



PARK DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

In partnership with the community, we will enrich lives by providing healthy and accessible recreational programming, quality parks and facilities, while being responsible stewards of the community assets



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WORTH PARK DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

CHAPTER I - CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1: Construction of Words

Whenever any words in any ordinance or rule or regulation importing the plural number shall be used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included although distributive words may not be used and, when any subject matter, party or person shall be referred to in any ordinance by words importing the singular number only or in the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and female as well as male and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided, however, that these rules or construction shall not be applied to any ordinance which shall contain any express provision excluding such construction of whether the subject matter or contents of such ordinance may be repugnant thereto.

Section 2: Definitions

- A. “Amusement Contraptions” whenever used means any contrivance, device, gadget, machine or structure designed to test the skill or strength of the user with any sort of ride, lift, swing or fall experience, including, but not limited to, ball-throwing contest devices, pinball-type devices, animal ride devices, ball and hammer devices, trampoline devices and the like.
- B. “Area(s)” whenever used means a specified place within a park.
- C. “Authorized Agent” wherever used means individuals granted authority by the Director of Parks and Recreation.
- D. “Board” wherever used means the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District.
- E. “Contraband” wherever used means illegal or prohibited goods of merchandise.
- F. “Park District” wherever used means the Worth Park District.
- G. “Employee” wherever used means any person hired for a definite or indefinite period by the District in an established job classification and receiving pay for work performed or entitled to pay under established policies for paid absence.
- H. “Exclusion of Others” wherever used refers to prohibiting use or behavior by others which disrupts or prevents the authorized and lawful use of designated area(s) or structure(s) in a park by a person or persons holding a valid permit for such area or structure and activity.
- I. “Legal Adult” wherever used means one who has reached the age of maturity as defined by the laws of the State of Illinois.

- J. “Director” wherever used means the Director of Parks and Recreation or anyone designated by the Park District.
- K. “Overnight” wherever used, means the time when the park or facility is officially closed until it opens the following day.
- L. “Park wherever used means lands and waters, or property holding of the Park District, whether in fee or as leasehold or management agreement
- M. “Permit” wherever used means the written permission that must be obtained from the Park District to carry out a given activity.
- N. “Persons or Persons” wherever used means individuals trained in the methods of law enforcement and given authority to maintain peace, safety, and order.
- O. “Police Officer” wherever used means an individual trained in the methods of law enforcement and given authority to maintain peace, safety, and order.
- P. “Posted” wherever used means that a notice is posted, either by a sign in a park, at the entrance to a park, or at the Administrative Office, the location being at the discretion of the Director.
- Q. “Property” wherever used means any lands, facilities or possessions of the Park District, whether in fee or as leasehold or management agreement.
- R. “Sound and Energy Amplification” wherever used means music, speech or any sound or noise transmitted by artificial means including, but not limited to, amplifiers.
- S. “Vehicle” or “Motorized Vehicle” wherever used means any device or conveyance on the land using wheels or belt-type track or tracks, skids, or skis, and propelled by energy of any kind.
- T. “Village” wherever used means the Village of Worth.
- U. “Written Permission of the Director” wherever used is intended to permit written permission being granted by authorized agents of the Director.

CHAPTER II - PUBLIC USE

Section 1: Public Use and Purpose of the Park District

Parks are for use by the general public. One of the functions of the Park District is to acquire, protect, restore, restock, develop and interpret a well-balanced system of parks and open space with scenic, ecological, recreational and historic values for inspiration, education, use and enjoyment by the public. These regulations are intended to assist the Park District in performing

this function by regulating access to and use of Park District property and by controlling the personal conduct and behavior of individuals while on Park District property.

Section 2: Hours of Use

- A. Parks shall be open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. unless different hours are posted by the Park District.
- B. No person shall remain in the parks when the park is not open to the public without a permit from the Director.
- C. No person shall sleep, otherwise occupy, or utilize the parks or place, swing, or use any hammock therein without a camping permit as provided in Section 3.A.3 herein.
- D. Parks with lighted athletic facilities, aquatic facilities, pavilions, or the community recreation centers (Terrace Centre and Goy Building) will have the closing time of 10 p.m. or as otherwise designated when the facility is in operation.
- E. Any designated unlit sled hill facility in all park areas will have a closing time of dusk.
- F. Any designated parking lot will have a closing time of dusk.

