



Use Ordinance

Forest Preserve District
of Kane County

Ordinance No. FP-0-09-95-213

General Use Regulation Ordinance of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois

WHEREAS, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois (hereinafter called “District”), to establish a General Use Regulation Ordinance governing the use of forest preserves of the District;

and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 805/7 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes 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 violation of their ordinances as cities and villages are allowed to prescribe for the violation of their ordinances.

and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 805/7a of the Illinois Compiled Statutes 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, 70 ILCS 805/7b of the Illinois Compiled Statutes 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, 70 ILCS 805/8a of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides as follows:

The board shall have the right and power to appoint and maintain a sufficient police force, the members of which may have and exercise police powers over the territory within such forest preserves 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, 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, 70 ILCS 805/8 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides in part 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 conduct of the business of such district.

and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the District to provide for the safe and peaceful use of the forest preserves, the education and recreation of the public, the protection and preservation of the property, facilities, flora and fauna of the forest preserves, and the safety and general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the District has the authority and the power to establish this General Use Regulation Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President of the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

CHAPTER 1 – Public Use

Section 1 – Public Use and Purpose of the District

Forest Preserves are for use by the general public. One of the functions of the District is to acquire, protect, restore, restock, develop and interpret a well-balanced system of areas with scenic, ecological, recreational and historic values for the inspiration, education, use and enjoyment by the public. This ordinance is intended to help carry out this function.

Section 2 – Hours of Use

- a) Forest preserves shall be open to the public from sunrise to sunset unless different hours are posted by the President.
- b) No person shall remain in the forest preserves when the forest preserves are not open to the public, without written permission of the President.

Section 3 – Permits

- a) No person shall conduct, operate, present, manage or take part in the following activities in a forest preserve unless a permit is obtained from the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee of the Board, prior to the start of the activity.
 - 1) Any contest, show, exhibit, dramatic performance, play, act, motion picture, acrobatic feat, bazaar, sporting event, musical event, ceremony, children's day camp or any public meeting, assembly or parade, including, but not limited to, drills or maneuvers, rallies, picketing, or unlawful assemblies of any type;
 - 2) Any use of any preserve area or facility by a certain person or group of persons to the exclusion of others;
 - 3) Camp on any lands of the District or inhabit any structure or facility overnight.
- b) Persons desiring to engage in any of the above activities may apply to the President for a permit or license under the following categories and subject to fees set by the Board:
 - 1) Picnic – No permit is required to have a picnic; however, if a person desires to reserve a designated area or areas to the exclusion of others or desires to conduct, in conjunction with the picnic, related controlled activities such as, but not limited

- to, sound amplification, special vehicle access, animal rides and the like, then a picnic permit, valid for one day, is required.
- 2) Camping – A permit is required. The permit reserves a designated area or areas to the exclusion of others and allows permittee to remain in the preserve overnight. For organized, sponsored youth group campsites, the permit may be valid from one to seven consecutive nights; for family or adult campgrounds, the permit may be valid from one to three consecutive nights. The permit may provide permission for other permit-controlled activities.
 - 3) Special Events – A permit is required for any of the other activities listed in Section 3a, Paragraph 1 above. The permit may be valid for from one to seven consecutive days. The permit may provide for use of an area or areas to the exclusion of others and for other permit-controlled activities pursuant to this ordinance.
- c) Permits in General – Permits are not transferable and fees paid are not refundable. Permits must be applied for at least 72 hours in advance of event. Minor changes in the permit may be made upon written permission of the President for no additional fee providing that the specific forest preserve designated is not changed, the date or dates involved are not changed, the number of the designated areas 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.

