii. the proposed activity or use shall entail extraordinary expense or operation costs by the District or District Employees or expose them to unusual or extreme liability; the applicant has misrepresented, falsified, or withheld required information; or the applicant has, within the previous year, violated this ordinance or these Rules and based on such violation or violations.
- ix. no Permit shall be denied or conditioned based upon the content of any speech or expressive conduct protected by the United States Constitution or Illinois Constitution or in any manner that unlawfully discriminates against any person because of race, sex, religion, color, ethnicity, national origin, handicap, disability or age. If the District denies a Permit, the applicant may amend his or her application to identify other District Property or other proposed times for the proposed use or to otherwise amend the application so the proposed use would not be inconsistent with items (i) through (ix) above.

#### **D. PERMITS, POSTING AND RESTRICTIONS**

##### **1. Permits**

To carry out the terms of this ordinance, the Executive Director is hereby given authority to issue Permits, post notices or to take other action as called for herein, subject to the guidelines herein set forth. The Executive Director shall have the authority to designate Areas facilities, or waters suitable for various activities or use; to close preserves, or parts thereof, in the interest of public health, safety or general welfare in order to protect the natural resources from unreasonable harm; to issue Permits where required by this ordinance; and to collect such fees as established by the District.

No person shall be discriminated against because of age, race, sex, creed, color, national origin, or physical or mental handicap.

##### **2. Restrictions**

The Executive Director may impose reasonable restrictions on the granting of a Permit, including but not limited to, any of the following:

- i. restricting the open dates for reserved Area use; the length of time an Area will be held for reserved use; the use of ground fires, Sound and energy amplification devices and amusement devices; off-road Vehicle access; the number of persons present; the location and type of any tents, bandstands, stages or temporary Structures; the use of domestic or trained animals; the use of shelters or Structures; the collecting for any purpose of water, soils, minerals, flora or fauna; the type and location of sports and games or any other activity which appears likely to unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the preserve by others or cause damage to District Property.
- ii. requiring proof of and establishing the amount of liability and Dram Shop insurance required, and/or requiring a Hold Harmless Agreement, or requiring an endorsement naming the District as an additional insured when the activity, according to the guidelines set forth in this ordinance, is determined by the Executive Director to require such;
- iii. requiring the name, address, telephone number and driver's license number of a legal adult responsible for the use or activity requested, as well as the name, address and telephone number of the group represented by the applicant;
- iv. requiring that the applicant furnish additional security forces at the applicant's expense, such forces subject to District supervision;
- v. seek reasonable information regarding any proposed use, activity or privilege and require a record of such information on a Permit application. No person shall misrepresent, falsify or withhold such required information;
- vi. no person granted a Permit shall violate the requirements, terms, conditions, restrictions, or Rules duly set forth under the authority of this ordinance as part

- of any granted Permit or registration;
- vii. the Board may set forth in other ordinances guidelines and standards regulating such Permit or registration fees as it deems proper and may change them from time to time;
- viii. no person shall obtain or use any Permit without first having paid the established fee.

**SECTION IV  
USES AUTHORIZED WITHOUT A PERMIT**

**A. Authorized Uses**

The following uses are allowed, but only in Areas where they are designated Authorized Uses and only in accordance with this ordinance and all Rules:

- i. swimming and wading at Area designated for that use;
- ii. bicycling on Bicycle Trail and public rights-of-way;
- iii. golfing on District golf course;
- iv. searching for geocaches;
- v. fishing in District Waters with possession of an Illinois fishing license and appropriate state and federal stamps;
- vi. hiking, jogging, running, walking, and leashed dog walking on Pedestrian Trails;
- vii. sledding and tobogganing but only on District property that has been designated for such use by the District;
- viii. cross-country skiing on trails but not on the golf course; and
- ix. all other Authorized Uses not identified in this section.