Section 3: Permits

- A. No person shall conduct, operate, present, manage or take part in any way in the following activities in a park unless a permit is obtained from the Director prior to the start of the activity:
 - 1. Any use of any park, facility, outdoor shelter, athletic field or park area by a certain person or group of people to the exclusion of others unless a permit or written permission is obtained from the Director.
 - 2. Any contest, show, exhibit, dramatic performance, play act, motion picture, acrobatic feat, bazaar, sporting event, ceremony, children's day camp or any public meeting, assembly or parade including, but not limited to, drills and maneuvers, rallies, picketing, speeches and addresses, marches, or political meetings.
 - 3. Camping or otherwise utilizing land in the Park District or inhabiting any structure or facility overnight.
 - 4. No person or organization shall bring or cause to be brought into the park system any play class, day camp or other organized group of any kind, organized for profit or non-profit.
 - 5. Not-for-profit agency day camps, play classes or organized groups may use facilities of the park system with the written permission of the Director.

- B. People desiring to engage in any of the above activities may apply to the Director for a written permit under policies established by the Board and subject to fees set by the Board.
- C. Permits in General - Permits are not transferable and fees paid are not refundable. Permits must be applied for at least two weeks before the event. Minor changes in the permits may be made upon written permission of the Director for the additional fee providing that the specific park or area designated is not changed, the number of designated people is not increased, and the request for change is made at least 72 hours prior to the event. Permits may also be required for other activities as determined by the Director (See Chapter VII, Section 9).
- D. The Park District reserves the right to establish fees for the use of facilities.

CHAPTER III - PROTECTION OF PROPERTY, STRUCTURES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Section 1: Destruction or Misuse of Property and Structures

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

- A. Destroy, deface, paint, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, benchmark, stake, post or blaze marking designating any boundary line, survey line or reference point.
- B. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise damage, destroy or remove any post, building, shelter, picnic table, drain, well, foundation, pump, lamp post, fence, gate, refuse container, exhibit, display, tool or equipment, storage box, utility outlet, movie screen, flagpole or any other structure or parts thereof, without written permission of the Director.
- C. Deface, destroy, cover, damage or remove any placard, notice, or sign or parts thereof, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited by the Park District to announce the rules, regulations and warnings, or any other information to the public necessary or desirable to the proper use of the park.
- D. Take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or remove any historic or prehistoric ruin or parts thereof, or any object of antiquity, without written permission of the Park District.
- E. Throw, carry move, cast, drag, push or deposit any refuse container, picnic table, barricade or any other movable or non-movable property or otherwise move, stack or hide such property in such a way as to render it unavailable to the general public for its intended use, to cause a hazard to public safety or to damage or destroy such property.
- F. Occupy, inhabit or cause to be occupied or inhabited, any shed or other structure, or use for storage or cause to be used for the storage of any goods, any shed or other structure without permission of the Director.

- G. Enter into or upon any park or area thereof 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, work safety zones, equipment or material storage structures or areas, workshops or stations, areas undergoing intensive reforestation or other soil or vegetative treatment or area(s) hazardous to public safety or health.
- H. Tamper with, in any way, weaken, destroy, damage, or remove anything from any park vehicle, machine, implement or playground.
- I. Misuse any refuse container or receptacle by depositing into it any burning substances, or by depositing into it any garbage, trash, refuse or other unwanted material that was not gathered on the site in the course of normal, lawful use of park facilities.
- J. Bring into, leave behind or dump any material of any kind, whether waste or otherwise, in the park, except refuse, garbage and other material arising from the normal use and enjoyment of a picnic or other permitted activity provided such material is deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes. Nor shall any material of any kind be left or deposited within or near the parks so as to pollute the land, waters, or air coursing through or over the parks or otherwise to interfere with proper use and enjoyment of the park.
- K. Bring or carry a glass container or bottle of any kind into the parks.

Section 2: Destruction or Misuse of Natural Resources

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

- A. Cut, remove, uproot or destroy any tree sapling, seedling, 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 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 or construction work pursuant to contract with the Park District.
- B. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, downed timber, wood chips, peat, rock, sand or gravel or remove or cause to be removed any other natural material of the forest floor or earth unless necessitated by the performance of restorative, maintenance or construction work pursuant to contract with the Park District.
- C. Hunt, pursue, trap, catch, capture, molest, poison, wound or kills or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, capture, molest, poison, wound or kill any invertebrate animal, mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian; disturb molest or rob the nest of any mammal, bird, insect, reptile or amphibian or the lair, den or burrow of any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, without permission of the Director.
- D. Release or cause to be released any wild, domestic or pet animal, bird or reptile or bring in or plant or distribute the seeds or spores of any flowering or non-flowering plant brought into or upon park lands from any outside source whatsoever, without written permission of

the Director.

