



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

Illiniwek Hampton Niabi Zoo Coal Valley Dorrance Port Byron Loud Thunder Illinois City Indian Bluff Milan Ralph Martin Illinois City

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 from 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.