

**GENERAL USE REGULATION  
ORDINANCE NO. 124  
OF THE  
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OF WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, hereinafter called "DISTRICT", to establish a General Use Ordinance governing the public use of Forest Preserves of the DISTRICT; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, Section 805/7, of the **Illinois Law 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 therefrom 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, Chapter 70, Section 805/7(a), of the **Illinois Law Compiled Statutes** provides as follows:

"The board of any forest preserve district organized hereunder may by ordinance regulate, control and license equestrian travel on all paths, driveways and roadways within the forest preserve district."

and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, Section 805/7(b), of the **Illinois Law 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, Chapter 70, Section 805/8, of the **Illinois Law Compiled Statutes** provides as follows:

"The board shall be the corporate authority of such forest preserve district and shall have power to pass and enforce all necessary ordinances, rules and

regulations for the management of the property and conduct of the business of such district.”

and,

WHEREAS, it is reasonable, necessary and desirable for the DISTRICT to provide rules and regulations in order to provide: for the safe and peaceful use of the FOREST PRESERVES; for the education and recreation of the public; for the protection and preservation of the property, facilities, flora and fauna of the FOREST PRESERVES; and for the safety and general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has the authority and the power to establish this General Use Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the PRESIDENT and 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. The DISTRICT’S mission is to protect, conserve, enhance, and promote Will County’s natural heritage for the educational, recreational, and environmental benefit of present and future generations. This is accomplished by acquiring, restoring, restocking, developing and interpreting a well-balanced system of FOREST PRESERVES with scenic, ecological, recreational and historic values for the inspiration, use and enjoyment by the general public. This Ordinance is intended to help carry out this mission and function.

### **SECTION 2: HOURS OF USE.**

a. FOREST PRESERVES shall be open to public from 8:00 a.m. to sunset unless otherwise specifically POSTED, signed, or in accordance with established public safety or snow removal procedures.

b. No PERSON shall remain in the FOREST PRESERVES when the FOREST PRESERVES are not open to the public without a PERMIT or written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

### **SECTION 3: PERMITS.**

a. Some uses of FOREST PRESERVES are allowed only with a PERMIT. Through the permitting process, the DISTRICT can determine whether specific uses can be conducted in a manner that insures public safety, protects FOREST PRESERVES, and complies with the DISTRICT’S intended use for the PRESERVE requested for use.

b. No PERSON shall conduct, operate, present, manage or take part in the following activities in FOREST PRESERVES unless a PERMIT is obtained prior to the start of the activity:

1. Any contest, show, exhibit, dramatic performance, play, act, filming, commercial photography, acrobatic feat, bazaar, sporting event, musical event, ceremony, children's day camp, camporee, Klondike or Yukon derby, Livery stable, political or non-political fundraisers, for-profit classes, organized runs, walks, and bike rides, or any public meeting, assembly or parade including, but not limited to, drills or maneuvers, rallies, picketing, speeches and addresses, marches or political meetings.
2. Any use of any FOREST PRESERVE area or facility by a certain PERSON or group of PERSONS to the exclusion of others.
3. Camping on lands of the DISTRICT or inhabiting any structure or facility overnight.
4. Access to and any use of that portion of a FOREST PRESERVE designated as a Dog Park.
5. Any geocaching activities within a FOREST PRESERVE.
6. Any metal detecting activities within a FOREST PRESERVE.
7. Assemble in a group of 25 or more for any organized activity within a FOREST PRESERVE.

c. PERSONS desiring the above activities may apply to the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for a written PERMIT under the following categories;

1. PICNIC: No PERMIT is required to have a picnic for groups of less than 25 PERSONS; however, if a group of less than 25 desires to reserve a designated area, areas or shelter to the exclusion of others then a PERMIT is required. A PERMIT is required to have a picnic for groups of 25 PERSONS or more. Any group that desires, in conjunction with a picnic, controlled activities such as but not limited to, pig roast, special vehicle access, bounce houses, DJ, and the like, must so indicate these activities at time of application for permit. Such requests may be approved with consideration of current District policy by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. Additionally, the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee shall specify written conditions regulating the issuance of a PICNIC PERMIT, and may impose any special conditions or charge additional fees as approved in the current fee ordinance, which may be

related to the issuance of a PICNIC PERMIT, in accordance with Section 5 of this Ordinance.

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 FOREST PRESERVE overnight. For organized, sponsored group campsites, the PERMIT may be valid for from one to seven consecutive nights; for family or adult campgrounds, the PERMIT may be valid for from one to seven consecutive nights. The PERMIT may also provide permission for other PERMIT controlled activities. All PERSONS granted a PERMIT to camp on FOREST PRESERVE property shall observe quiet time between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Campers must arrive before dusk/preserve closing time.
  
