



**General Use Regulation Ordinance  
Of the  
Forest Preserve District of  
Rock Island County  
Illinois**

<b>Illiniwek Hampton</b>	<b>Niabi Zoo Coal Valley</b>	<b>Dorrance Port Byron</b>	<b>Loud Thunder Illinois City</b>	<b>Indian Bluff Milan</b>	<b>Ralph Martin Illinois City</b>
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**CHAPTER V – REGULATION OF  
PERSONAL CONDUCT & BEHAVIOR**

**No person shall upon or in connection with any property of the District.**

**Section 1-Vending an Advertising.**

- 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 concession or occupation or profession without a valid concession contract agreement approved by the Board 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 matter or announcements of any kind whatsoever without written permission of the Board and then only in compliance with the terms of such permit or in compliance with the terms of a valid concession contract approved by the Board except those groups holding a valid picnic. Camping or special event permit may display signs to identify their location or direct others to it, providing such signs are temporary and are removed by the permittee at the termination of the activity and providing that such signs are no larger than 24” X 30” 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 place any goods, wares or merchandise or any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation or vending of 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 preventing or obstructing free passage or transit over or through any lands or waters of the District or obstruct the entrance of 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 other as defined and provided for in this Ordinance;
- c. For groups of 15 or more person under the age of 18 to gather in any area of the District unless at least one responsible adult accompanies each such group of 15 individuals;

### **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 an then only in accordance with written permission of the District specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such authorization.

### **Section 4-Drug or Alcohol Abuse.**

- a. Be present in an intoxicated state, condition or under the influence of any 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 or speech that intimidates others or interferes with or unreasonably disrupts others in the normal, safe use of the forest preserves or any facility thereof.
- b. No person shall bring intoxicating beverages or any kind for sale into any of the preserves provided however nothing contained herein shall prevent the possession and transportation of alcoholic liquors for the personal use of the possessor, his family an guest, in Forest preserves lying with in the territorial limits of towns, townships, villages, municipalities or precincts wherein the sale of alcoholic beverages, is by law permitted.
- c. That the dispensation of alcoholic liquor from the type of container commonly referred to as a “keg” is prohibited on the lands of any Preserve, unless in conjunction with an organized picnic or group outing for which a permit has been issued.

### **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, 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 armful solid, liquid or gaseous substance or any other dangerous weapon, except at such ranges or areas designated for their use by the District 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 construed to prevent any ranger police, deputy, sheriff, coroner, game warden, state policeman or any other duly sworn peace officer from carrying such weapons as my be authorized an 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 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, contract, 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 7-Control and Treatment of Animals.**

- a. That no person shall allow, keep or otherwise permit any unleashed dog, cat, or other domesticated animal in any area of any preserve. All leashed animals should be at all times under the direct physical control of a responsible person.
- b. That no person shall torture, whip, beat or cruelly treat or neglect any animal;
- c. That no person shall keep a noisy, vicious or dangerous dog or other animal or one which is disturbing to other persons on District owned property and to remain therein after being asked to leave by an employee of the District;
- d. That no person shall cause or permit any horse or other animal to stand in any Preserve unless securely hitched or in charge of some competent person and that no horse or other animal shall be hitched to any tree or shrub in an Preserve;
- e. That no person shall ride, lead or allow any animal in any public building with in any Preserve;
- f. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the District 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 or 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 from the District 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 unreasonably hinder, interrupt or interfere with any duly permitted activity or unreasonably or willfully introduce on any are or into any structures designated for the use of a certain person or persons to the exclusion of others by the written permission of the district.

**Section 10-Pyrotechnics.**

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 Board.