



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

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 96 ½, Section 6312, of the Illinois Revised 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, driveway and roadways within forest preserves, and prohibit the use of such paths, driveways and roadways for racing or speeding purposes, and may exclude there from traffic, teams and vehicles, and may by ordinance prescribe such fines and penalties for the violation of their ordinance as cities and villages are allowed to prescribe for the violation of their ordinances."

And,

WHEREAS, Chapter 96 ½, Section 6313, of the Illinois Revised Statutes provides as follows:

"The Board of any Forest Preserve District organized hereunder may by ordinance regulate, control and license equestrian travel on paths, driveways and roadways within the Forest Preserve District."

And,

WHEREAS, Chapter 96 1/2, Section 6314, of the Illinois Revised Statutes provides as follows:

"The Board of any Forest Preserve District organized under this Act may by ordinance issue license for any activity reasonably connect with the purpose for which the Forest Preserve District has been created."

And,

WHEREAS, Chapter 96 ½, Section 6315, of the Illinois Revised Statutes provides in part as follows:

"The board shall be the corporate authority of such Forest Preserve District and shall have power to pass and enforce all necessary ordinance, 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 I-PUBLIC USE

Section 1-Public use and Purpose of the District. Forest Preserves are for the use by the general public. One of the functions of the District is to acquire, protect, restore, restock, develop and interpret a well-balanced system of areas with scenic, ecological, recreational and historic values for the inspiration, education, use and enjoyment by the public. This ordinance is intended to help carry out this function.

Section 2-Hours of Use.

- a. Forest Preserves shall be open to the public from sunrise to 10:00 PM local time.
- b. No person shall remain in the Forest Preserves when the Forest Preserves are not open to the public without written permission of the District.

Section 3-Permits

- a. No person shall conduct, operate, present, manage or take part in the following activities in a Forest Preserve unless a permit is obtained from the District or Board prior to the start of the activity:
 1. any contest, show, exhibit, dramatic performance, play, act, motion picture, acrobatic feat, bazaar, sporting event, musical event, ceremony, children's day camp or any public meeting, assembly or parade including but not limited to, drill or maneuvers, rallies, picketing, speeches and addresses, marches or political meeting;
 2. any use of any preserve area or facility by a certain person or group of person to the exclusion of others;
 3. camping on lands of the District or inhabiting any structure or facility overnight;
- b. Persons desiring the above activity may apply to the District for a written permit under the following categories and subject to fees set by the Board:
 1. Picnic. No permit is required to have a picnic; however, if a person desires to reserve a designated area or areas to the exclusion of other or desires to conduct, in conjunction with the public, related controlled activities such as, but not limited to, sound amplification, special vehicle access, animal rides and the like, then a picnic permit, valid for one day, is required.
 2. Camping. A permit is required. The Permit reserves a designated area or areas to the exclusion of others and allows permittee to remain in the Preserve overnight.
 3. Special Event. A permit is required for any of the other activities listed in Section 3a, Paragraph 1 above. The permit may provide for use of an area or areas to the exclusion of others and for other permit controlled activities pursuant to this ordinance.
- c. Permits in General. Permits are not transferable and fees paid are not refundable. Permits must be applied for at least 24 hours in advance of event. Minor changes in the permit may be made upon written permission of the District for no additional fee providing that the specific Forest Preserve designated is not changed, the date or dates involved are not changed, the number of the designated areas is not increased and the request for change is

made at least 24 hours prior to the event. Permits may also be required for other activities.