3. **Non-DISTRICT EVENT or SPECIAL USE:** 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. The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee shall specify written conditions regulating the issuance of a Non-DISTRICT EVENT PERMIT, and may impose any special conditions or charge additional fees as approved in the current fee ordinance, which may be related to the issuance of a Non-DISTRICT EVENT PERMIT, in accordance with Section 5 of this Ordinance.
  
4. **DOG PARKS:** A PERMIT is required to access and use any portion of a FOREST PRESERVE designated as a Dog Park. Each individual or business PERMIT holder may only have three dogs in a Dog Park at one time. Dogs must be older than six months to use a Dog Park. Any Dog Park PERMIT holder must have a copy of their permit on their person when using a Dog Park.
  - i. Annual PERMITS are valid from the date of issue until December 31st of that calendar year. One day PERMITS are valid until park closure on the day of issuance. No more than one PERMIT will be issued per person and up to three dogs are allowed on one PERMIT.
  - ii. An annual business PERMIT is required for all dog walking services to access and use a portion of a FOREST PRESERVE designated as a Dog Park. The business PERMIT holder is required to provide the DISTRICT with a certificate of insurance. There is no limit on the number of dogs allowed on the business permit. All CLIENTS of the business PERMIT holder must possess a current dog park permit for their dogs. The business PERMIT holder must have copies of their CLIENTS' permits on

their PERSON when using a Dog Park. Unpermitted dogs are not allowed in a Dog Park.

iii. A PERSON who is a foster dog parent can obtain an annual PERMIT for a foster dog and is allowed to transfer that permit to another foster dog should the original dog be adopted. If the same foster parent has multiple foster dogs at the same time, they would need to pay the additional PERMIT fees for 2 or 3 dogs, which are also transferrable. Foster dog parents will be required to wear a special lanyard and it is the responsibility of the owner to notify the District when a transfer needs to occur. Unpermitted foster dogs are not allowed in a Dog Park.

5. GEOCACHING: A PERMIT is required for placement of geocaches on FOREST PRESERVES. No geocaches may be placed in an Illinois NATURE PRESERVE. Geocaches will only be allowed in locations approved by the DISTRICT. All caches must be placed in approved DISTRICT containers: clear, no greater in size than 4" x 8" x 12", and labeled "geocache". Geocache must not contain food items or offensive or hazardous materials. Geocaches will not be buried or attached to vegetation or structures; no vegetation or natural features will be disturbed in any manner upon placement of geocache. Geocaching in FOREST PRESERVES after normal preserve hours is prohibited. PERMITS are valid from date of issue until March 31 of the next year. All requests for such permits must comply with DISTRICT policy and be approved by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

6. FACILITY RENTALS: A PERMIT is required for any facility rentals. The PERMIT reserves a designated area or areas to the exclusion of others. The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee shall specify written conditions regulating the issuance of a FACILITY RENTAL PERMIT, and may impose any special conditions or charge additional fees as approved in the current fee ordinance, which may be related to the issuance of a FACILITY RENTAL PERMIT, in accordance with Section 5 of this Ordinance.

d. PERMITS IN GENERAL:

1. PERMITS are subject to fees set by the BOARD.
2. PERMITS must be secured in advance of use and in accordance with the timeframes set forth in the administrative guidelines.
3. REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS must be presented to the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for consideration. Refunds may be issued in accordance with administrative guidelines. Refunds are not guaranteed and will be determined on a case by case basis.



4. Fees established by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS shall not be waived.
5. Specific CHANGES TO A PERMIT may be made upon written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for no additional fee, including date changes if available, location changes if available, and the addition of other reservable spaces if available, provided such changes comply with all rules and regulations. Permits are not transferrable or assignable except for foster dogs as noted in Section 3(c)(4)(iii).
  - i. One occurrence is allowed for making the changes noted above.
  - ii. 14 days advance notice is required for changes to a Non-DISTRICT EVENT PERMIT.
  - iii. 2 business days advance notice is required for changes to all other PERMITS.
6. PERMITS may also be required for other activities.
7. PERMITS shall only be issued to an ADULT and the ADULT who is the PERMIT HOLDER must be present during the PERMIT activity.
8. Any PERSON obtaining a PERMIT must keep that PERMIT on their person during the exercise of rights specified and granted in the PERMIT.

