



**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 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;