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. remove, take, deface, mutilate or destroy any property, equipment, improvement, sign, building or other construction owned by the District in or upon any land owned by the District;
- b. 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 District;
- c. throw, carry, cast, drag, push or deposit any refuse container, picnic table, barricade or any other moveable or non-moveable property into any lake, pond, slough, stream or lagoon or upon frozen waters thereof or to otherwise move, stack or hide such property in such a way as to render in unavailable to the general public for its intended use, to cause a hazard to public safety or to damage or destroy such property;
- d. occupy or inhabit, or cause to be occupied or inhabited, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure or use for any 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 District;
- e. enter into or upon any preserve or waters or areas thereof or structure closed or posted against trespass, without written permission of the District; these structures or areas may be, but not limited to , employee residences or 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;
- f. tamper with in any way , climb or enter upon, damage or remove anything from, any District vehicle, watercraft, machine or implement, without written permission of the District;
- g. misuse any refuse container or receptacle by depositing into it any hot coals or any 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, seeding, 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 or any tree or other plant, without written permission of the District;
- b. remove or a cause to be removed any sod, earth humus, downed timber, wood chips, peat, rock, sand or gravel or remove or cause to be removed any other

- natural material of the forest floor or earth, without written permission of the District;
- c. hunt, pursue, trap, capture, catch, molest, poison, wound or kill or attempt to hunt, trap, capture, catch, molest, poison, wound or kill any invertebrate animal, mammal or 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, insect, reptile, or amphibian, without written permission of the District;
 - d. fish in any waters of the District posted against fishing or by using a bow and arrow, spear or sling-shot; or with any device using more than two hooks per line; or any net; seine or trap; or with attended or unattended lines during the hours that Forest Preserves are closed as defined by provisions this ordinance or in violation of any applicable laws of the state of Illinois as administered by the Conservation Department thereof in violation of any regulations or restrictions posted by the District controlling the size, species and number of fish that can be taken from a designated body of water;
 - e. release or cause to be released any wild, domestic or pet animal, bird, fish or reptile or bring in or plant or distribute the seeds or spores of any flowering or non-flowering plants brought into or upon district lands, or waters from any outside source whatsoever, without written permission of the District;
 - f. use or cause to be used any chemical or biological pesticide or any other substance, measure or process designed to alter the anatomy or physiology of any organism for the purpose of directly manipulating their populations, without written permission of the District and then only in compliance with all applicable law of the State of Illinois and the United States;
 - g. drive or cause to driven or allow to enter on District property, any livestock to graze or browse, without written permission of the District;
 - h. deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, nor cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse, debris, or junk;

Section 3-Contraband

All animals, plants, birds, fish or reptiles, or parts thereof, killed, captured, trapped or taken or brought, 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 an ranger, ranger police, caretaker or employee of the District or by any duly sworn peace officer.

Section 4-Destruction by Misuse of Fire. No person shall upon or in connection with any property of the District;

- a. set fires, or cause to be set on fire, any tree, forest, brush land, grassland, meadow, prairie, marsh, slash, refuse, refuse container or structure;
- b. build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except in provided fireplaces or provided or privately owned fire receptacles without written permission from the District;
- c. build a fire or cause a fire to start in or out of a receptacle close to or in any structure whatsoever or close to any tree or other plants in such a way as to deface damage or destroy that structure or scar, injure or destroy any tree or plants or their foliage;

- d. drop, throw away or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecrackers 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 is cold to the human touch;

CHAPTER III- REGULATIONS OF SPORTS & GAMES

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

Section 1-Swimming. Swim, wade or bodily enter the water at any time in any lakes, ponds, streams, sloughs or watercourses except at such place or places as may be designated by the District and then only in accordance with the rules, regulation and restriction promulgated and posted.

Section 2-Watercraft. Bring into, attempt to launch or use or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other watercraft upon the waters of any watercourse, lake lagoon, pond or slough, except at such place or places as may be designated by the District. Where allowed, watercraft shall be used in accordance with District rules, regulation and restrictions duly set forth and posted, as well as all applicable statues of the State of Illinois and the United States. Lake George is restricted to electric trolling motors only. However, District employees operating watercraft in carrying out official duties and personnel of cooperating agent or agencies operating watercraft as authorized by the District or the Department of Conservation may be exempt from boating regulation in this Section.