## **CHAPTER II – 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, paint, 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, latrine, picnic table, bench, bridge, pier, drain, well, fountain, pump, telephone, lamp post, fence, gate, refuse container, exhibit, display, tool storage box, utility outlet, movie screen, flag post or any other structure or parts thereof, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

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 PRESERVES.

d. Take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or remove any historical or pre-historical ruin or parts thereof, or any object of antiquity, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

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 the frozen WATERS thereof or to 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 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 the storage of any goods, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure without approval of the BOARD, and written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

g. Enter into or upon any FOREST PRESERVE or WATERS or areas thereof or structure closed or POSTED against trespass, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

b. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, downed timber, wood, chips, peat, fossil, 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

c. Hunt, pursue, trap, catch, capture, molest, poison, wound or kill 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 written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

d. Fish in any WATERS of the DISTRICT POSTED against fishing; or fish with attended or unattended lines during the hours that FOREST PRESERVES are closed as defined by provisions of this Ordinance; or fish in violation of any applicable laws of the State of Illinois as administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources thereof or without a valid Illinois Fishing License; or fish in violation of any regulations or restrictions posted by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee controlling the size, species and number of fish that can be taken from a designated body of WATER.

e. Fish in any WATERS of the DISTRICT by using a bow and arrow, spear or slingshot; or by using hooks baited with an amphibian, reptile or bird; or with any device using more than two hooks per line; or any net, seine or trap.

f. 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

g. Use or cause to be used any chemical or biological pesticide or any other substance, measure or process designated to alter the anatomy or physiology of any organism for the purpose of directly manipulating their populations, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in compliance with all applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States.

h. Drive, or cause to be driven, any cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock to graze or browse, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

i. Deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, nor cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any fill, sediment, ashes, medical waste, hazardous materials, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse, debris or junk. However, on site produced garbage can be deposited in designated containers or removed from site as indicated or instructed.

j. Deposit, withdraw, re-route, or alter or cause to be deposited, withdrawn, re-routed or altered any WATERS that is beyond the natural or background fluctuation of WATER levels, or that alters the WATER quality, quantity, flow direction, and pattern, or that otherwise results in the damage to natural resources without the approval of the BOARD or written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee, and then only in compliance with all applicable laws of the State of Illinois and the United States.

**SECTION 3: CONTRABAND.** All animals, plants, birds, fish, reptiles, fossils, artifacts or architectural elements, 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 police officer, 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 fire, or cause to be set on fire, any tree, forest, brushland, grassland, meadow, prairie, marsh, slash, refuse, container or structure without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

b. Build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except in provided fireplaces or provided or privately-owned fire receptacles, without a written Special Use Permit from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

c. Build a fire or cause a fire to start in or out of 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 tree or plants or their foliage.

d. Drop, throw away or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecracker 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 substance are cold to the human touch.

f. Set fire, or cause to be set on fire, in or out of a receptacle, any materials not for burning, including but not limited to metal objects, chemicals, wood with metal pieces such as nails, etc.

## **CHAPTER III – REGULATION OF SPORTS AND GAMES**

**SECTION 1: SWIMMING.** No PERSON or PET shall upon, within, or in connection with any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in accordance with the rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and POSTED.

**SECTION 2: WATERCRAFT.** No PERSON shall upon, within, or in connection with any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT bring into, attempt to launch or use, or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other WATERCRAFT upon the WATERS of any watercourse, lagoon, lake, pond or slough, except at such place or places as may be designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only after obtaining written approval from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. Where allowed, WATERCRAFT shall be used in accordance with DISTRICT rules, regulations and restrictions duly set forth as part of any such written permission and POSTED, as well as all applicable statutes of the State of Illinois and the United States.

**SECTION 3: ENGINE POWERED MODELS OR TOYS.** No PERSON shall upon, within, or in connection with any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT start, fly or use any fuel-powered engine or jet-type or electric-powered model aircraft, boat or rocket or like powered toy or model, except at those areas or WATERS designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for such use and then only in accordance with such rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and POSTED by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

**SECTION 4: HORSEBACK RIDING.** No PERSON shall upon, within, or in connection with any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT ride or drive a horse except on those driveways, roadways, paths, trails, areas, or fields, specifically designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for equestrian usage.

a. The word “Rider” as used herein is defined as any person having the physical control of a horse or who is responsible for the physical control of a horse. The word “horse” as used herein is defined as any member of the equine family.

b. Usage of DISTRICT PROPERTY by a Livery Stable shall be allowed only under the following conditions:

1. Stables are required to obtain and maintain a valid SPECIAL USE PERMIT from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.
2. Stables shall obtain and maintain liability insurance for their riders in amounts equal to or exceeding minimums established by the DISTRICT. Said liability insurance shall indemnify or coinsure the DISTRICT from

loss. Proof of said liability insurance shall be required prior to issuance of a SPECIAL USE PERMIT.