**B. ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES**

In addition to the Rules identified in this ordinance, the District may promulgate additional Rules governing Authorized Uses identified in this section, if those Rules are designed:

- i. to minimize damage to District Property and the flora, fauna, water, soil and air within the District;
- ii. to protect the physical safety of people using District Property;
- iii. to minimize the interference by the proposed use with the use and enjoyment of District Property by others;
- iv. to ensure an orderly and organized use of District Property; or
- v. to assure compliance with applicable laws and other Rules.

**C. FEES**

The District reserves the right, pursuant to the Fee Ordinance, to establish fees and charges for any Authorized Use.

**SECTION V  
USES PROHIBITED**

**A. PROTECTION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY**

- i. No person shall commit any of the following acts on any District Property:
  - a. destroy, deface, paint, alter, hide, change, break, mark upon, damage, take, remove, or excavate any District Property;
  - b. tamper with, enter, climb upon, damage, take, or remove anything from any District Property;

- c. deposit into any refuse container any garbage, trash, refuse, or other material that was not generated in the course of normal, lawful use of District Property;
  - d. deposit, dump, or place any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse, entrails, animal carcasses, ice, graywater, sewage, debris or junk in or upon any watercourse, lake, pond or other District Property, except in containers provided by the District for such purpose;
  - e. climb, stand, sit or walk on any District Property not designed or intended for such use; or
  - f. collect, gather, acquire or scavenge for lost, misplaced, or abandoned personal property, including without limitation, golf clubs, balls, clothing, other than personal property owned by such person; or.
- ii. In addition to the general prohibitions above, no person shall commit any of the following acts within the River Bend Forest Preserve:
- a. fish in District Waters using any live bait other than worms;
  - b. use any Watercraft exceeding 20 feet in length;
  - c. use any Watercraft equipped with any gasoline-powered motor (Watercraft may be propelled only by oar, paddle or electric-trolling motor);
  - d. use any Watercraft equipped with any live well;
  - e. use any wind-powered, air-buoyed or inflatable Watercraft;
  - f. move or cross any buoy line; or
  - g. use any buoy line to anchor or tether any other object.

The Sangamon River along the River Bend Forest Preserve has additional restrictions under the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission's Land and Water Reserve designation. Those restrictions can be found at the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Headquarters.

- iii. In addition to the general prohibitions above, The Tomlinson Cemetery has additional restrictions under the Illinois Nature Preserves designation. Access to the cemetery must be approved by the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. Additional Nature Preserve designation Rules and restrictions can be found at Champaign County Forest Preserve District Headquarters:

## **B. PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

No person shall commit any of the following acts on District Property unless acting as a volunteer under the supervision of District personnel:

- i. cut, remove, uproot, blaze, burn, girdle, deface, injure, prune, break, destroy, or in any way damage any tree, shrub, flower or other plant material;
- ii. remove, cut, break, mark upon, burn, destroy, deface, or in any way damage the property, equipment or natural resources owned or controlled by the District;
- iii. erect or build any Structure on District Property;
- iv. perform any mowing, trimming, cutting, or grooming of District Property, or perform any other maintenance of District Property;
- v. place, stockpile or store any gravel, stone, dirt, sand, wood, lumber or any other material on District Property;
- vi. hunt, wound, pursue, kill, trap, maim, capture, molest, or treat cruelly any invertebrate animal, mammal, bird, amphibian or reptile, or disturb, molest or rob its den or nest;