- E. Use or cause to be used any chemical or biological pesticide or any other substance, measure or process designed to alter the anatomy of 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.
- F. Deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place or cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, glass, garbage, refuse, debris or junk or abandoned vehicles or parts of vehicles.
- G. Climb upon any plants, fence structure or property of any kind in the Park District except such recreational equipment as may be installed by the Park District for such purposes.

Section 3: Contraband

All animals, plants, birds or reptiles or parts thereof, killed, captured, trapped or taken or bought, sold or bartered or had in possession contrary to any provisions of these regulations or applicable laws of the State of Illinois or the United States shall be and are hereby declared contraband and, as such, shall be subject to seizure by any police officer, caretaker or employee of the District.

Section 4: Destruction by Misuse of Fire

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

- A. Set fire, or cause to set on fire, any tree, forest, brush land, grassland, meadow, prairie, marsh, refuse container or structure.
- B. Build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except as authorized by the Director of the Park District.
- C. Drop, throw away or scatter any burning material, firecracker, firework or match except as defined in Chapter 6, Section 14.
- D. Build any fire whatsoever, for any purpose in or out of a receptacle.
- E. Cause, suffer or allow the burning of any garbage, refuse, waste material, trash, motor vehicle (or any part thereof) or other combustibles within or adjacent to the park so as to cause smoke, haze, odor, sparks, dust, dirt or other type matter or gaseous substance to come upon or pass through or over the park which would cause an air pollution nuisance or damage to persons or property.

CHAPTER IV - REGULATION OF SPORTS AND GAMES

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

Section 1: Swimming

Swim or bathe in any pool except at such place or place as may be designated by the Director and then only in accordance with the rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and posted.

Section 2: Engine Powered Models or Toys

Start, fly or use any fuel-powered engine or jet-type or electric-powered model aircraft, rocket, drone or like powered toy or model, except at those areas designated by the Director for such use and then only in accordance with such rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and posted by the Director.

Section 3: Bicycling

- A. Ride a bicycle or e-bicycle on any path, trail, roadway, or other area prohibiting bicycles or e-bicycles.
- B. Fail to ride a bicycle or e-bicycle as closely as possible to the right-hand side of any road, trail or path, as conditions shall permit.
- C. Carry another person on the handlebars, frame or fender or ride on a bicycle or e-bicycle except on a suitable seat attached to such bicycle or e-bicycle for such purpose or operate a bicycle or e-bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger pedestrians or the rider or riders thereon.
- D. Ride a bicycle or e-bicycle on any path or trail more than two abreast or on any roadway or road used by the public for regular motor vehicles access in any other manner than single file.

Section 4: Sound or Energy Amplification

Play or operate any sound amplification devices including radios, television sets, public address systems, musical instruments and the like, or operate any other energy amplification device in such a way as to be audible beyond the immediate vicinity of such device or musical instrument without a permit from the Director, and no such permit shall be issued or maintained where sound produced by such devices is judged by the Director to be a public annoyance.

Section 5: Winter Sports

Enter on or upon any frozen water for any purpose whatsoever other than in areas designated by the Director for such and then only in compliance with the rules and regulations posted. Further, no person shall skate, sled toboggan, ski, slide, snowmobile or carry on other similar activity in

the Park District except at such places and times as the Park District may designate for the purpose.

Section 6: Field and Team Sports

Play or engage in any team or game such as, but not limited to, baseball, football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, lacrosse, horseshoes or bags in such a manner as to interfere with other people lawfully using said areas.

Section 7: Golfing in Parks

Play golf or hit or putt balls within or into the parks.

Section 8: Amusement Contraptions

Bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any amusement or entertainment contraption, metal detector, device, or gadget, without a permit.

Section 9: Aviation

Make any ascent in a balloon, aircraft, drone, glider, hand glider or any descent in or from any balloon, aircraft, glider, hand glider or parachute without a permit, therefore.

Section 10: Fortune Telling and Gambling

Manage, operate, or engage in fortune telling and gambling of any form. The prohibition shall not preclude a person from engaging in fortune telling and gambling when the same is managed, facilitated, operated, or sponsored by the Park District.