CHAPTER 2 – 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 District:

- a) Destroy, deface, pain, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze marking or 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, bridge, pier, drain, well, fountain, pump, telephone, lamp post, fence, gate, refuse container, exhibit, display, tool storage box, utility outlet, movie screen, flagpole or any other structure or parts thereof, without written permission of the President;
- c) Deface, destroy, cover, damage or remove any placard, notice or sign, or parts thereof, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited by the District to announce the rules, regulations and warnings or any other information to the public necessary or desirable to the proper use of the forest preserve;
- d) Take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or remove any property of the District whether real, personal or inchoate, and any historical or pre-historical ruin or parts thereof, or any object of antiquity, without written permission of the President;
- e) Throw, carry, cast, drag, push or deposit any refuse container, picnic table, barricade or any other movable or non-movable property into any lake, pond, slough, stream or lagoon, or upon frozen waters thereof, or other wise 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 or inhabit, or cause to be occupied or inhabited, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure, or use for storage, or cause to be used for storage or any goods, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure, without approval of the Board and written permission of the President;
- g) Enter into or upon any preserve or waters or areas thereof, or structure closed or posted against trespass, without written permission of the President; 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, workshops or stations, tree nurseries or areas undergoing intensive reforestation or other soil or vegetative treatment, or areas hazardous to public safety or health;

- h) Tamper with in any way, enter or climb upon, damage or remove anything from, any District vehicle, watercraft, machine or implement, without written permission of the President;
- i) Misuse any refuse container or receptacle by depositing into it any hot coals or other hot or burning substances; or by depositing into it any garbage, trash, refuse or other unwanted material that was not generated on the site in the course of normal, lawful use of forest preserve facilities.

Section 2 – Destruction or Misuse of Natural Resources

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

- a) Cut, remove, uproot or wantonly 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 break or remove any branch or foliage thereof, or pick or gather any seed of any tree or other plant, without written permission of the President;
- 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, without written permission of the President;
- c) Hunt, pursue, trap, catch, capture, molest, poison, wound or kill, or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, or capture any invertebrate animal, mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian; disturb, molest or rob the nest, lair, den or burrow of any mammal, bird, insect, reptile or amphibian, without written permission of the President;
- d) Fish in any waters of the District posted against fishing; or use a bow and arrow, spear or slingshot, or hooks baited with live or dead fish, amphibian, reptile or bird; or any device using more than two hooks per line; or any net, seine or trap; or with attended or unattended lines during the hours when forest preserves are closed as defined by the provisions of this ordinance, or in violation of any applicable laws of the State of Illinois as administered by the Conservation Department thereof, or in violation of any regulations or restrictions posted by the President controlling the size, species and number of fish that can be taken from a designated body of water;
- e) Release or cause to be released any wild, domestic or pet animal, bird, fish or reptile, or bring in or plant or distribute the seeds or spores of any flowering or non-flowering plant brought into or upon District lands or waters from any outside source whatsoever, without written permission of the President;
- f) Use or cause to be used by chemical or biological pesticide or any other substance, measure or process designed to alter the anatomy or physiology of any organism for the

purpose of directly manipulating their population, without written permission of the President, and then only in compliance with all applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States;

- g) Drive, or cause to be driven, any cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock to graze or browse, without written permission of the President;
- h) Deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, or cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid, or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse, debris or junk.

Section 3 – Contraband

All animals, plants, birds, fish or reptiles, or parts thereof, killed, captured, trapped or taken or bought, sold or bartered, or had in possession contrary to any provision of this ordinance or applicable laws of the State of Illinois shall be and are hereby declared contraband and, as such, shall be subject to seizure by any District police, site manager, caretaker or employee of the District or by any duly sworn peace officer.

Section 4 – Destruction by or Misuse of Fire

No person shall, upon or in connection with any property of the District;

- a) Set fires, cause to be set on fire any tree, forest, brush land, grassland, meadow, prairie, marsh, slash, refuse, refuse container or structure;
- b) Build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except in provided fireplaces or privately-owned fire receptacles, without a written ground fire permit from the President;
- c) Build a fire or cause a fire to start in or out of a receptacle close to or in any structure whatsoever or close to any tree or other plants in such a way as to deface, damage or destroy that structure or scar, injure or destroy any trees or plants or their foliage;
- d) Drop, throw away or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecracker or other exploding device, or match;
- e) Build any fire whatsoever for any purpose in or out of a receptacle or fireplace and leave it unattended, unless such fire is properly extinguished. For the purpose of this ordinance, a fire shall be deemed properly extinguished when its ashes, residue, coals and unburned substances is cold to the human touch.