- vii. plant, dump, cast, throw, lay or place, nor cause to be deposited, dumped, cast, thrown, laid or placed any grain, grain product, food or food product for the supplemental feeding of any animal or bird;
- viii. fish in any District Waters: (a) if a sign prohibiting fishing has been Posted; (b) by using a bow and arrow, spear, gig, or slingshot; (c) by using a hook baited with amphibian, reptile, or bird; (d) with any device using more than two hooks per line; (e) with any net, seine or trap; or (f) in violation of any Rules Posted by the District controlling the size, species, or number of fish that can be taken;
- ix. bring in, plant, cultivate, harvest, or distribute the seeds or spores of, any plant;
- x. release any animal or cause to be released any wild, domestic or pet animal, bird, amphibian, reptile or insect on the lands or waters of the District;
- xi. unlawfully use any chemical or biological pesticide, herbicide, or other substance or measure designed to kill or restrict any plant or insect;
- xii. set fire to any District Property;
- xiii. build a fire anywhere, except in grills, fire-rings, or fireplaces provided by the District or privately-owned fire receptacles;
- xiv. build a fire in a manner that threatens District Property;
- xv. drop, throw away, or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecracker, match, or other burning matter except as Permitted by Section V.B.(xiii);
- xvi. leave a fire unattended or before it is extinguished to the point that its ashes, residue, and coals are cold to the human touch, unless such ashes, residue, or coals are deposited in a container designated by the District for such purpose;
- xvii. conduct any activity, including an Authorized Use, in any manner that threatens to damage or harm District Property or the natural resources thereon;
- xviii. take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or remove any historical or prehistorical ruin, artifact or object of antiquity (including animal or human remains). Objects found on Champaign County Forest Preserve District properties by staff or by visitors must be reported and delivered to the Early American Museum for documentation and consideration as an archaeological specimen or collection object;
- xix. use a metal detector or dig or leave holes, ruts, piles, establish markers, or in any way cause damage to District Property or disrupt others. The Executive Director may grant special written permission in order to allow an individual to search for a specific lost and valuable item.
- xx. use any fuel-powered, air-propulsion, electric-powered, or radio-controlled model or toy car, aircraft, boat or rocket, or any similar toy or model.

### **C. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

No person shall commit any of the following acts on District Property:

- i. use any Vehicle, including any Watercraft, upon frozen or partially frozen District Waters;
- ii. conduct any activity, including an Authorized Use, in any manner that threatens public safety;
- iii. ride a Bicycle on any path, trail, road, or Area where prohibited by sign or operate a Bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger pedestrians or to impede the normal flow of Vehicles on any road. Riders must attempt to ride on the right side of the road, path, or trail and must ride single file when on roads used by motor Vehicles and/or when passing another bicyclist or pedestrian. Any person riding a Bicycle on any path, trail, road or property of the District shall comply with 625 ILCS 5/11-100 et.seq;
- iv. propel or cause to be propelled any Watercraft with any motor other than an electric trolling motor, except only when loading a boat onto a trailer from the water, a gas engine may be utilized;
- v. operate a sailboard (windsurfer) without wearing a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-

- approved personal flotation device;
- vi. one-person inflatable fishing boats (belly boats) are allowed only in combination with a USCG-approved personal flotation device. Inflatable boats must be USCG-approved, and all occupants must wear USCG-approved personal flotation devices at all times.

#### **D. REGULATION OF PERSONAL CONDUCT**

No person shall commit any of the following acts on District Property:

