PROSPECT HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE NO. 09.14.04
DEFINING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS
Amended 04.08.08, 04.17.12, 05.19.15

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2004, the Board of Commissioners of the Prospect Heights Park District adopted Ordinance No. 09.14.04, “An Ordinance Defining Ordinance Violations and Providing Penalties For Such Violations”, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 09.14.04 has been amended on a number of occasions since its adoption, and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to make further amendments to the ordinance and believes it is best to pass a new ordinance amending and restating the original ordinance as amended;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Prospect Heights Park District, Cook County, Illinois that Ordinance No. 09.14.04 is amended and restated to read as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the definitions given herein:

A. “District” is the Prospect Heights Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

B. “Board” is the Board of Commissioners of the Prospect Heights Park District.

C. “Executive Director” is the chief administrative officer of the District.

D. “Park” is any playfield, playground, swimming pool, golf course, open area, bike path, building or parts thereof or other facility and the materials and equipment therein owned, leased or in use by the District.

E. “Person” is an individual, firm, partnership, group, association, corporation, governmental unit, company or organization of any kind, except the District, its employees and Board members while said employees and Board members are engaged in the performance of District duties.

F. “Vehicle” is any conveyance, whether motor powered or self-propelled, except baby carriages, and conveyances in use by the District.

Section 2. No person shall engage in any sport, games, amusement or exercise in any Park, except in such parts thereof as are designated for that purpose by the Executive Director.

Section 3. (a) No person shall enter a Park, or part thereof, posted as “Closed to the Public,” nor shall any person use or abet the use of any such Park, or part thereof, in violation of posted notices.

(b) No person shall enter, be or remain in any fieldhouse, clubhouse, building or other structure owned or operated by the District when closed to the public, nor in an open space area owned or operated by the District between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following day except that this restriction shall not apply to persons that are entering or leaving an open space area for the purpose of either ingress or egress from a park fieldhouse, clubhouse, building or other structure that is open to the public nor to authorized Park or police personnel, and shall not apply during the hours of operation, as approved by the Board on an annual basis, of Prospect Heights Block Party or Special Events sponsored by the Prospect Heights Park District. However, the Executive Director shall be authorized to designate different hours for any one or more park properties with reasonable notice to the public by signs and/or posting.

Section 4. No person shall hinder, interfere with or cause or threaten to do bodily harm to any employee of the District while such employee is engaged in performing his duties in and on behalf of the District.

Section 5. No person shall expose or offer for sale any service, article or thing, nor shall any person station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale, or display of any such article or thing in any Park, except an approved licensed concessionaire or other person acting under an official permit of the Executive Director; nor shall any person within any Park or on its borders announce, advertise, or call the public attention in any way to any article, or service for sale or hire.

Section 6. No person shall paste, glue, tack or otherwise affix or post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever, nor erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any structure or thing in a Park, except as authorized by the Executive Director.

Section 7. No person shall bring or have in his possession, or set off or otherwise cause to explode or discharge any gun, pistol, revolver, firecracker, torpedo, rocket, squib, or any other firework, or explosives of inflammable materials, including any substance, compound, mixture, or article that in conjunction with any other substance or compound could cause injury to human or animal life, or property damage in any Park.

Section 8. No person shall light, build or attempt to light or build a fire in any Park except in such areas of a Park designated and under such regulations as may be designated by the Executive Director.

Section 9. No person shall throw any stone, brick or other missile in any Park. Nor shall any person hit a golf ball in any Park except the Old Orchard Country Club, or such portions of any Park as is designated for such purpose by the Executive Director.

Section 10. No person shall deface, disfigure, break, cut, tamper with, displace, remove from any Park building or part thereof, any table, bench, fireplace, copings, lamp post, fence, wall, paving or paving material, water line or other public utility or parts or appurtenances thereof, or any sign, notice or placard whether temporary or permanent, equipment, facilities or other Park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

Section 11. No person shall damage, cut, carve, uproot or injure any tree or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant in any Park; nor shall any person attach any rope, wire, or other contrivance to any tree or plant, in any Park. Nor shall any person dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the beauty or usefulness of any park.