CHAPTER 3 – Regulation of Sports and Games

No person shall, upon or in connection with any property of the District, engage in the following activities:

Section 1 – Swimming

Swim, wade or bathe at any time in any of the lakes, ponds, streams, sloughs, or watercourses, except at such place or places as may be designated by the President, and then only in accordance with the rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and posted.

Section 2 – Watercraft

Bring into, attempt to launch or use, or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other watercraft upon the waters or any watercourse, lagoon, lake pond or slough, except at such place or places as may be designated by the President, and then only after obtaining an annual boat permit and registration as required by state law. Where allowed, watercraft shall be used in accordance with District rules, regulations and restrictions as posted, as well as all applicable statutes of the State of Illinois and the United States.

Section 3 – Engine-Powered Models or Toys

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

Section 4 – Horseback Riding

Bring into, unload, use or ride any horse except on those field, lots, areas, trails, paths or roadways as posted, or as designated by the President for horse use. Where allowed, horses shall be used in accordance with any rules, regulations and restrictions as established from time to time by the President.

Section 5 – Bicycling

- a) Ride a bicycle on any path, trail, roadway or other area designated and posted as prohibiting bicycles, or on any path, trail or area designated by the President and posted as being a horse or equestrian trail or area;
- b) Fail to ride a 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 so ride on a bicycle except on a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose, or operate a bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger pedestrians;
- d) Ride a bicycle on any path or trail more than two abreast or on any roadway or road used by the public for regular motor vehicle access in any other manner than single file.

Section 6 – 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 in a loud and raucous manner so as to disturb the quiet of camps, picnic areas or other public gathering places, without written permission of the President.

Section 7 – Winter Sports

- a) Sled, toboggan, ski or slide on any area posted by the President as being “unsafe” or “hazardous” or as being “closed” due to inadequate snow cover or other environmental conditions or upon being duly notified of such by the President;
- b) Enter on or upon any frozen waters to skate, fish, slide or walk, or for any purpose whatsoever when such waters are posted “closed” or “unsafe” or “hazardous” by the President or when notified of such conditions by the President;
- c) Fish through the ice on any frozen waters or parts thereof designated as ice skating areas, or other areas, by the President;
- d) Bring onto or upon the frozen waters of any lake, pond or watercourse any iceboat or wind-driven-like device or other vehicle, without written permission of the President.

Section 8 – Field and Team Sports

Play or engage in any organized team sport or game such as, but not limited to, baseball, football, field hockey, volleyball, lacrosse, or horseshoes, except in those areas designated by the President as athletic fields or, if none are available, only on those areas and for such period of time determined and permitted by the site manager in charge of the area or preserve involved in order to insure the safe and equal use of the preserve by others.

Section 9 – Amusement Contraptions

Bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any amusement or entertainment contraption, device or gadget, without written permission of the President.

Section 10 – Aviation

Make any ascent in or descent from any balloon, airplane, glider, hand glider or parachute, without written permission of the President.

Section 11 – Gambling

(Except as otherwise permitted by state law and with the prior written approval of the District).

- a) Manage, operate or engage in gambling of any form;
- b) Have in their 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, confiscation and destruction by any site manager, District police or employee of the District.

CHAPTER 4 – Regulation of Motorized Vehicles, Traffic and Parking

No person shall, upon or in connection with any property of the District, violate the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Section 1 – State Law Adopted

- a) The Illinois Vehicle Code as now or hereafter amended (625 ILCS 5/11-100 et seq.) is adopted by reference as if set forth at length in this section.
- b) Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Illinois vehicle Code shall be punished as provided in same, except that upon conviction of any such violation under this section, a fine of not less than \$75, exclusive of any costs or fees, shall be imposed.
- c) In the event of conflict between the provisions of this section and the Illinois Vehicle Code, the provisions of this section shall control as to those matters not addressed by the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Section 2 – Obedience to Chapter Required

- a) A person violates the provisions of this section if such person fails to perform any act required or does any act forbidden in this section.
- b) A person who violates the provisions of this section commits a misdemeanor.