- i. manage, operate or engage in gambling of any form; or (b) have in his/her possession any clock, wheel, tape machine, slot machine, pin machine or other machine or device for the reception of money or other thing of value on chance or skill or upon the action of which money is staked, bet, hazarded, won or lost. Any such machine or device shall be subject to seizure and confiscation. Above applies except in accordance with the Illinois Charitable Games Act 230 ILCS 301.
- ii. interfere with, unreasonably disrupt, delay or in any manner hinder an Employee engaged in the performance of his/her official duties, or give or offer to give any Employee any money, gift, privilege or article of value on or off District Property with intent to influence the Employee's performance, or any act related to his/her employment or function notwithstanding the foregoing prohibition, golf course beverage cart and snack bar staff may accept tips for delivery of food and beverages.
- iii. hinder, interrupt, or interfere with any Authorized Use or any use for which a Permit has been granted, including a Permit that Permits the use of District Property to the exclusion of others;
- iv. set off or attempt to ignite any firecracker, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder guns, or other pyrotechnics;
- v. partake in any use for which a fee has been established pursuant to a Fee Ordinance without first paying the required fee;
- vi. use District utilities if not authorized to do so;
- vii. engage in behavior or speech that provokes a breach of the peace or disrupts, alarms, intimidates or unreasonably interferes with others in the normal, safe use of District Property;
- viii. enter into or remain in any restroom or on any District Property for the purpose of committing any sexual or criminal act;
- ix. be present on any District Property with completely or partially exposed or visible genitals, pubic region, buttock, or completely exposed female breast;
- x. disobey, ignore, or fail to comply with any lawful direction or order;
- xi. prevent or obstruct any person from peacefully entering or traveling upon any District Property or any portion thereof, except that a person may advise others of his or her rights to occupy or use District Property pursuant to a Permit;
- xii. be legally intoxicated or under the influence of any illegal controlled substance;
- xiii. consume or possess any alcoholic beverage, if such person is under the age of 21 years;
- xiv. possess, use, plant, cultivate, tend, harvest or manufacture any illegal controlled substance, including cannabis or any derivative thereof;
- xv. give or deliver any alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21 years, or to any intoxicated person;
- xvi. possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any Areas of the lands and waters of the District except those Areas designated as permissible for possession and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages;
- xvii. use or possess, concealed or otherwise, any weapon including, without limitation, handgun, rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, slingshot, cross bow, spear, spear gun,

- switchblade knife, stiletto, sword, blackjack, billy club, whip, axe, any weapon capable of discharging a projectile by air, spirit, gas or explosive, any explosive substance or harmful solid, liquid or gaseous substance, or any other dangerous weapon (Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent an authorized Employee, police or duly sworn peace officer from carrying such weapons as may be authorized and necessary in the discharge of their duties nor shall it apply to any person summoned by a police officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace);
- xviii. display, distribute, post or fix any placard or sign, except that a group of people who are picnicking or who have a Permit that allows camping or the use of certain District Property to the exclusion of others may display signs to identify their location, or direct others to it, providing such signs are temporary and are removed by the Permittee at the termination of the activity and provided that such signs are no larger than 18" x 24" and are not attached to any tree or shrub or any District Structure;
  - xix. advertise, vend, set up amusement rides, or establish a concession in or levy an admission fee to any Area of the lands or waters. Display, distribute, post or fix any placard, sign, handbill, pamphlet, circular or any other writing or printed material or objects containing advertising matter or announcements of any kind whatsoever, without written permission of the Employee, except groups holding a valid Picnic, Camping or Special Event Permit may display signs to identify their location or direct others to it, providing such signs are temporary and are removed by the Permittee at the termination of the activity and providing that such signs are not attached to any tree or shrub or any post, building, District sign, gate or other Structure;
  - xx. conduct any use on District Property that is not an Authorized Use on such District Property;
  - xxi. camping on or inhabiting any District Property overnight other than at a designated campground;
  - xxii. smoke any pipe, cigar or cigarette in any District building or in any Area Posted as a 'No Smoking Area;'
  - xxiii. enter into or upon any preserve, waters, Areas or Structures where trespass is prohibited by sign. These Structures or Areas may be, but are not limited to, Employee residences and their immediately surrounding Area, construction Areas, work safety zones, equipment or material storage Structures or Areas, work shops or stations, tree nurseries, golf courses or Areas undergoing planning or development for public use, intensive reforestation or other soil or vegetative treatment, wildlife management sites or Areas hazardous to public safety or health; or
  - xxiv. set or place, or cause to be set or placed, any goods, wares or merchandise, or any stand, cart or Vehicle for the transportation or vending of any such goods, wares or merchandise or any other property within or on the boundary of any Forest Preserve within the Forest Preserve District to the obstruction or use of such preserve or to the detriment of the appearance of such preserve.