Section 12. No person shall climb any tree or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any swimming pool, fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any Park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution or the hindrance of the use of said water.

Section 13. No person shall bring in, dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, fill, boxes, manure, cans, dirt, rubbish, waster, garbage or refuse, landscaping waste, or other trash or litter in any Park. Persons using any park for a specific recreational activity shall dispose of any trash or litter from such activity in the receptacles provided on the premises.

Section 16. No person shall hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot, or throw stones, rocks or other projectiles at any animal or bird in any Park, nor shall any person remove or have in his possession a bird or wild animal in any Park.

Section 17. No person shall bring a dog or cat, owned or controlled, within the park system controlled by the District unless on a leash, unless such dog or cat is participating in a scheduled Park District activity. Proper clean-up by owners is required at all times. Playground areas, tennis courts and ballfields are off-limits to all animals.

Section 18. No person shall bring, drive, use or ride a snowmobile, go-cart or any other recreational motorized vehicle in any Park except for compliance with the Americans With Disability Act or special permit use.

Section 19. No person within any Park shall ride another person on a bicycle nor leave any bicycle unattended without first locking it, nor park any bicycle in any place within a Park except in a bicycle rack.

Section 20. No person shall drive any vehicle in any Park, except upon paved roads or parking areas designated for such purposes and only then in accordance with posted signs as to...
Section 21. (a) No person shall park any vehicle in any Park, driveway, parking area of a Park between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following day, except that this restriction shall not apply to a vehicle parked by a person who is lawfully in a driveway or parking area while said Park facility is open to the fieldhouse, clubhouse, building or other structure adjacent to such public nor shall said restriction apply to vehicles of authorized Park and Police personnel.

(b) No person shall leave any vehicle anywhere in a Park more than 24 hours because of mechanical failure nor shall any person fail to notify and attempt to obtain the services of a mechanic for any vehicle that has failed to function within one hour of such failure.

(c) No person shall park any vehicle at any place where official signs prohibit parking. No person shall park, store, leave, or permit the parking, storing, or leaving of any motor vehicle of any kind which is in an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperable, junked, or partially dismantled condition whether attended or not, upon District property in excess of twenty-four (24) hours.

Section 22. (a) No alcoholic liquors shall be sold, delivered, given away, or consumed by anyone at any time in any Park except as provided in this Section. Alcoholic liquors may be delivered and consumed (i) at the Old Orchard Country Club, (ii) Park District sponsored events with prior approval of Executive Director.

(b) No person shall be under the influence of intoxicating alcoholic liquors at any time in any Park.

(c) No narcotic drugs or controlled substances shall be sold, delivered, given away or used by anyone at any time in any Park.

Section 23. No person shall tell fortunes, gamble, participate in or abet any game of chance or use any gambling device in any Park without the consent of the Board, and without compliance with all rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes governing such activities.

Section 24. No person, except for children under five (5) years of age, shall enter into, loiter or remain in any toilet, restroom, locker room, pavilion, or structure or section thereof, of any Park which has been designated by the Executive Director for the use of the opposite sex.

Section 25. No person shall expose any part of the body to the public in an indecent or lewd manner, nor speak or make advances in a profane or obscene way, or make any indecent or obscene gestures in any Park. Nor shall any person take, or attempt to take any immoral, improper or indecent liberties with any child or adult of either sex in any Park.

Section 26. No person shall make use of the Park as a place to sleep at any time of any day nor shall any person swing, occupy or use any hammock in any Park, except such portions thereof as is designated for such purpose by the Executive Director.

Section 27. No person shall make, aid, or assist in making loud noise, riot or disturbance tending to a breach of the peace in any Park, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct therein or thereon, or collect, with other persons, in bodies or crowds for unlawful purposes, or for any purpose to the annoyance or disturbance of the other persons using a Park or residents adjacent to a Park.