3. Riders from permitted stables shall be supervised and accompanied by a trained, responsible adult escort or trail guide. At least one (1) escort shall be required for each group of six (6) livery horses or fraction thereof.

c. Trailers shall be parked and off-loaded or loaded in designated areas only and all trailers shall conform to all regulations as stated with the Illinois Vehicle Code Chapter 625 of the 1992 Illinois Compiled Statutes.

d. It shall be unlawful within and upon any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT for any Rider(s) or person:

1. To permit a horse in their custody to move about uncontrolled.
2. To treat a horse cruelly or knowingly permit such treatment.
3. To ride a horse that is not adequately and safely equipped for riding.
4. To ride a horse in such a manner as to injure/endanger himself/herself or any other person or property.
5. To ride in such a manner or proximity of others as to disrupt their normal activities.
6. To ride a horse while such PERSON is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Under the age of twelve (12) to ride a horse unless accompanied by an ADULT.
8. To permit more than two (2) PERSONS at a time to ride a horse.
9. To ride a horse at a gallop. Only walking, trotting, or a slow canter shall be allowed.

e. Rider shall:

1. Use only such trails, paths, roadways, or areas within the DISTRICT designated for equestrian usage.
2. Use such trails, paths, or areas during the DISTRICT'S hours of operation.
3. Use only such trails, paths, roadways, or areas within the DISTRICT specifically designated for driving horses and only when conditions allow.

4. Stay to the right on established trails, paths, or roadways.
5. Slow to walk or slow to trot on meeting other riders, hikers, or bicyclists and ride in a single file.
6. Not ride more than two (2) abreast on any trail, path, or roadway.
7. Adhere to other rules and regulations as POSTED.

f. The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee shall have the right and authority to issue and promulgate any additional riding regulations and to establish fees and fines deemed necessary and in accordance with Ordinances and resolutions adopted by the BOARD. Such additional regulations shall become effective ten (10) days after their publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the DISTRICT and posting at the DISTRICT Office.

**SECTION 5: BICYCLING. PERSONS** riding a BICYCLE must conform to Federal and State BICYCLE laws. No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

- a. Ride a BICYCLE except on a designated path, trail, or roadway.
- b. Fail to ride a BICYCLE on 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 or other PERSONS on DISTRICT PROPERTY.

**SECTION 6: SOUND OR ENERGY AMPLIFICATION.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT 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; 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 or in such a manner as to disturb the quiet camps, picnic areas or other public gathering places, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

**SECTION 7: WINTER SPORTS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

- a. Sled, toboggan, ski or slide on any area POSTED by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. The above activities shall only be permitted in areas POSTED by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee or when notified of such conditions by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The above activities shall only be permitted in areas POSTED by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

c. Fish through the ice on any frozen WATERS or parts thereof.

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

**SECTION 8: FIELD AND TEAM SPORTS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT play or engage in any 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee as athletic fields or, if none are available, only on those areas and for such period of time determined by, and permitted by, the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. At no time shall such activity conflict with, impede, or disrupt an intended use.

**SECTION 9: DOG EXERCISING.** No PERSON shall upon, within, or in connection with any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT exercise a dog off leash except in a dog park specifically designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for dog exercising. Otherwise, dogs must be leashed (no longer than 10’). Dog feces must be removed and disposed of properly. Dogs are prohibited from entering Illinois Nature Preserves, unless otherwise posted.

Usage of any DISTRICT Dog Park shall be allowed only under the following conditions:

a. All Dog Park users are required to possess a permit and pay fees in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 3 of this Ordinance and administrative guidelines.

**SECTION 10: AMUSEMENT CONTRAPTIONS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any amusement or entertainment contraption, device or gadget, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

**SECTION 11: AVIATION.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT make any ascent (or landing), except in the case of an emergency, in a balloon, aircraft, airplane, glider, or hang glider, or any descent in or from any balloon, aircraft, airplane, glider, or hang glider, or parachute, without written



permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. No PERSON shall fly a drone from PROPERTY of the DISTRICT without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

**SECTION 12: GAMBLING.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY 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 Police officer or EMPLOYEE of the DISTRICT.

#### **CHAPTER IV – REGULATION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

**SECTION 1: VEHICLE OPERATION AND EQUIPMENT.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT 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 the licensing of operators of such VEHICLES.

**SECTION 2: VEHICLE TYPES AND ACCESS ALLOWED.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

- 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in compliance with the directions and restrictions of the local police of the area;
- 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in those areas specified and in accord with the rules and restrictions duly set forth by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee. VEHICLES not so licensed and, therefore, subject to the provisions of this sub-section 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 the FOREST PRESERVES at the proper POSTED

time, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee or until such time that the FOREST 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.

e. Any unauthorized VEHICLE and/or WATERCRAFT located in or on any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT after closing, parked in a way which violates this Ordinance or that is operated in violation of: the Illinois Vehicle Code, including but limited to Section 11-204.1, Section 11.501, Section 11-501.1, Section 6-101 and Section 6-303; the Cannabis Control Act; the Controlled Substances Act shall be subject to removal by towing. Prior to release of the VEHICLE and/or WATERCRAFT the owner shall pay a \$350.00 administrative fee to the DISTRICT. The owner of the VEHICLE and/or WATERCRAFT shall also be responsible for the payment of any and all towing fee and any other ancillary charges including but not limited to storage fees.

f. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting VEHICLES that are POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES to use parking areas, walkways and PAVED paths and trails within the FOREST PRESERVES. POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES are not allowed on UNPAVED paths and trails within the FOREST PRESERVES.