Section 3-Engine Powered Models or Toys. Start, fly or use any fuel-powered engine or jet type or electric-powered model aircraft, boat or rocket or like power toy or model, except at those areas or waters designated by the District for such use and then only in accordance with such rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and posted by the District.

Section 4-Horseback Riding. Bring into, unload use or ride any horse except on those fields, lots arenas , areas, trails, paths or roadways designated by the District for horse use. Where allowed, horses shall be used in accordance with the rules, regulation and restrictions duly set forth as part of such permit or posted.

Section 5-Bicycling.

- a. ride a bicycle on any path, trail, roadway, or other area designated and posted prohibiting bicycles or on any path, trail or area designated and posted as begin a horse or equestrian trail or area by the District;
- b. fail to ride a bicycle as closely as possible to the right hand side of any road, trail, path as conditions shall permit;
- c. carry another on the handlebars, frame, fender or so ride on a bicycle except on a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose or to operate a bicycle in such a manner as to be reckless or to endanger pedestrians;

- d. ride a bicycle on any path or trail more than two abreast or on any roadway or road used by the public for regular motor vehicle access in any other manner than single file;

Section 6-Sound or Energy Amplification.

Play or operate any sound amplification devices including radio, television sets, public address systems, musical instruments and the like or operate any other energy amplification device in such a way as to be audible beyond the immediate vicinity of such device or musical instrument or in such a manner as to disturb the quiet of camps, picnic areas or other public gathering places, with out written permission of the District.

Section 7-Winter Sports.

- a. Sled, toboggan, ski or slide on any area posted by the District 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 District;
- 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 District or when notified of such conditions by the District;
- c. Bring onto or upon the frozen waters of any lake, pond or watercourse any iceboat or wind-driven-like device or other vehicle;

Section 8-Field and Team Sports.

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 District as athletic fields or, if none are available, only on those areas and for such period of time determined by, and permitted by, the ranger in charge of the area or preserve involved in order to insure the safe and equal use of the preserve by others.

Section 9-Amusement contraptions.

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

Section 10-Aviation.

Make any ascent in a balloon, airplane, glider, hang glider, kite or any decent in or from any balloon, airplane, glider, hang glider, kite or parachute, without written permission of the Board of Commissioners.

Section 11-Gambling.

- 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 skated, bet hazarded, won, or lost. Any such machine or device shall be subject to seizure, confiscation and destruction by any duly sworn peace officer;

Section 12-Camping Regulations and Restrictions.

- a. camping will be permitted only in designated campgrounds in Preserves where camping is allowed. Camping is prohibited in any other area;

- b. a written permit is required to camp in any Preserve. Fees and regulations vary in campgrounds according to the facilities available. A responsible person from the camping party must register for the party and thereby acknowledge compliance to the rules and restrictions of the Preserve;
- c. visitors and guests of registered campers must leave the Preserve by the 10:00 PM closing time;
- d. time limits vary between preserves. No camper or his equipment is allowed to exceed the camping time limit. In addition tent campers must move their tent after a period of one week in order to prevent grass kill;
- e. campgrounds are not provide as location for large group gatherings or parties which are disruptive to the normal atmosphere of the campground. Such activities will not be permitted and violators who persist will be evicted;
- f. quiet hours shall prevail in campgrounds between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. No person shall allow music or any sound from any mechanical device or person to emit outside the individuals immediate campsite between the above hours that would be disturbing to other campers;

**CHAPTER IV-
REGULATION OF MOTORIZED
VEHICLES, TRAFFIC & PARKING**

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

Section 1-Vehicle Operation and Equipment.

Operate or cause to be operated, any motorized vehicle that does not comply with or in a manner that does not comply with the Vehicle Code or 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.