Section 28. No person shall use abusive, insulting or obscene language, or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace, in any Park.

Section 29. No person shall commit in any Park any act prohibited by the Federal, State and local laws or ordinances.

Section 30. No person shall beg or solicit any alms or any contribution in any Park. Nor shall any person solicit, collect any donations or charge any fees for any service, whether private or public, except fees as charged by the Park and approved by the Board, without first having obtained a written permit from the Executive Director.

Section 31. No person shall construct or erect any building, tent or structure of whatever kind in any Park, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across any Park, without first having obtained an official permit from the Executive Director.

Section 32. No person shall conduct any musical concert, play upon any amplified instrument, nor set up or use any communication system in a Park without first obtaining an official permit from the Executive Director.

Section 33. No person shall hold, or attempt to hold, any meeting, assembly, demonstration, celebration, parade, rally, religious worship, or any sponsored entertainment, social, recreational or athletic event without first obtaining an official permit from the Executive Director.

Section 34. No person issued an official permit shall fail to produce the permit and exhibit it upon request of the Executive Director or Park employee, or Board member or police officer.

Section 35. No person shall disturb or interfere with any person or party occupying any Park, under the authority of an official permit.

Section 36. No person shall resist any security officer employed by the District in the discharge of the said officer’s duty, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any police officer, or in any way hinder or prevent such police officer from discharging his duty, or offer or endeavor to escape or attempt to escape from such custody, or rescue any person in custody.

Section 37. No person shall enter or attempt to enter any lagoon, pond, or waterways under the jurisdiction of the District either by walking, swimming or any other means, nor shall any person fish in any lagoon, pond, or waterway under the jurisdiction of the District.

Section 38. Formulating or making rules and regulations in a response to an emergency and the public interest may from time to time require for the orderly regulation of the District, in the care and protection of the property of the District and for the preservation of public health and peace in and about the District.

Section 39. (a) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than Fifty Dollars ($50) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750).

(b) In each case in which such compromise payment is made, the District shall waive further prosecution of the alleged violation. After twenty-one days from the date of the citation alleging the violation, any person who has not settled and compromised the charge shall be given a notice of date for a court appearance.

Section 40. Prospect Heights Police Officers and Mount Prospect Police Officers shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance on Park property, both owned and leased, within their respective jurisdictions, and shall have authority to eject from any Park any person acting in violation of the ordinance and may confiscate any property, thing, or device used in any Park in violation of this ordinance.

Section 41. The District Board Secretary shall notify the public of this amended and restated Ordinance No. 09.14.04 by posting a copy of this Ordinance on the bulletin board at each community center of the District and shall notify the District's administrative staff of the change by making a copy of this Ordinance available to the staff.

Section 42. In addition to any existing laws pertaining to smoking, no person shall be allowed to smoke in playground areas, athletic courts, at swimming pool or while spectating or participating in any organized athletic programs or special events.

Section 43. Golf Course - Old Orchard Country Club property shall be used for golf purposes only. Walking will be allowed during the non-golf season on cart path only. Dog walking allowed only during non-golf season, dogs must remain on a leash. Proper clean up by owners is required at all times.

Section 44. No person shall bring into or upon District property any tree, shrub, or plant or portion thereof, except by written authorization of the District.

Section 45. No person shall use any camera, video recorder or other device to record or transmit visual image(s) in or from any rest room, washroom or locker room of the District.

Section 46. (a) No person shall fly, cause to be flown or permit the flying of aircraft of any kind at any time over District property at an elevation lower than the minimum safety requirements established by the
Federal Aviation Administration or other governmental authority, at an elevation which is lower than reasonably safe under the circumstances, or in a manner which endangers the safety of any person on District property.

(b) No person shall fly or cause to be flown or permit or authorize the flying of model aircraft (including drones) on or over District property unless a Permit has first been obtained from the District.
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