Section 3 – 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 having to do with the equipment, control, licensing, registering and use of motorized vehicles and/or licensing of operators of such vehicles.

Section 4 – Vehicle Types and Access Allowed

- a) Operate, or cause to be operated, any motorized vehicle anywhere except on the roads, drives and parking areas provided, without written permission of the President, and then only in compliance with the directions and restrictions of the site manager in charge of the area or District police;
- 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 written permission of the President, and then only in those areas specified and in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly set forth by the President. Vehicles not so licensed and, therefore, subject to the provisions of this subsection, include, but are not limited to, snowmobiles, go-carts, trail bikes, mini-bikes, and such other all-terrain, off-the-road vehicles;
- c) Operate or move, or cause to be operated or moved, any motor vehicle locked in as a result of the closing of a forest preserve at the proper posted time, without written permission of the President or until such time as the preserve is officially opened;
- d) Operate a motorized vehicle on any road, drive or parking area posted, gated or barricaded as closed to public traffic.

Section 5 – Right-of-Way

Operate a motor vehicle in such a manner as to fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and equestrians.

Section 6 – Parking

- a) Park a vehicle overnight, without permission of the President or his designee;
- b) Park a vehicle in such a way as to block in another parked vehicle;
- c) Park a vehicle in such a way as to block, restrict or impede the normal flow of traffic;
- d) Park 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 directed by the President or his designee, or as a matter of public safety;

- f) Park a vehicle for the purpose of washing it or for the making of any repairs or alterations to any vehicle, except those of an emergency nature.

Section 7 – Speed Limit

Operate or propel a vehicle or cause a vehicle to be operated or 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 fifteen (15) miles per hour.

CHAPTER 5 – Regulation of Personal Conduct and Behavior

No person or organization, other than the District in its capacity as a municipal corporation, shall engage in the following activities, upon or in connection with any property of the District:

Section 1- Vending and Advertising

(Except as otherwise permitted by state or local law and with the prior written approval of the District).

- a) Expose or offer for sale to the general public any article or thing, or conduct or solicit any business, trade or occupation or profession without a valid concession contract agreement approved by the President, and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, it being the intention to control commercial enterprises or sales on District lands;
- b) Display, distribute, post or fix any placard, sign, handbill, pamphlet, circular, or any other writing or printed material or object containing advertising matter or announcements of any kind whatsoever, without written permission of the President, and then only in compliance with the terms of such contract approved by the District, except that groups holding a valid picnic, camping or special event permit may display signs to identify their location, the topic of the event, 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” and are not attached to any tree or shrub or any post, building, District sign, gate or other structure.

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, or any other article upon any property of the District to the obstruction of use of any preserve or to the detriment of the appearance of any preserve;
- b) By force, threats, 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 District, or obstruct the entrance into any enclosure within the District, except that nothing in this section shall be constructed 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 this ordinance.

Section 3 – Unlawful Construction or Maintenance

Erect, construct, install or perform any maintenance on, below, over or across a preserve, except by proper authorization of the District authorizing such activity and then only in accordance with

the written permission of the President 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 Use

Be present in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of any liquor, beer, drug or narcotic to the extent of being unable to perform normal bodily functions, such as maintaining balance and coherent speech, or because of the influence of such or like substances engage in behavior or speech that intimidates others or interferes with or unreasonably disrupts others in the normal, safe use of the forest preserve or any facility thereof.

Section 5 – Weapons and Harmful Substances

At any time have in their possession or on or about their person, concealed or otherwise, any firearm, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, slingshot, crossbow, spear or spear gun, switchblade knife, stiletto, sword, blackjack, billy club, any dangerous weapon capable of discharging a projectile by air, spirits, gas weapon or explosion, any explosive substance or harmful solid, liquid or gaseous substance, or any other dangerous weapon, except at those ranges or areas designated for their use by the President, and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly set forth for the proper use of such ranges or areas. Nothing contained herein shall be constructed to prevent any District police, deputy, sheriff, coroner, game warden, state policeman, or any other duly sworn peace officer from carrying such weapons as may be authorized and necessary for the discharge of their duties nor shall it apply to any person summoned by any 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 or delay, or in any manner hinder any employee engaged in the performance of his duties;
- b) Give or offer to give any employee any money, gift, privilege or article of value on or off District property in order to violate the provisions of this ordinance or any other District ordinance, contract or permit, or statute of the State of Illinois and the United States, or in order to gain or receive special consideration and treatment in the use of any District property or facility.