CHAPTER V - REGULATION OF VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

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

Section 1: Vehicle Operation and Equipment

Operate, or cause to be operated, any motorized vehicle that does not comply with or in a manner that does not comply with the Vehicle Code of the State of Illinois or other law or laws of the State of Illinois or ordinance of the Village of Worth, Illinois, where applicable, together with such regulations as are contained within, and as from time to time amended, having to do with the equipment, control, licensing, registering and use of motorized vehicles and/or the licensing of operators of such vehicles.

Section 2: Vehicle Types and Access Allowed

A. Operate, or cause to be operated, any vehicle anywhere except on the roads, drives and

parking areas provided, without a permit from the Director and then only in compliance with the directions and restrictions of a police officer.

- B. Operate, or cause to be operated, any motor vehicle anywhere that is not licensed or permitted to be operated on the roads, streets, and highways of the State of Illinois without a permit from the Director and then only in those areas specified and in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly set forth. Vehicles that are not licensed and, therefore, subject to the provisions of this sub-section include, but are not limited to, e-bicycles, e-scooters, snowmobiles, go-carts, trail bikes, mini-bikes, four-wheel vehicles, and other such all-terrain, off-the-road vehicles.
- C. Operate a vehicle on any road, driving or parking area posted, gated, or barricaded as closed to public traffic.

Section 3: Right-of-Way

Operate a vehicle in such a manner as to fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and bikers, or to deprive or unreasonably interfere with the equal rights of any other person to use the property of the Park District.

Section 4: Parking

- A. Park a vehicle overnight or in excess of the time permitted without a permit from the Director.
- B. Park a vehicle in such a way as to block another parked vehicle.
- C. Park a vehicle in such a way as to block, restrict or impede the normal flow of traffic.
- D. Parking a vehicle in a zone or area posted prohibiting parking.
- E. Park a vehicle on turf, meadow, prairie, marsh, field, in a woodland or on the exposed roots of any tree or shrub, except in an emergency or as allowed or when directed to do so by the police or as a matter of public safety.
- F. Parking a vehicle in such a way that it occupies more than one designated parking space.

Section 5: Speed Limits

Operate, propel or cause a vehicle to be propelled on any road, drive or parking area at a speed greater than the speed limit posted along the right-of-way or, in the absence of such posted limit, at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.

Section 6: Signs

Fail to observe all traffic signs and control devices erected and maintained by the Park District indicating speed, direction, restrictions as to vehicular use, caution, stopping or parking.

Section 7: Negligent or Careless Driving

Operate any motor vehicle in the park at a reckless or wanton speed, or carelessly so as to endanger life or property.

Section 8: Overweight

Operate any motor vehicle having a gross weight capacity, including vehicle and maximum load in excess of 16,000 pounds, or any vehicle bearing a Class C or heavier license plate in pursuant to Chapter 95½, Section 3-815 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, except emergency vehicles as defined in the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code (See 95½ Ill. Rev. Stat. SS 1-105 (1971), 15-101 (b) (Supp. 1985), without a permit from the Director.

Section 9: Improper Vehicle Operation

- A. Operate a motor vehicle at a rate of speed 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 of the roadway and other surrounding conditions, so as to endanger the life and limb or injure the property of any persons.
- B. Operate a vehicle in such a manner as to deprive or unreasonably interfere with the equal rights of any other person to the use of such public street or highway.
- C. Operate a vehicle in such a manner as to cause or produce unnecessary loud, raucous, excessive or unusual noise by any means, including, but not limited to, the racing of the motor, by lack of a muffler cutout, by tire friction upon rapid turning or weaving, by spinning of the wheels from standing or slow moving position produced by sudden unnecessary motor acceleration, or by continuous unnecessary sounding of a horn or other signal device.
- D. 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.
- E. Operate a vehicle and intentionally accelerate causing the rubber tires to spin, mark and deface the park or roadway surface.

Section 10: Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs:

No person shall drive, operate, or be in possession or control of, or attempt to drive or operate, any vehicle on any Park District property while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or a controlled (prescribed medications) or a “look-alike” substance.

CHAPTER VI - REGULATION OF PERSONAL CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

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

Section 1: Vending and Advertising

- A. Expose or offer for sale any articles or things, or conduct or solicit any business, trade or occupation of profession without a written agreement approved by the Director and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, it being the intention to control commercial enterprises or sales on Park District lands.
- B. 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 except that 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 no larger than 24" x 30" are not attached to any tree or shrub or any post, building, Park District sign, gate or other structure.
- C. Beg, solicit, alms, or engage in busking in any manner on Park District lands.

