

PARK USAGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION A. SPORTS AND RECREATION

(II.A.1.) GAMES AND SPORTS

No person shall engage in any sport, game, recreational activity or amusement in the Park System except in such portions as may be designated and then only under rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Park Board.

(II.A.2.) USE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT BY ADULTS PROHIBITED

No adult person or physically mature adolescent shall, in any manner, use any of the playground apparatus or devices meant exclusively for the use of children.

(II.A.3.) PARK DISTRICT ATHLETIC FIELDS

All organized team activities, including, but not limited to games and practices with coach and/or parent present, on any Park District athletic field must be issued a permit by the Athletic Supervisor.

(II.A.4.) LESSONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

No person may use Park District property, land or other facilities for private lessons, instructional purposes, or any other services for monetary gain unless they are employees of the Park District or specifically authorized to do so by the Executive Director, which authorization may be terminated immediately upon verbal notice by the Executive Director.

(II.A.5.) NONDISCRIMINATION ON PARK PROPERTY

While on Park District property, land, or facilities, users shall adhere to the nondiscrimination requirements of federal, state, and local laws and regulations. These include but are not limited to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act.

SECTION B. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST ACTIVITIES

(II.B.1.) SMOKING

There shall be no smoking of any tobacco products or e-cigarettes in any Park District parks or buildings, within 15 feet of the front door, or during any events taking place on park property.

(II.B.2.) ANIMALS

There shall be no pets of any kind in the park system at any time unless they are part of a Park District sponsored program or event. Service animals, trained to perform a task related to the disability of the service animal's handler, are permitted in Park District sites and facilities anywhere a pedestrian may go. Service animals must be housebroken and under control at all times.

(II.B.3.) FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS

No person shall carry or discharge firearms, or set off any rocket, cracker, torpedo, squib or other fireworks or things containing any substance of an explosive nature in the park system unless authorized by the Board.

(II.B.4.) WEAPONS

No person shall bring, attempt to bring, carry, have in his or her vehicle, or use in any way, any knife having a blade longer than 3 inches, or air gun, pellet gun or sling shot in any park. No person shall bring, attempt to bring, carry or use in any way, any bow or arrow in any park, unless in a directly supervised park program.

(II.B.5.) THROWING STONES

No person shall throw or cast stones or other missiles within the park system.

(II.B.6.) MODEL AIRCRAFT

No person shall fly any motorized model aircraft, including drones for personal or professional use in the park unless they are under adult supervision, have been issued a permit from the Park District office and can see that the area is clear of all persons and activities.

(II.B.7.) GOLFING

No person shall drive, chip, or putt any golf balls within district parks. Swinging of golf clubs or any other golfing activity is strictly prohibited.

(II.B.8.) TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

No person shall disobey traffic control devices, such as barricades and stop signs, nor shall anyone park in restricted areas and no parking zones.

(II.B.9.) VEHICLES

No person shall operate any motor vehicles on park district pathways and grounds except upon the established roadways, drives, or parking lots unless authorized by the Park Board. No person shall possess, operate or park any mini-bike, snowmobile, or unlicensed motor vehicle anywhere in the park system.

(II.B.10.) OTHER POWER DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES USED BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Per the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities may use other power driven mobility devices in Park District facilities and parks. These devices need not necessarily have been designed by the express purpose of aiding in the mobility of a person with a disability. Examples include but are not limited to, a Segway™ or a golf cart. When in use, these devices:

- Must be operated safely and always driven on the right side of the circulation path
- Must, if indoors, not exceed 4 mph
- Must, if outdoors, not exceed 8 mph
- Must, in all venues, yield to pedestrians
- Must, if indoors, be an electric motor only

(II.B.11.) IMPROPER SPEECH AND CONDUCT

No person shall use any abusive, threatening, insulting, indecent, profane or obscene language, or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace, nor do any indecent act or behavior in the park system.

(II.B.12.) DRUNKENNESS/INTOXICATING LIQUORS

No intoxicated person shall enter, be or remain in the park system, nor shall any person bring within, sell, give away or drink any intoxicating liquors in the park system, unless specifically authorized by the Executive Director and after obtaining the appropriate documentation from the State of Illinois and/or Cook County.

(II.B.13.) FIRES

No person shall light or make use of any fire in the park system, except such portions thereof as may be designated for such purpose and then only under such regulations as are prescribed.

- i. Charcoal grills throughout parks
- ii. Approved fire pit use at Walker Park

(II.B.14.) PROTECTION OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS

No person shall trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly or attempt to trap, catch, wound, or kill any bird or animal in the park systems. Nor shall any person molest or rob any nest or spawning ground of any bird, fish or animal in the park system. The Park District reserves the right to mitigate birds that have become a nuisance to the community.