#### **E. REGULATION OF VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

No person shall commit any of the following acts on District Property:

- i. operate a Vehicle in a manner that violates the Illinois Vehicle Code or other laws of the State of Illinois having to do with the equipment, control, licensing, operation registering, and use of such Vehicle;
- ii. operate a Vehicle anywhere except on designated roads, drives, and parking Areas where such use is an Authorized Use;
- iii. operate any Vehicle on any road, trail, drive, or parking Area if such Vehicle is not



- Permitted to be operated thereon under State law, which Vehicles may include snowmobiles, go-carts, trail bikes, dirt bike, motor scooter, mini-bikes, other all terrain off-road-Vehicles or other Vehicle not licensed for highway use;
- iv. operate or move any Vehicle at any time other than the Hours of Operation for that District Property;
  - v. operate a motorized Vehicle on any road, drive, trails, or parking Area closed to public traffic;
  - vi. operate a motor Vehicle in a careless or negligent manner which constitutes a hazard to the safety of persons or property; nor on any road, drive or parking Area Posted or barricaded as closed to public traffic.
  - vii. operate a Vehicle in such a manner as to fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, or equestrians;
  - viii. allow a Vehicle under his or her control to remain parked on District Property at a time other than the hours of operation for that District Property;
  - ix. abandon a Vehicle on any Forest Preserve District Property. The removal of an abandoned Vehicle from any Area, including a designated parking Area, will be at the owner's expense. A Vehicle may be deemed abandoned if the Vehicle has not been moved during a 24-hour period;
  - x. park a Vehicle (a) in a manner that blocks in another parked Vehicle; (b) blocks, restricts or impedes the normal flow of traffic; (c) where parking is prohibited; (d) on or in a turf, wetland, meadow, prairie, marsh, river or creek, field, woodland, or exposed roots of any tree or shrub; (e) for the purpose of washing it or making any repairs or alterations to it, except those of an emergency nature; (f) in such a way as to occupy more than one provided parking stall or space; (except in an emergency, a matter of public safety, or when instructed to do so by District personnel;)
  - xi. routine maintenance of Vehicles, including, but not limited to, changing oil or antifreeze, flushing radiators, or the change or release of any vehicular fluid is prohibited. Polishing/waxing Vehicles is Permitted but only in designated parking Areas;
  - xii. operate a Vehicle at a speed greater than the Posted speed limit or, in the absence of such Posted limit, at a speed in excess of 20 MPH;
  - xiii. operate any Vehicle in any manner that endangers the safety of people or property, or at a speed which is greater than reasonable and proper for safe operation of the Vehicle, with regard to traffic conditions and special hazards, such as trail crossings, entrances to parking Areas or campgrounds, narrow or winding roads, hills, curves, weather or road conditions, and pedestrian, or Bicycle traffic;
  - xiv. engage in any unnecessary acceleration on the roads, trails and lands owned by the District, whether below or in excess of the established speed limits of the District and whether from a stop or not. The words 'excessive acceleration' shall include, but are not limited to, any sudden increase in the speed of a motor Vehicle at a rate sufficient to jeopardize the safety of pedestrians or other motor Vehicles; or
  - xv. for the operator of any motor Vehicle or other person to fail to obey a regulatory traffic sign or other Posted regulation on Forest Preserve District Property.

#### **F. CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

No person shall commit any of the following acts on District Property:

- i. Permit his/her dog, cat or other pet to be on the lands unless on a leash and under the direct physical control of a responsible person at all times. No person shall Permit his/her dog, cat or other pet to be in any of the buildings unless it is a trained personal

service animal. No person will Permit his/her dog, cat or other pet to enter a beach Area during the swimming season. After the close of the swimming season, a person may Permit his/her dog, cat or other pet to enter a beach Area;