Section 2: Unlawful Obstructions

- A. 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 of any other article upon any property of the Park District to the obstruction of use of any park or to the detriment of the appearance of the park.
- B. By force, threat, intimidation or by any unlawful fencing or enclosing or any other unlawful means prevent or obstruct or combine and confederate with others to prevent or obstruct any person from peacefully entering upon any property of the Park District or preventing or obstructing free passage or transit over or through any lands of the Park District or obstruct the entrance into any enclosure within the Park District, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to deny lawful enforcement of a valid permit granting a certain person or persons use to the exclusion of others as defined and provided for in these regulations.
- C. Enter, without invitation or having paid appropriate admission fee, any area, building, or place which has been rented or otherwise reserved for any purpose; nor shall anyone enter any concession in any of the parks of the Park District without the consent of the concessionaire or duly authorized agent or employee; in any dance, game, picnic, or a public assemblage authorized by the Board; nor shall any person loiter in the immediate area of any such concession as to impede free access to such concession by other park patrons or the flow of pedestrian traffic in and about the area of such concessions.

Section 3: Unlawful Construction or Maintenance

Erect, construct, install, or perform any maintenance on, below, over or across a park except by proper authorization of the Park District authorizing such activity and then only in accordance with written permission of the Director specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such authorization.

Section 4: Drug or Alcohol Abuse

Be present under the influence of any liquor, beer, drug, narcotic or controlled or “look-alike” substance, or possess, give away, sell, serve, dispense or drink any alcoholic beverage, or possess, sell, deliver, smoke, inhale, inject, eat, chew or swallow any beer, wine, other alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, or controlled “look-alike” substance. (For exceptions to this regulation, see Chapter VI., Section 16.)

Section 5: Weapons and Harmful Substances

At any time have in his possession or on or about his person concealed or otherwise, any firearm, club, any device capable of discharging a projectile by air, spirit, gas or explosive, any explosive substance or harmful solid, liquid or gaseous substance or dangerous knives or any other dangerous weapon or throw or cast any stones or other missiles. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent duly sworn peace officers from carrying such weapons as may be authorized and necessary in the discharge of their duties not shall it apply to any person summoned by such officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while such person is engaged in assisting.

Section 6: Hindering or Bribing Employees

- A. Interfere with, unreasonably disrupt, delay or hinder performance of the duties of Park District employees.
- B. 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 these regulations or any other Park District regulations, contract, or permit or statute of the State of Illinois or 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 7: Use of Facilities Restricted as to Sex

Except for young children, enter into or remain in any toilet, restroom, bathhouse, pavilion or structure or section thereof, which has been reserved and designated for use of the opposite sex.

Section 8: Disorderly Conduct

Engage in conduct that is disorderly. People shall be deemed to have engaged in disorderly

conduct when they knowingly:

- A. Act in such manner as to provoke, make or aid in making a breach of peace.
- B. Make any offensive act, utterance, gesture or display which, under the circumstances, is likely to incite imminent lawless action or create a clear and present danger of a breach or imminent threat of violence.
- C. Refuse or fail to cease and desist any conduct or activity likely to produce a breach of peace where there is imminent threat of violence, and where the police have made reasonable efforts to protect the otherwise peaceful conduct and activity and have requested that said conduct and activity be stopped and have explained the request if there be time.
- D. Fail to obey a lawful order of dispersal by a person known by him to be a peace officer.
- E. Assemble with other people for the purpose of using force or violence to disturb the public peace.
- F. Contribute to the delinquency of a minor while within the park system.
- G. No person shall commit an assault and battery upon a person in the park system.
- H. No person shall beg or solicit alms or contributions of any kind for any purpose within the park system.

Section 9: Public Indecency

Engage in conduct that is publicly indecent. People shall be deemed to have committed an act of public indecency when they perform any of the following acts:

- A. An act of sexual intercourse.
- B. An act of deviating sexual conduct.
- C. A lewd exposure of the body done with intent to arouse or to satisfy the sexual desire of the person or any other person.
- D. A lewd fondling or caress of the body of another person of either sex.

Section 10: Obscene or Indecent Books and Pamphlets

Exhibit, sell, or offer to sell or give away any obscene or indecent book, pamphlet, paper, drawing, movie film, video tape, picture, photograph or any other obscene or indecent article of any kind according to the common perception of the community.