(II.B.15.) BREACH OF PEACE/DISORDERLY CONDUCT

No person shall make, countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace or diversion tending to a breach of the peace in the park system, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct herein, or join with other persons in groups, or crowds for unlawful purposes or for any purpose to the annoyance or obstruction or disturbance of other persons.

(II.B.16.) RESISTING OR INTERFERING WITH OFFICER

No person shall resist any commissioner, police officer, or park personnel of the District in the discharge of his duty or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such commissioner, police officer, or park personnel from discharging his duty or in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody escaping or attempting to escape from custody or rescue or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.

(II.B.17.) RESTRICTED PARTS OF THE PARK

No person shall enter upon any portion of the park system where persons are prohibited from going as indicated by sign or notice.

(II.B.18.) DAMAGE TO PARK PROPERTY

No person shall cut, break, climb on or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, turf or any of the buildings, fences, bridges, lamps or posts or other structure or property within the park system.

(II.B.19.) OBSTRUCTING TRAVEL

No person shall set or place or cause to be set or placed, any goods, wares or merchandise or property of any kind so as to obstruct travel in the park.

(II.B.20.) VIOLENCE

It is the policy of the Park District to foster an environment that is free from violence. To assist in providing a safe environment for employees, visitors and residents, the Park District has a zero tolerance to violence policy. Violence against any employee, visitor or customer will not be allowed or tolerated. Any act of violence by any employee of the Park District will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Any violence committed by any visitor or customer to the Park District will result in an action up to and including removal from Park District programs and/or facilities.

(II.B.21.) CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND CAMERAS

The Park District is aware that many cellular telephones have picture taking ability. Therefore, use of cellular telephones in bathrooms and any other designated changing area is strictly prohibited. Use of cameras of any sort in bathrooms and changing areas is strictly prohibited.

(II.B.22.) OFFERING ARTICLES FOR SALE

No person shall offer for sale or exchange, any article or thing unless authorized by the Executive Director or Park Board; or do any hawking, peddling or soliciting; or buy or offer to buy an article or thing; or take up any collection or solicit or receive contributions of money or anything of value in the park system, except when authorized to do so by permit or contract with the Park Board.

(II.B.23.) BEGGING

No person shall beg or solicit alms in the park system.

(II.B.24.) HINDERING EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder any employee of the Park District while engaged in constructing, repairing or caring for any park property.

(II.B.25.) UNAUTHORIZED MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Other than the Park Board, and committees and groups authorized by the Park Board, no person shall call or hold any meeting or give any concert or public entertainment of any kind in the park system without the express consent of the Executive Director or Park Board.

(II.B.26.) SOLICITATION/ADVERTISEMENTS

No person shall display any placard or advertisement of any kind in the Park System, nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw or place any hand bill, pamphlet circular, advertisement or notice of any kind, nor post, stencil or otherwise affix any notice, bills, advertisement or any other papers upon any structure or thing in or about the park system except as authorized by the Executive Director or Park Board.

(II.B.27.) DUMPING ARTICLES

No person shall deposit, dump, throw or place any coal, ashes, dust, manure or rubbish in or upon any part of the park system. Paper, garbage or refuse matter shall not be so deposited except in receptacles provided for that purpose. The use of any park system trash can or dumpster for personal disposal; the use of any park system waterway, drainage, and/or sewer connection for personal disposal is strictly forbidden.

(II.B.28.) FORTUNE TELLING/GAMBLING

Except as authorized by the Illinois Gaming Board, no person shall tell fortunes, play at games of chance or use any gambling device in the park system. Exceptions may be made for special events with Park Board approval.

SECTION C. MISCELLANEOUS

(II.C.1.) PARK EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

No person shall operate any Park District equipment or vehicle unless they are a Park District employee or Commissioner that has been appropriately trained, or if the person has secured permission from the Executive Director.

(II.C.2.) HOURS OF OPERATION

All parks are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. daily except by permit or during park district special events. No person shall remain in the park system, sleep in any park, nor place, swing, occupy or use a hammock therein between 10:00p.m. and 6:30 a.m. unless so authorized by the Executive Director. Athletic field lights will be illuminated no later than 10:45pm unless so authorized by the Executive Director. Park district building hours of operation will vary depending on the season.

(II.C.3.) PARKING

Any vehicle parked in parking spaces designated for Authorized Vehicles only, Accessible Parking spaces, or any other areas where parking is disallowed will be towed at the owner's expense and fined. The Park District has the right, and as needed, will charge for parking during Park District special events.