- ii. bring in or allow to remain any vicious or dangerous horse, dog, or other animal;
- iii. whip, beat or cruelly treat or neglect any animal;
- iv. ride any animal other than a horse or use any animal other than a horse or dog to pull any Vehicle;
- v. bring, or allow to remain, any cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock;
- vi. hitch or tie any horse or other animal to any tree, bush, or shrub;
- vii. fail to display necessary Permits when using any Dog Exercise Area;
- viii. leave a gate unsecured when entering or leaving a Dog Exercise Area;
- ix. allow any fecal matter emitted by an animal owned or controlled by that person to remain on District Property.
- x. allow his/her livestock to trespass upon the District's lands or waters.
- xi. no person shall ride, drive or lead any horse or other domestic animal on other than the roads or trails so designated or provided without a Permit and then only in accordance with District Rules, regulations and restrictions; or
- xii. nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the Employee for purposes of public safety, such as, but not limited to, the protection of District Property or Employees in the performance of their duties or in the performance of search and rescue operations.

## **SECTION VI ENFORCEMENT**

### **A. ENFORCEMENT**

All federal, state, county and local law enforcement officers are authorized to enforce this Ordinance as well as to carry out their sworn duties within the lands and waters of the District as defined by applicable laws of the state of Illinois and the United States.

### **B. FINES AND PENALTIES**

Any person who violates this Ordinance will be subject to a fine for each violation including each day of an ongoing violation, of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 plus costs and attorneys' fees. These fines, monies and court costs will be paid to the Treasurer of the District.

### **C. EMPLOYEES EXEMPT**

Employees, volunteers under the supervision of District personnel, law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency personnel are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance when fulfilling their obligations and responsibilities. Contractors and other people authorized to use District Property pursuant to a contract with the District may use District Property in a manner that is inconsistent with this Ordinance, but only any as necessary to perform, and in strict accordance with, their contract.

### **D. AUTHORITY OF OTHER AGENCIES**

Nothing in this Ordinance should be construed to prevent other duly sworn peace officers from carrying out their official duties within the territories of the District as defined by any laws of the United States of America or the state of Illinois, or ordinances of Champaign County, Illinois, or in accord with any other policing agreement approved by the Board.

**E. REMEDIES NONEXCLUSIVE**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent or preclude the District from pursuing or obtaining any remedy, including without limitation any civil remedies at law or equity, to correct or abate any violation of this Ordinance or any other applicable law or any damage suffered as a result of such violation.

**F. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND LOCAL LAWS**

All persons on the lands or waters and facilities thereon are subject to all ordinances, Rules and regulations of the District as well as all applicable laws of the United States of America, the state of Illinois and local statutes and ordinances, as amended and changed from time to time. These laws include, but are not limited to, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code, the Criminal Code of the State of Illinois, the Game and Fish Codes of the State of Illinois, and the Boat Registration and Safety Act of the State of Illinois as amended and changed from time to time.

**G. BURDEN OF PROOF**

The guilt of a person charged with a violation of this Ordinance need only be established by a preponderance of the evidence.

**H. CONTRABAND**

All animals, plants, seeds, birds, fish or reptiles, or parts thereof, killed, captured, collected, trapped or taken or bought, sold or bartered or had in possession contrary to this ordinance or applicable laws of the State of Illinois will be declared contraband and are subject to seizure by any duly sworn peace officer or authorized District personnel.

**I. CAPTIONS AND HEADINGS**

The captions, headings, and bold type face in this Ordinance are for convenience of reference only and do not define or limit its contents.

**SECTION VII  
REPEALER**

**A. CONFLICT**

All District ordinances, resolutions and orders, or any parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall supersede and take the place of the previous General Use Regulation Ordinance #77-1 as adopted August 21, 1997, and amendments thereto, providing, however, that prosecution for any violation of the previous General Use Regulation Ordinance occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall not be affected or abated.

**SECTION VIII  
EFFECTIVE DATE; PUBLICATION**

**A. ENACTMENT**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and

publication, as by statute in such cases made and provided.

**SECTION IX  
SEVERABILITY**

**A. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and the invalidity and unenforceability of any provisions shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions thereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0



Ruth Wene, President  
Board of Commissioners  
Champaign County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:



Robert Toalson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
Champaign County Forest Preserve District