**SECTION 3: RIGHT-OF-WAY.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT operate a motor VEHICLE in such a manner as to fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorized assistive devices and equestrians.

**SECTION 4: PARKING.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

a. Park a VEHICLE overnight or after posted closing time, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her 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, a matter of public safety, or outside of designated areas for a DISTRICT sponsored event;

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.

- g. Congregate within parking area.

**SECTION 5: SPEED LIMIT.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT operate or propel, a VEHICLE 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 m.p.h.

**SECTION 6: POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

- a. Operate a POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE unless said person is qualified individual under the ADA.
- b. Operate a POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE except on a designated path, trail, or roadway.
- c. Fail to drive the right hand side of any road, trail or path, as conditions shall permit.
- d. Fail to obey POSTED speed limits.
- e. Carry another PERSON on the frame or operate the device in a reckless manner so as to endanger other patrons.

## **CHAPTER V – REGULATION OF PERSONAL CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR**

### **SECTION 1: PRESERVE, TRAIL USE AND ETIQUETTE.**

- a. Use of DISTRICT PRESERVES is at the PERSON'S own risk. The DISTRICT makes no warranty as to a PERSON'S safety.
- b. While in a FOREST PRESERVE designated as an Illinois State Nature Preserve and all other FOREST PRESERVE PROPERTY, PERSONS must follow posted rules and regulations, as well as adhere to all federal and state laws.
- c. PERSONS are encouraged to stay on designated trails and paths.
- d. PERSONS should be aware of other trail users, and exercise proper judgment for the safety of everyone.
- e. PERSONS should travel at safe speeds, and proceed at a slower pace when the trails are in heavy use.

f. Faster traffic should pass on the left, politely warning others of their approach from behind.

g. PERSONS should not block the trail.

h. PERSONS should use no more than half of the trail width when in a group, and be sure to watch and listen for other trail users.

**SECTION 2: VENDING AND ADVERTISING.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

a. Expose or offer for sale to the general public any articles or things, or conduct or solicit any business, trade or occupation or profession without a valid Contract Agreement approved by the BOARD and/or EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the DISTRICT 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 objects containing advertising information or announcements of any kind whatsoever, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in compliance with the terms of such PERMIT or in compliance with the terms of a valid Contract Agreement approved by the BOARD and/or EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the District, 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" by 30" and are not attached to any tree or shrub or any post, building, DISTRICT sign, gate or other structure.

**SECTION 3: UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTIONS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

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 FOREST PRESERVE or to the detriment of the appearance of any FOREST PRESERVE;

b. By force, threats, intimidations 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 preventing or obstructing free passage or transit over or through any lands or WATERS of the DISTRICT or obstruct the entrance into any enclosure within the 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 this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4: UNLAWFUL CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT erect, construct, install or perform any maintenance on, below, over or across a FOREST PRESERVE except by proper authorization of the DISTRICT authorizing such activity and then only in accordance with written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such authorization.

**SECTION 5: DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT be present in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of liquor, beer, drug or narcotic to the extent of being unable to perform normal body functions, such as maintaining balance and coherent speech, or because of the influence of such or like substances engage, in behavior of speech that intimidates others or interferes with or unreasonably disrupts others in the normal, safe use of the FOREST PRESERVES or any facility thereof.

**SECTION 6: WEAPONS AND HARMFUL SUBSTANCES.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT 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, cross bow, spear or spear gun, switchblade knife, stiletto, sword, blackjack, billy club, any weapon capable of discharging a projectile by air, spirit, gas or explosive, any explosive substance or harmful solid, liquid or gaseous substance or any other dangerous weapon, except at those ranges or areas designated for their use by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly set forth for the proper use of such ranges or areas, or as otherwise allowed by state law. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any sworn law enforcement officer or any other duly sworn peace officer from carrying such weapons as may be authorized and necessary in the discharge of their duties nor shall it apply to any person summoned by any such Officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while such person is engaged in assisting.

**SECTION 7: HINDERING OR BRIBING EMPLOYEES.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

a. Interfere with, unreasonably disrupt or delay or in any manner hinder any COMMISSIONER, EMPLOYEE, CONTRACTOR, CONSULTANT, or VOLUNTEER engaged in the performance of his/her duties;

b. Give or offer to give any COMMISSIONER, EMPLOYEE, or VOLUNTEER 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, or administrative rules, policies or procedures, contract, or PERMIT or statute of the State

of Illinois and 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 DISTRICT PROPERTY or facility.