Section 7 – Control and Treatment of Animals

- a) Bring in, lead or carry any dog that is unleashed or on a leash longer than ten (10) feet, except at those areas designated by the President for dog training, and then only in accordance with the rules and regulations duly promulgated for the control of such area or areas;
- b) Willfully or negligently cause or allow or release any animal or fowl, wild or domestic pet, to run or remain at large, except within those areas designated by the President, and then only in accordance with the rules and regulations duly promulgated for the control of such area or areas;

- 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 forest preserve, or part thereof, designated as a nature preserve or nature area or historic site, without written permission of the President unless such animal is kept confined within a closed vehicle or trailer;
- e) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the President for purposes of public safety, such as, but not limited to, the protection of District property or the protection of employees in the performance of their duties of search and rescue.

Section 8 – Commercial Photography

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

Section 9 – Honoring Permits

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

Section 10 – Pyrotechnics

Set off or attempt to set off or ignite any firecracker, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder guns or other pyrotechnics.

CHAPTER 6 – Enforcement

Section 1 – District Police

All members of the District police have the power and are authorized to arrest, with or without process, any persons found in the act of violating any ordinance of the District or law of the State of Illinois.

Section 2 – 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 this or any other ordinance or statute, the District 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 3 – Fines and Penalties

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined an amount not less than \$75, but not more than \$500 for each offense.

Section 4 – Authority of Other Agencies

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent other officers from carrying out their sworn duties within the territories of the District as defined by applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States or ordinances of Kane County, Illinois, or in accordance with any other intergovernmental policing agreement approved by the Board.

Section 5 – Permits and Designated Areas – Authority

To carry out the terms of this ordinance, the President or his designee is hereby given authority to issue permits, post notices or take other action as called for herein, subject to the guidelines herein set forth.

- a) The President 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, or in order to protect the natural resources from the unreasonable harm, and to promulgate and issue permits where required by this ordinance and collect such fees as established by the District in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - 1) No person shall be discriminated against because of race, sex, creed, color or national origin.

- 2) The proposed use or activity will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's use and enjoyment of the preserve and surrounding property or facilities.
 - 3) The proposed use or activity is not reasonably likely to result in violence or in serious harm to property or persons.
 - 4) The proposed activity or use will not entail extraordinary expense of operational costs by the District or expose it to unusual or extreme liability.
 - 5) The area desired has not been reserved for another activity at the same time.
 - 6) The proposed activity is not reasonably expected to detract from the promotion of public health.
 - 7) The proposed activity is reasonably compatible with the type of preserve, the size and character of the area or waters involved and facilities available, and it is not reasonably expected to cause irreparable harm or extreme damage to the natural environment of the preserve.
- b) The President may impose reasonable restrictions on the granting of a permit, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
- 1) Restrict the open dates for reserved area use, the length of time an area will be held for reserved amplification devices, amusement devices, off-the-road vehicle access, the number of persons present, the locations and type of any tents, bandstands, stages or temporary structures, the use of domestic, , pet or trained animals, the use of shelters or structures, the collecting for any purpose of any water, soils, minerals, flora or 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 preserve by others or of damage to District property;
 - 2) Require proof of and establish the amount of liability insurance required, require a hold harmless agreement or a certificate of insurance naming the District as an additional insured when the activity is deemed by the President to require such;
 - 3) Require 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) Require an applicant to furnish additional security forces at the applicant's expense, such forces to act under District supervision.
- c) All permits required by the ordinance and issued by the President shall be issued at the District headquarters in Geneva, Illinois, on a first-come, first-served basis beginning the first working day of each calendar year for open dates or for such total number allowed during that calendar year. All applications for permits shall be

submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the earliest requested date, provided that the President may waive the 72-hour time period in the interest of public health or safety or for such events that are of a significant civic nature.