- 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 District and then only in compliance with the directions and restrictions of the ranger in charge of the area or range police;
- b. operate or cause to be operated any motor vehicle anywhere that is not licensed or permitted to be operated on the roads, streets and highways of the State of Illinois without written permission of the District and then only in those areas specified and in accord with the rules and regulations duly set forth by the District.
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 District or until such time that the preserve is officially opened;
- d. operate a motorized vehicle on any road, drive or parking area posted, gated or barricaded as closed to public traffic;
- e. at Indian Bluff Golf Course only golf carts that are authorized by the District and are furnished and provided by the Golf Pro are allowed;

Section 3-Right of Way.

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

Section 4-Parking.

- a. park a vehicle overnight, without written permission of the District;
- b. park a vehicle in such a way as to block in another parked vehicle;
- c. park a vehicle in such a way as to block, restrict or impede the normal flow of traffic;
- d. park a vehicle in a zone or area posted prohibiting parking;
- e. park a vehicle on turf, meadow, prairie, marsh, field in a woodland or on the exposed roots of any tree or shrub, except in an emergency or when directed to do so by the ranger police or a matter of public safety;
- f. park a vehicle for the purpose of washing it or for the making of any repairs or alterations to any vehicle except those of an emergency nature;
- g. vehicles in violation of any of the above subject to towing at owner's expense;

Section 5-Speed Limit.

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 miles per hour.

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 may be authorized as 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.

CHAPTER VI-ENFORCEMENT

Section 1-Police.

- a. Law enforcement officers have the power and are authorized to arrest, with or without process, any persons found in the act of violating any ordinances of the District or law of the State of Illinois;
- b. District Rangers are authorized to enforce the regulations of the District;

Section 2-Two Penalties-One Judgment. In all cases where the same offense shall be made punishable or shall be created by different clauses or section of this or any other ordinance or statute, the duly sworn peace officer or person prosecuting may elect under which to proceed but not more that one judgment shall be had against the same person for the same offense.

Section 3-Fines and Penalties. Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined an amount not less than \$25.00 but not more than \$200.00 for each offense. Restitution may also be asked for in addition to the fine in the case of damage to District properties.

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 Rock Island County, Illinois, or in accord with any other policing agreement approved by the Board.

Section 5-Eviction. For violation of any of these rules and regulations, a person or persons is subject to a fine and/or immediate eviction whether or not a permit has been granted or fee paid. No refunds will be granted in such cases.

Section 6-Permits and Designated Areas-Authority. To carry out the terms of this ordinance, the Director is hereby given authority to issue the permits, post notices or to take the other action as called for herein, subject to the guidelines herein set forth.

- a. The Director shall have the authority to designate areas, facilities or waters suitable for various activities or use, to close preserves or parts thereof, in the interest of public health, safety or general welfare or in order to protect the natural resources from unreasonable harm and to promulgate and issue permits where required by this ordinance and collect such fees as established by the District in accordance with the following guidelines;
 1. that no person be discriminated against because of race, sex, creed, color or national origin;
 2. that the proposed use or activity will not unreasonably interfere with or detract form the general public's use and enjoyment of the 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 of operation costs by the District or expose it to unusual 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 they type of pre
- b. The Director may impose reasonable restrictions on the granting of a permit including, but not limited to , any of the following:
1. restricting the open dates for reserved area use, the length of time an area will be held for reserved use, the use of the ground fires, sound and energy amplification devices, amusement devices, off-the-road-vehicle access, the number of persons present, location and type of any tents, bandstands, stages or temporary structures, the use of domestic, pet or trained animals, the use of shelters or structures, the collecting for any purpose of any water, soils, minerals, flora or fauna, the type and location of sports and games or any other activity which appears likely to create a risk of unreasonable harm to the use and enjoyment of the preserve by others or of damage to District property;
 2. requiring proof of and establishing the amount of liability insurance required, and/or requiring a hold harmless agreement, or requiring a certificate of insurance naming the District as an additional insured when the activity is deemed by the Director to require such;
 3. requiring the name, address, telephone number and driver license number of a legal adult responsible for the use and activity requested, as well as the name, address and telephone number of a 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;
- c. All permits required by this ordinance and issued by the Director shall be issued by the Director shall be issued at the District Headquarters at the Rock Island County Building, Rock Island, Illinois, on a first-come, first-served basis beginning the first working day of each calendar year for open dates or for such total number allowed during that calendar year. All application for permits shall be submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the earliest requested date, provided that the Director may waive the 72 hour period in the interest of public health or safety or for such events that are of significant civic nature;
- d. The Director is authorized to seek reasonable information regarding any proposed use, activity or privilege and require a record of such information on a permit application.
- e. No person shall misrepresent, falsify or withhold such required information.
- f. No person granted a permit shall violate the requirement, terms, conditions, restrictions or rules duly set forth under the authority of this ordinance as part of any granted permit or registration.
- g. The Board of Commissioners of the District may set forth in other ordinances such permit or registration fees as it deems proper and may change them from time to time.
- h. No person shall obtain or use any permit without first having paid the fee established by ordinance for such permit.
- i. All designated areas, waters and facilities and all permit restrictions, rules, regulations or conditions are subject to review at any time by the board of Forest Preserve Commissioners. Any aggrieved person shall have the right to petition