**SECTION 8: CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

a. Bring in, lead, or carry any dog that is unleashed or on a leash longer than ten feet, except in those areas designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for dog use and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions duly promulgated for the control of such area or areas.

1. Permit or allow the dog to defecate unless the owner or PERSON having control or custody of the dog immediately removes the feces and properly disposes of it.
2. Walk a dog without carrying, at all times, a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of canine feces.
3. Fail to dispose of the container of feces in an approved sanitary manner.
4. Section 8a 1-3 shall not be applicable to Seeing Eye dogs or dogs used by public law enforcement agencies and under the control a law enforcement officer.
5. Refer to Chapter 3, Section 9 for Dog Exercising.

b. Willfully or neglectfully cause or allow or release any animal or fowl, wild, domestic or pet, to run or remain at large, except within those areas designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in accordance with the rules and restrictions 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 PRESERVES as may be designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee and then only in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the rules and restrictions duly promulgated for the control of such area or areas.

e. Hitch or tie any horse or other animal to any tree, bush or shrub.

f. Bring in, lead, drive, ride or carry any wild, domestic or pet predator animal or bird, leashed or unleashed into or upon any FOREST PRESERVE, or part thereof,

designated as a NATURE PRESERVE or Nature Area or Historic Site, without written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

g. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for purposes of public safety, such as, but not limited to, the protection of DISTRICT PROPERTY or the protection of EMPLOYEES or VOLUNTEERS in the performance of their duties or search or rescue.

h. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee for purposes of public education programs approved and sponsored by the DISTRICT.

i. Animal Care on PROPERTY of the DISTRICT:

1. Each owner shall provide for each of his or her animals:

i. Sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water.

ii. Adequate shelter and protection from the weather.

iii. Veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering.

iv. Humane care and treatment.

2. No PERSON shall leave any animal unattended in a motor vehicle or enclosed trailer when the outside temperature shall exceed 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 degrees Celsius) or contain any animal in such manner that said animal does not have proper air circulation while confined in a motor vehicle, trailer, kennel, dog house, or any type of container or structure in which an animal may be confined.

j. Control of Animals on PROPERTY of the DISTRICT: No owner shall permit or suffer his or her animal to:

1. Molest PERSONS or vehicles by chasing, barking or biting.

2. Attack other animals.

3. Damage property other than that of the owner.

4. Bark, whine, or howl excessively.

5. Create noxious or offensive odors

**SECTION 9: HONORING PERMITS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT by act or speech willfully or unreasonably hinder, interrupt or interfere with any duly permitted activity or unreasonably or willfully intrude on any areas or into the structures designated for the use of a certain PERSON or PERSONS to the exclusion of others by written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

**SECTION 10: PYROTECHNICS.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT set off or attempt to set off or ignite any firecracker, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder guns or other pyrotechnics without the written permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee.

**SECTION 11: ILLINOIS REVISED STATUTE VIOLATION.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT do or cause to be done any act in violation of: the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961 as amended, the Illinois Cannabis and Controlled Substance Acts of 1971 as amended, the Illinois Dram Shops Acts as amended, the Illinois Vehicle Code as amended, or any applicable Illinois Revised Statutes as amended while in or on any PROPERTY administered by or under the jurisdiction of the DISTRICT.

**SECTION 12: DISORDERLY CONDUCT.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar or otherwise disorderly conduct which disturbs or annoys others.

**SECTION 13: PERSONAL CONDUCT.** No PERSON shall upon, within or in connection with PROPERTY of the DISTRICT engage in any lewd, wanton, obscene or like conduct, whether clothed or unclothed, with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of any PERSON. A PERSON found guilty of a violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 and shall not be allowed upon, within or in connection with any PROPERTY of the DISTRICT for a period of not less than one (1) year.

**SECTION 14: OBSCENE CONDUCT.** It shall be unlawful for any PERSON to urinate or defecate in any place open to the public view, or to engage in or use lewd, lascivious or obscene conduct or language or to sing any lewd or obscene song, ballad or other words on PROPERTY of the DISTRICT.