- d) The President 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 such required information.
- f) No person granted a permit shall violate the requirements, terms, conditions, rules or restrictions duly set forth under the authority of this ordinance as part of any granted permit or registration.
- g) The Board of Commissioners of the District may set forth in other ordinances such permit or registration fees as it deems proper and may change them from time to time.
- h) No person shall obtain or use any permit without first having paid the fee established by ordinance for such permit.
- i) All designated areas, waters and facilities, and all permit restrictions, rules, regulations or conditions are subject to review at any time by the Board of Commissioners of the District. Any aggrieved person shall have the right to petition the Board, in writing, regarding denial or restriction of use or activity and be properly heard by the Board as the President shall direct.

Section 6 – Civil Suits

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

Section 7 – State, Federal and Local Laws

All persons within the forest preserves of Kane County, Illinois, are subject to all ordinances, rules and regulations of the District, as well as all applicable laws of the United States, 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 Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois, 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 7 – Construction of Words and Definitions

Section 1 – Construction of Words

Whenever any words in any ordinance 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 or in the masculine gender only, several matters, parties or persons, and females, as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included;

Provided, however, that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any ordinance which shall contain any express provision excluding such construction.

Section 2 – Definitions

- a) “District,” wherever used, means the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois.
- b) “Board,” wherever used, means the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the District.
- c) “Executive Committee,” wherever used, means the Executive Committee of the Board.
- d) “Designee,” wherever used, means those individuals employed by the District acting in their official capacity for or on behalf of the District.
- e) “Site manager,” wherever used, means the manager of each particular site.
- f) “Person” or “persons,” wherever used, means individuals, firms, corporations, societies or any group or gathering whatsoever.
- g) “Permit,” wherever used, means the written or oral permission which must be obtained from the President. Whether a written permit is required shall be determined at the sole discretion of the President.
- h) “Forest preserve” or “preserve,” wherever used, means land and waters or property holdings of the District.
- i) “Waters,” wherever used, means waters within the jurisdiction of the District.
- j) “Employee,” wherever used, means any full or part-time, regular or temporary worker in the employ of the District under the supervision of the District.

- k) "Watercraft," wherever used, means any device of conveyance on the water, whether propelled by motor, engine, wind or human power.
- l) "Vehicle," wherever used, means any device of conveyance on the land using wheels or belt-type track or tracks, skids or skis, and propelled by an engine or motor, and includes those land conveyances that are able to float and operate on water.
- m) "Sound and energy amplification," wherever used, means music, speech or any sound or noise transmitted by artificial means, including, but not limited to, amplifiers, loudspeakers, radios, and any similar devices, or lights, rays, lenses, mirrors or laser beams, or the like.
- n) "Amusement contraptions," wherever used, means any contrivance, device, gadget, machine or structure designed to test the skill or strength of the user or provide 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.
- o) "Legal adult," wherever used, means one who has reached the age of majority as defined by the laws or the State of Illinois.
- p) "Area(s)," wherever used, means a specified place within a forest preserve.
- q) "Exclusion of others," wherever used, refers to prohibiting use or behavior by others which disrupts or prevents the authorized and lawful use of a designated area or structure in a preserve by a person or persons holding a valid permit for such area or structure and activity.
- r) "Property," wherever used, means any lands, waters, facilities or possessions of the District.
- s) "President," wherever used, means the President of the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners.
- t) "Written permission of the President," wherever used, means the written permission of the President or his agents or nominees.
- u) "Posted," wherever used, refers to a notice posted, either by a sign in a forest preserve, at the entrance to a forest preserve or at headquarters, the location being at the discretion of the President.

CHAPTER 8 – Miscellaneous

Section 1 – Conflict

All District ordinances and parts of ordinances and all resolutions and orders, or any parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance, or any parts hereof, are hereby repelled.

Section 2 – Enactment

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, as by statute in such case made and provided.