Section 11: Control and Treatment of Animals

(Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the Director for the purpose of public safety, such as but not limited to, the protection of the Park District property or the protection of employees in the performance of their duties or search and rescue.)

- A. Bring in, lead or carry any dog, cat or other animal.
- B. Willfully or neglectfully cause or allow or release any animal or fowl, wild, domestic or pet, to run or remain at large.
- C. Torture, whip, beat or cruelly treat or neglect any animal.
- D. Bring in, drive, ride, or lead in any animal, except that horses and other beasts of burden and draft animals may be ridden or led or driven ahead of vehicles attached thereto on such portions of the park may be designated by the Director and then only in accordance with the provisions of these regulations and the rules and restrictions duly promulgated for the control of such area or areas.
- E. Bring in, drive, ride or carry any wild, domestic, or pet predator animal or bird, leashed or unleashed, into the Park District property.
- F. Permit to remain any offal or manure produced or deposited by any animal.

Section 12: Commercial Photography

Take or cause to be taken any still or motion pictures or video recordings, for commercial purposes or for use in commercial advertising, without written permission of the Director and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly set forth as part of such permit.

Section 13: Honoring Permits

By act or speech willfully or unreasonably hinder, interrupt or interfere with any duly permitted activity or unreasonable or willfully intrude on any areas or into any structures designated for the use of a certain person or persons to the exclusion of others by written permission of the Director.

Section 14: Pyrotechnics

Set off or attempt to set off or ignite any firecrackers, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder devices, or other pyrotechnics, except in accordance with written contract approved by the Director.

Section 15: No Smoking in Parks

Smoking on the grounds of any Park District facility and park except for staff and/or public designated areas. Smoking means either the carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, cannabis, herbs or any other lighted smoking equipment; and/or the use of any electronic cigarette including vaping, e-cigars and e-hookah. Consuming marijuana or marijuana products is prohibited on the grounds of all Park District facilities and parks.

Section 16: Alcoholic Beverages Policy

Except as permitted, no person shall bring into the Parks or other public places of the Park District any alcoholic beverages. Furthermore, except as permitted, no person will possess or drink any alcoholic beverages in any Park or public place under the jurisdiction of the Park District.

Permission to serve alcoholic beverages will be granted by the Director based on the following:

1. An applicant must submit a written application form specifying the date, times, and specific Park structures or areas where the service of the beverage will occur.
2. Submit an acceptable certificate of insurance for host liquor providing coverage to the applicant and naming the Park District as an additional insured.
3. Pay the permit fee and any fee for use of any public place involved, and agree to comply with the following conditions during the event:
 - a. Limit service to the date, times, and places described in the permit.
 - b. Not allow any consumption directly from a glass container during the event.
 - c. Not sell, give, or allow to be sold or given any alcoholic beverage for any consideration whatsoever

Any party to whom a permit has been issued will, by the acceptance thereof, be deemed to have unconditionally agreed with all the following terms:

1. To abide by all terms, provisions, conditions, and limitations of this Policy.
2. To abide by all the rules and regulations of the Park District, the Village of Worth, and the state of Illinois.
3. To pay when due, all charges are deemed necessary because of the nature of the function in question.
4. To not sell or give or allow to be sold or given any alcoholic beverage for any consideration whatsoever so as to give rise to a cause of action on the part of any person, either directly or indirectly, under the provision of "An Act Relating to Alcoholic Liquors," and particularly that part thereof commonly known as the Illinois Dram Shop Act and all amendments thereto; and
5. To submit an acceptable certificate of insurance for host liquor providing insurance coverage to the applicant and naming the Park District as an additional insured.

A permit to serve alcoholic beverages is nontransferable and, for good reasons, any permit issued

may be terminated either prior to or during the event. People found in violation of this section are subject to the penalties as hereinafter provided.

CHAPTER VII - ENFORCEMENT

Section 1: Police

All sworn peace officers have the power and are authorized to arrest any persons found in the act of violating any ordinance of the Park District or rule or regulation thereof of law of the State of Illinois or ordinance of the Village of Worth where applicable and to eject said person from any park or portion thereof for violation of any such ordinance, rule, regulation or statute.

Section 2: Resisting or Interfering

No person shall resist any Commissioner or employee of the Park District or sworn police officer in the discharge of his duty, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such Commissioner or employee or police officer or in any way interfere with or hinder or prevent any such Commissioner or employee or police officer from discharging his duty, or in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody to escape or to attempt to escape from custody, or rescue or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.