## **CHAPTER VI – ENFORCEMENT**

**SECTION 1: POLICE.** All sworn law enforcement officers or any other duly sworn peace officer has the power and is 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 JUDGEMENT.** 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 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 issued a written warning, ordinance ticket or local ordinance violation as outlined in BOARD-approved administrative procedures.

a. For minor violations including but not limited to parking, after hours use, dogs off-leash in prohibited areas at a preserve, or other permit violations, a PERSON or VEHICLE shall be issued an ordinance ticket in an amount of not less than \$25.00.

b. The fine set by an ordinance ticket shall be paid directly to the DISTRICT at its face value within fourteen days from the date of issuance. After fifteen days but within 28 days from the date of issuance, the fine due to the DISTRICT will be double the face value of the ordinance ticket. If payment of the fine is not received by the DISTRICT after 28 days from the date of issuance of the ordinance ticket, a court appearance shall be required.

c. For all other prosecuted violations, a PERSON is issued a local ordinance violation and shall be fined an amount not more than \$1,000.00.

d. If a local ordinance violation is issued for a PERMIT violation, that PERMIT is automatically suspended for one year from the date the citation was issued, or until the case is resolved in court as outlined in BOARD-approved administrative procedures.

e. Any violations on DISTRICT PROPERTY that is designated an Illinois NATURE PRESERVE is subject to fines and costs as detailed in the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq.) or accompanying administrative rules.

**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 Will County, Illinois, or in accord with any other Policing Agreement approved by the BOARD.

**SECTION 5: PERMITS AND DESIGNATED AREAS – AUTHORITY.** To carry out the terms of this Ordinance, the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee is hereby given authority to issue the PERMITS, post Notices or to take other action as called for herein, subject to the guidelines herein set forth:

a. The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee shall have the authority to designate areas, facilities or WATERS suitable for various activities or use, to close FOREST PRESERVES, 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 this Ordinance and collect such fees as established by the BOARD in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. That no PERSON be discriminated against because of race, gender, sexual orientation, creed, color, age, ability, or national origin.
2. That the proposed use or activity will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's use and enjoyment of the FOREST PRESERVE 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 PERSONS.
4. That the proposed activity or use will not entail extraordinary expense or operation costs by the 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 promotion of public health.
7. That the proposed activity is reasonably compatible with the type of FOREST PRESERVE, the size and character of the area or WATERS involved and the facilities available and that it is not reasonably expected to cause irreparable harm or extreme damage to the natural environment of the FOREST PRESERVES.
8. That the proposed activity is in compliance with other State or Federal rules or laws regulating protection of dedicated state NATURE PRESERVES, land and water reserve sites, or habitats of State or Federally listed species.

b. The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee 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, amusement devices, off-the-road-vehicle access, the number of PERSONS present, location 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 use and enjoyment of the

FOREST PRESERVES by others or of damage to DISTRICT PROPERTY.

2. Requiring proof of and establishing the amount of liability and Dram Shop insurance required, and/or requiring a Hold Harmless Agreement, or requiring a Certificate of Insurance naming the DISTRICT as an additional insured when the activity is deemed by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee to require such.
3. Requiring the name, address, telephone number and driver license number of an 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 security forces at the applicant's expense, such forces to act under DISTRICT supervision.
5. Requiring the applicant to pay for additional District law enforcement or maintenance services at the discretion of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee as established by the annual fee ordinance.

c. All permits required by this Ordinance and issued by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee shall be issued at the District Headquarters, or any other site designated by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee, on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning the first working day of each calendar year for open dates or for such total number allowed during that calendar year.

d. The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee 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, restrictions or rules duly set forth under the authority of this Ordinance as part of any granted PERMIT.

g. The BOARD 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 the DISTRICT for such PERMIT;

i. All designated areas, WATERS or facilities and all PERMIT restrictions, rules, regulations or conditions are subject to review at any time by the BOARD. 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.

j. Even if a PERMIT has been granted, the District reserves the right to restrict access to or close any DISTRICT PROPERTY temporarily because of threats to human health and safety, threats of damage to natural resources, emergency situations, or any other situation deemed appropriate by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

**SECTION 6: PERMIT SUSPENSION, REINSTATEMENT AND APPEAL.**

If the PERMIT holder is found guilty in court of a local ordinance violation, the permit suspension remains in effect for one year from the date the citation was issued.

a. Repeat offenses after the initial permit suspension will be documented by a written warning, ordinance ticket or local ordinance violation and may result in additional time for a permit suspension or the permanent revocation of permit privileges.

b. Final determination of additional time for a permit suspension or the permanent revocation of permit privileges will be made at an administrative review hearing held by a Committee of the BOARD. The aggrieved person is required to appear at the administrative review hearing and present his or her case; failure to appear and participate will result in an *ex parte* review of the case by the Committee and may result in the imposition of additional time for permit suspension or the permanent revocation of permit privileges as the Committee determines.

c. If unsatisfied with the decision of the Committee, the aggrieved person has the right to appeal and petition the BOARD in writing regarding the denial to obtain a permit, or the temporary or permanent suspension of a permit. The BOARD's decision is final.