Section 3 – Captions and Headings

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

Section 4 – Severability

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

CHAPTER 9 – Amendments

This ordinance may be amended from time to time by the District and such amendment may be shown by marking the section amended, attaching the amendment to this ordinance, or filling in the following schedule of information:

Date	Chapter	Section	Title or Description
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APPROVED AND PASSED this 8th day of AUGUST, 1995.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

APPROVED:

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KANE

ORDINANCE NO. FP-0-10-95-214

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL USE REGULATION OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS” (FP-0-08-95-213)

1) BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, that Chapter V, Section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4 – Drug and Alcohol Use

Be in possession of any alcoholic beverage of any type or quantity. Be present in any intoxicated condition or under the influence of any liquor, as defined by state law, beer, drug or narcotic to the extent of being unable to perform normal bodily functions, such as maintaining balance or coherent speech, or because of the influence of such or like substances engage in behavior or speech that intimidates others or interferes with or unreasonably disrupts others in the normal, safe use of the forest preserve or any facility thereof. The District ordinance will be considered to have been violated by any person who brings, distributes or otherwise possesses, any alcoholic beverage of any type or quantity on land or conveyances owned by the District or in which the District has an interest, except the Kane County Cultural Center (Campbell House), where the service of intoxicating beverages, in concert with a previously approved use of the facility by the Kane County Forest Preserve Commission and any local authority, if necessary, may be permitted, and the Kane County Events Center Complex and Settler’s Hill Golf Course, where the service and sale of intoxicating beverages, in accordance with a properly issued and unexpired liquor license, will be permitted.

1) This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 10th day of October, 1995.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

APPROVED

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KANE

ORDINANCE NO. FP-0-06-96-222

AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. FP-0-08-95-213, GENERAL USE REGULATION
ORDINANCE OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1) BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois that 70 ILCS 805/8 (a) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides the following:

The Commission shall have the right and power to appoint and maintain a sufficient police force, the members of which may have and exercise police powers over the territory within such forest preserves 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;
and,

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 805/8 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides in part the following :

The Commission 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 conduct of the business of such district; and,

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rules 526, 527 and 528 provide for the posting of bail in certain ordinance violations; and,

WHEREAS, the District has the authority and the power to amend this General Use Regulation Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Chapter 6, Enforcement. Section 1 – District Police is amended to read as follows:

All members of the District Police shall have the power and are authorized to arrest, with or without process, any persons found in the act of violating any ordinance of the District or law of the State of Illinois.

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All members of the District Police have the authority and discretion to release an offender on a written promise to comply or to require, after personally being served by the District Officer with a citation and complaint, bail to be posted in the following circumstances:

- a) Traffic offenses as contemplated by the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code and adopted by Chapter 4 of this General Use Ordinance shall require bail as set in the bail schedules in Supreme Court Rule 526.

b) Any and all conservation offenses as delineated in Chapter 2, Section 2 (c) (d) (e) of the General Use Ordinance shall adhere to the bail schedule for conservation offenses as delineated in Supreme Court Rule 527.

c) Bail for all other offenses other than traffic or conservation offenses shall be \$75.

Cash or cash bail mean United States currency, travelers checks issued by major banks or express companies which, alone or in combination with currency, total the exact amount required to be deposited as bail.

2) This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage and publication as required by law.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 11th day of June, 1996.

APPROVED

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KANE

RESOLUTION NO. FP-0-04-04-383

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL USE REGULATION OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,” (FP-0-0-08-95-213)

1) BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that Chapter 1, Section 3, Sub-Section b.2 is amended to read as follows:

Camping. A permit is required. The permit reserves a designated area to the exclusion of others and allows permittee to remain in the preserve overnight. For organized, sponsored youth group campsites, the permit may be valid from one to seven consecutive nights; for family or adult campgrounds, the permit may be valid from one to ~~three consecutive nights~~, fourteen consecutive nights and will only be issued to an adult 21 years of age or older who agrees to remain on the site at all times. All camping is for recreational purposes only, not for residential purposes. The permit may provide permission for other permit-controlled activities.

2) This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2003.

APPROVED:

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

ATTEST:

President, Board of Commissioners
Forest Preserve District of Kane County