the Board, in writing, regarding denial or restriction of use or activity and be properly heard by the Board as the President shall direct.

Section 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, 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 Rock Island 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 Forest Preserve District Act for the State of Illinois, the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Criminal Code of the State of Illinois and the Game 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 in the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and female as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided, however, that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any ordinance which shall contain any express provision excluding such construction.

Section 2-Definitions.

- a. "District" wherever used means the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois;
- b. "Board" wherever used means the Board of Commissioners of the District;
- c. "Director" wherever used means the Director of the District;
- d. "Person" or "Persons" wherever used means individuals, firms, corporation, societies or any group or gathering whatsoever
- e. "Permit" wherever used means the written permission that must be obtained from the Director to carry out a given activity
- f. "Forest Preserve" or "Preserve" where used means lands and waters, or property holdings of the District;
- g. "Waters" where used means waters within the jurisdiction of the District;
- h. "Employee" where used means any full or part time, regular or temporary worker in the employ of the District under the supervision of the District;
- i. "Watercraft" where used means any device of conveyance on the water whether propelled by motor, engine, wind or human power;
- j. "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 an includes such land conveyances that are able to float an operate on water;

- k. "Sound and Energy Amplification" where used means music, speech or any sound or noise transmitted by artificial means, including but not limited to, amplifiers, loudspeakers, radios and any similar devices or lights, ray lenses, mirror or laser beams or the like;
- l. "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 device, ball and hammer devices, trampoline devices and the like;
- m. "Legal Adult" where used means one who has reached the age of majority as defined by the laws of the State of Illinois;
- n. "Area(s)" where used means a specified place within a Forest Preserve
- o. "Exclusion of Others" where used refers to prohibiting use or behavior by others which disrupts or prevents the authorized and lawful use of designated areas or structure in a preserve by a person or persons holding a valid permit for such area or structure and activity;
- p. "Property" where used means any lands, waters, facilities or possessions of the District;
- q. "President" where used means the President of the Forest Preserve Commissioners;
- r. "Written Permission of the Director" where used is intended to permit written permission being granted by authorized agents of the Director;
- s. "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 a headquarters, the location being at the discretion of the Director;

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 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 heading 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 and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

Section 5-Copies. The Secretary of the Commission shall transmit a copy of this ordinance to the Director and the Attorney of the District, respectively.

CHAPTER IX-AMENDMENTS

This ordinance may be amended from time to time by the District and such amendment may be shown by either marking the section amended or attaching the amendment to this ordinance. This Ordinance shall repeal all previous ordinances

pertaining to the rules and regulations pertaining to the use of lands and facilities of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District.

Passed and approved by the President and Board of Commissioners of the District this 20th day of April, 1982.

**Approved:
President, Forest Preserve Commission
Paul E. Mulcahey**

**Attest:
Secretary, Forest Preserve Commission
William J. Foley**