**SECTION 7: 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 or in equity 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 8: STATE, UNITED STATES AND LOCAL LAWS.** All PERSONS within the FOREST PRESERVES of Will County, Illinois are subject to all Ordinances, rules and regulations of the DISTRICT, as well as all applicable laws of the United States, State of Illinois and local Statutes and Ordinances, as amended and changed from time to time. These laws include, but are not limited to, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois, the Illinois 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 VII – 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 only or in this masculine gender, several matters, parties or PERSONS are 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. “DISTRICT” wherever used means the Forest Preserve District of Will County, Illinois.

b. “BOARD” wherever used means the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the District.

c. “COMMISSIONER” wherever used means an individual elected to the BOARD.

d. “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” wherever used means the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or the CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER of the DISTRICT.

e. “PERSON” or “PERSONS” wherever used means individuals, firms, corporations, societies or any group or gathering whatsoever.

f. “PERMIT” wherever used means written authorization that must be obtained from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee to carry out a given activity or use including but not limited to picnicking, camping, facility rental, dog park, geocaching and special events.

g. “SPECIAL USE PERMIT” is defined as a request for use of a FOREST PRESERVE for an activity not specifically outlined in this ordinance or not covered by a specific type of permit. SPECIAL USE PERMITS are reviewed on a case by case basis, and may require Board approval and/or may require a fee, depending upon site, day of use, and activity.

h. “FOREST PRESERVE” where used means lands and waters, or property holdings owned, leased, licensed, or held in easement by the DISTRICT or legally managed by the DISTRICT under an agreement approved by the BOARD.

i. “WATERS” where used means any surface waters within the jurisdiction of the District.

j. "EMPLOYEE" where used means any full or part time, regular or temporary worker in the employ of the DISTRICT under the supervision of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

k. "VOLUNTEER" where used means any PERSON or PERSONS who donate their time or services to the DISTRICT, and work under the same administrative rules, policies and procedures as EMPLOYEES.

l. "WATERCRAFT" where used means any device of conveyance on the water whether propelled by motor, engine, wind or human power, excluding any device that is used for the purpose of swimming or as a swimming aide.

m. "VEHICLE" where 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 such land conveyances that are able to float and operate on water.

n. "AMUSEMENT CONTRAPTIONS" where 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. "ADULT" where used means one who has reached the age of majority as defined by the laws of the State of Illinois.

p. "EXCLUSION OF OTHERS" where used refers to prohibiting use or behavior by others which disrupts or prevents the authorized and lawful use of designated area or structure in a FOREST PRESERVE by a PERSON or PERSONS holding a valid PERMIT for such area or structure and activity.

q. "PROPERTY" when used means any lands, waters, facilities or possessions that are owned, leased, licensed or held in easement or managed under a BOARD-approved legal agreement by the DISTRICT including FOREST PRESERVES and/or Preserves.

r. "PRESIDENT" where used means the President of the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners.

s. "Written Permission of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designee" where used is intended to permit written permission being granted and authorized by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or his/her designated agents.

t. "POSTED" where used means that a notice is 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

u. “NATURE PRESERVE” where used means a natural area, and land necessary for its protection, to be maintained as nearly as possible in its natural condition and to be used in a manner and under limitations consistent with its continued preservation, without impairment, disturbance or artificial development, for the public purposes of present and future scientific research, education, esthetic enjoyment and providing habitat for plant and animal species and communities and other natural objects, or as classified as NATURE PRESERVE or buffer under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

v. “CONTRACTOR” where used means any individual or corporation bound to the District to perform duties in accordance with an approved contract agreement.

w. “CONSULTANT” where used means any individual or corporation bound to the District to perform duties in accordance with an approved contract agreement.

x. “PAVED” where used means trails or paths constructed with an asphalt, concrete or limestone screenings surface.

y. “UNPAVED” where used means trails or paths constructed with a natural surface of packed earth, woodchips, grass or other soft surfaces.

z. “POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE” where used means wheelchairs, mobility scooters, electronic personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs) and specifically excludes riding lawn mowers, golf carts, wheelchairs with rubber tracks, gasoline-powered, two-wheeled scooters, ATV’s, and any device designed to carry more than one person.

aa. “CLIENT” where used pertains to dog park business permits only and is a person that engages the services of a business owner in exchange for payment of services.

bb. “BICYCLE” where used includes traditional human-only powered bicycles and Class 1 low-speed electric bicycles as defined by Illinois Public Act 100-0209 as low-speed electric bicycles equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

## **CHAPTER VIII – 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 thereof, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2: ENACTMENT.** This Ordinance shall be in a 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 this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

**SECTION 5: COPIES.** The Secretary of the BOARD of the DISTRICT shall transmit a copy of this Ordinance to the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and Attorney of the DISTRICT, respectively.

#### **CHAPTER IX – AMENDMENTS**

This Ordinance may be amended from time to time by the DISTRICT.

This Ordinance Number 124 shall repeal Ordinance Number 106 “Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Use of Lands and Facilities of the Forest Preserve District of Will County.”