Section 3: Impersonation of Officers

No person shall falsely represent or impersonate any police officer or pretend to be a police officer.

Section 4: Two Penalties, One Judgment

In all cases where the same offense shall be made punishable or shall be created by different clauses or sections of these or any other regulations or statute, the police or other duly sworn peace officer or person prosecuting may elect under which to proceed but not more than one judgment shall be had against the same person for the same offense.

Section 5: Fines, Penalties, and Remedies.

- A. Except where otherwise provided, any person found in violation of any provision of these use regulations and guidelines shall be fined not less than \$100 not more than \$1,000 for each offense. Each violation and each day a violation occurs or is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.
- B. In lieu of a fine, any person found in violation of Chapter III, Protection of Property, Structures and Natural Resources, may be assigned to perform community service on Park District property under Park District supervision. Such community service time shall not exceed the fine deemed appropriate divided by the then prevailing base wage in Cook County for a general laborer.

- C. In addition to, or in lieu of, a fine or community service, any person found in violation of Chapter III, Protection of Property, Structures and Natural Resources, shall be required to make restitution to the Park District for damage resulting from such violation(s). The provisions of the Illinois Parental Responsibility Law (740 ILCS 115/1, et seq.) are incorporated herein by reference for purposes hereof.
- D. In addition to, or in lieu of, a fine or community service, and/or order or restitution, as applicable, any person found in violation of any provision of these use regulations shall be subject to suspension from Park District Property and/or specific Park District programming following notice and hearing before the Board.
- E. The fines, penalties, and remedies provided for above are in addition to and not exclusive of any other remedy available to the Park District as provided by applicable law.

Section 6: Compromise Payment.

- A. If a violation of any of the following sections is of such nature or kind that it does not tend to immediately endanger public safety, the issuing officer/complainant may indicate on the notice of violation/complaint that payment of the minimum penalty may be compromised as hereinafter provided:
 - 1. Chapter II, Public Use, Section 2, Hours of Use;
 - 2. Chapter III, Protection of Property, Structures and Natural Resources, Section 1, Destruction or Misuse of Property and Structures; or,
 - 3. Chapter V, Regulation of Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Section 4, Parking.
- B. A compromise payment determination is based solely on the discretion of the issuing officer/complainant and not guaranteed for any violation.
- C. Where so indicated, the violator may compromise the payment of the minimum penalty for any of the violations listed in Subsection (A) without appearance in court by payment of the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) within ten (10) days from the date of issuance of the notice of violation/complaint; however, after ten (10) days from the date of issuance of the notice of violation/complaint, the payment shall be ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), or such greater amount as may be authorized or ordered.
- D. No compromise payment is valid or acceptable after the issuance of three (3) notices of violation/complaints of similar nature in any twelve (12) month period.
- E. Payments and monies received hereunder shall be made to the Administrative Office of the Park District.
- F. In case of failure to make payments as herein provided, the Park District may forthwith transmit the notice of violation/complaint and any bond received to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Section 7: Rules and Regulations

The Board shall from time to time promulgate and make reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the various areas, facilities, devices and vehicles within the parks, and such rules and regulations shall become binding and effective upon their being posted at the entrance to the facility or areas governed by them and shall be enforced with the same force and effect as the other provisions of these regulations.

Section 8: Authority of Other Agencies

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent other officers from carrying out their own duties within the territories of the Park District as defined by applicable laws of the State of Illinois and United States or ordinances of Cook County, Illinois, or in accord with any other Policing Agreement approved by the Board.

Section 9: Permits and Designated Areas - Authority

To carry out the terms of these regulations, the Director is hereby given authority to issue the permits, post notices, or take other action as called for herein, subject to the guidelines herein set forth.

- A. The Director shall have the authority to designate areas, or facilities, suitable for various activities or use, to close parks or parts thereof in the interest of public health, safety, or general welfare or in order to protect the natural resources from unreasonable harm; and to promulgate and issue permits where required by these regulations and collect such fees as established by the Park District in accordance with the following guidelines:
1. That no person be discriminated against because of race, sex, creed, color or national origin.
 2. That the proposed use or activity will not reasonably interfere with or detract from general public use and enjoyment of the park and surrounding property or facilities.
 3. That the proposed use or activity is not reasonably likely to result in violence or in serious harm to property or people.
 4. That the proposed activity or use will not entail extraordinary expense or operational costs by the Park District or expose it to unusual or extreme liability.
 5. That the area desired has not been reserved for another activity at the same time.
 6. That the proposed activity is not reasonably expected to detract from the preservation of public health or safety.
 7. That the proposed activity is reasonably compatible with the type of park, size and character of the area involved and the facilities available and that it is not reasonably

expected to cause damage to the natural environment of the park.

- B. The Director may impose reasonable restrictions on the granting of a permit including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - 1. 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, amusement devices, off-the-road vehicle access, the number of persons present, location and type of any tents, trained animals, the use of shelters or structures, the collecting for any purpose of any water, soils, minerals, flora and fauna, the type and location of sports and games or any other activity which appears likely to create a risk of unreasonable harm to the use and enjoyment of the park by others or of damage to District property.
 - 2. Requiring proof of and establishing the amount of liability insurance required, and/or requiring a Hold Harmless Agreement, or requiring a Certificate of Insurance naming the Park District as an additional insured when the activity is deemed by the Director to require such.
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. Requiring that the applicant furnish additional approved security forces at the applicant's expense, such forces to act upon Park District supervision.
- C. All permits required by these regulations and issued by the Director shall be issued at the Park District Administration Offices on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at the first working day of each calendar year for open dates or for such total number allowed during that calendar year. All applications for requested date provided that the Director may waive the two-week period in the interest of public health or safety or for such events that are of a significant civic nature.
- D. The Director is authorized to seek reasonable information regarding any proposed use, activity or privilege and require a record of such information on a permit application.
- E. No person shall misrepresent, falsify or withhold the required information.
- F. The Director shall, in the event that a request for a permit is denied, provide the requesting party(s) with the reasons, in writing, for the denial. Any aggrieved person shall have the right to petition the Board, in writing, regarding the denial or restriction of use or activity and shall be properly heard by the Board as the President shall direct.
- G. No person granted a permit shall violate the requirements, terms, conditions, restrictions or rules duly set forth under the authority of these regulations as part of any granted permit or registration.
- H. The Board of Commissioners or the Park District may set forth other regulations,

ordinances, policy statements or administrative regulations such permit or registration fees as it deems proper and may change from time to time.

- I. No one shall obtain or use any permit without first having paid the fee established.
- J. All designated areas or facilities and all permit restrictions, rules and regulations or conditions are subject to review at any time by the Board of Commissioners of the Park District.

Section 10: Civil Suits

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prevent or preclude the lawful use by the Park District of civil remedy at law, to correct an abuse or loss suffered by the Park District as a result of violation of these regulations or any law of the State of Illinois.

Section 11: State, United States and Local Laws

All persons within the parks of the Worth Park District are subject to all ordinances, rules and regulations of the Park District, as well as all applicable laws of the United States, State of Illinois and local ordinances of the Village of Worth, Illinois as amended and changed from time to time. These laws include, but are not limited to, the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Criminal Code of the State of Illinois and the Game and Fish Codes of the State of Illinois, as amended and changed from time to time.

CHAPTER VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: Conflict

All Park District regulations and parts of regulations, ordinances and parts of ordinances and all resolutions and orders, or any parts thereof, in conflict with these regulations, or any parts thereof, are hereby repealed.

Section 2: Enactment

These regulations 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 3: Captions and Headings

The captions and headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and do not define or limit the contents of each paragraph.

Section 4: Severability

The provisions of these regulations shall be deemed to be severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions shall not affect the validity and unenforceability of the other provisions hereof.

Section 5: Aiding or Abetting Violations

Every person who commits, attempts to commit, conspires to commit, or aids and abets any acts or omission prohibited in these regulations or any rules or regulations of the District, whether individually or in consort with one or more persons as principal, agent or accessory shall be deemed accountable for the act or omission prohibited by these regulations or rule or regulation of the Park District.

CHAPTER IX - POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

The Board of Commissioners are hereby empowered to make and enforce policies and administrative regulations necessary to make the provisions of these regulations effective and to make and enforce temporary rules and regulations to cover emergencies or special conditions.

CHAPTER X - APPROVALS/AMENDMENTS

These regulations and guidelines may be amended from time to time by the Park District and such amendments may be shown by either marking the section amended or attaching the amendment to these regulations.

CHAPTER I - CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS AND DEFINITIONS

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Section 2: Hours of Use

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Section 2: Destruction or Misuse of Natural Resources

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Section 4: Destruction by Misuse of Fire

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Section 3: Bicycling

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Section 6: Field and Team Sports

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