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Section 1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Code the following words, terms, phrases and their derivatives shall have the meanings set forth in this section. When not inconsistent with the context, the present tense shall include the future tense; the plural number shall include the singular number; and the singular number shall include the plural number.

"Amplified Sound" means any sound projected or transmitted by artificial means, including, but not limited to, loudspeakers, amplifiers, powered megaphones or any similar devices.

"Board" means the Board of Park Commissioners.

"Code" means the Code of the Alsip Park District authorized by Ordinance No. 08-3.

"County" means the County of Cook, Illinois.

"Director" means the Director of Parks and Recreation of the Park District.

"Park Commissioner" means any person elected or appointed to the office of Park Commissioner of the Park District.

"Park District Code" means the provisions of 70 ILCS 1205/1-1, *et seq.*

"Park District" means the Alsip Park District.

"Park System" or **"Park Property"** means all equipment, vehicles, parks, parkways, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, golf courses, swimming pools, and other recreation areas, places, squares, circles, spurs, open places, driveways and roadways within parks, waters and lands under water, and also entrances and approaches thereto, channels and bridges, in, leading to, or connecting such park or parks or parts thereof under the supervision and control of the Board and such other rights and appurtenances as the Board shall utilize, whether the same be now or hereafter owned or acquired by the Board in fee or otherwise, including all land under and space above the surface of the ground.

"Person" means any individual, entity, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm, association, union, trust, or estate, as well as any parent or subsidiary of any of the foregoing, whether or not operated for profit. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or associations, the word shall include the partners or members thereof, and such word as applied to corporations shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

"Pollute" means to perform any act or acts destroying, contaminating, fouling or otherwise altering the physical, topographic, chemical or biological properties of a park, including land, waters, buildings, furnishings, equipment, vegetation and animals, including, but not limited to, the deposit of garbage, litter or water matter; changes in the temperature, taste, color, turbidity or odor of water; the discharge of any liquid, gas, solid, radioactive or other substance in any park which causes, or is likely to cause, a public nuisance or an injury to the public health, safety or welfare, or injury to vegetation or animals, or otherwise impair the safe, healthful and beneficial use of a park.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Alsip Park District.

"State" means State of Illinois.

"Village" means the Village of Alsip.

Section 2. Violation of Law; Authority to Post Signs

- a. **Violations.** No person shall commit a violation of this Code, or any Village ordinance, County ordinance, State law or federal laws while on Park Property.
- b. **Posting Signs.** The Director is hereby authorized to post signs restricting and regulating the use of the Park System or the conditions under which persons are allowed to remain in or use Park Property. No person shall violate the restrictions, regulations or conditions on any posted sign.

Section 3. Hours of Operation

- a. **General Park Hours.** All parks are open from dawn until dusk. Exceptions include lighted sport courts and paths that close at 11pm and lighted athletic fields that close at the conclusion of games.

Lighted Sport Courts and Paths include:

Tennis Courts at Austin View Park

Walking Path at Commissioners Park

Volleyball Courts at Commissioners Park

Lighted Athletic Fields include:

Ball fields at Commissioners Park

Soccer/Football Field at Sears Park

All other lighting at parks is for security purposes only and therefore the park closes at dusk.

- b. **Posted Park Hours.** No person shall be on Park Property in violation of any posted hours of operation.
- c. **Vehicles.** No person shall permit any vehicle to remain on Park Property between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. on the following day except as authorized by permit.

Section 4. Restricted Areas

- a. **Entering Prohibited Areas.** No person shall enter upon any portion of the Park System where prohibited by posted notice.
- b. **Entering Unfinished Areas.** No person shall enter upon any part of the Park System which is in an unfinished state or under construction.
- c. **Entering Building or Areas Closed to Public or Scheduled for Specific Group or Activity.** No person shall enter or attempt to enter any building or area in the Park System if or when it is closed to the public, if a permit has been issued for use of it by an individual or group, unless invited by said individual or group, or if a permit is required for use.
- d. **Use of Rest Rooms and Comfort Stations.** No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. No person over the age of six years shall use the restrooms designated for the opposite sex.
- e. **Playgrounds Designated for Persons under an Age.** Where a sign is posted designating the maximum age of a person in any portion of the Park System or allowed to use any playground equipment, it shall be unlawful for any person older than that age to enter the Park System or use the playground equipment.

Section 5. Entering or Remaining in Waters

No person shall enter or remain in any waters of the Park System except as herein provided.

- a. **Pools.** Entering or remaining in park swimming pools designated for swimming shall be permitted on such days, at such times and subject to such rules and regulations as prescribed by the Director.
- b. **Dangerous Activity.** No person shall conduct himself in a swimming pool, pond, stream, or in proximity thereto in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety of himself or others.
- c. **Changing Clothes.** No person shall change clothes on Park Property except in a dressing room or locker room designated by the Park District.
- d. **Safety.** No person shall engage in conversation with lifeguards; or falsely call for help or assistance; or stand or sit upon or cling to any lifeguard perches.

Section 6. Injury to or Destruction of Park Property

No person shall on any Park Property:

- a. destroy, cut, break, deface, mutilate, injure, disturb, sever from the ground or remove any sod, earth or growing thing including, but not limited to, any plant, flower, flower bed, shrub, tree, growth, or any branch, stem, fruit, or leaf thereof; or bring into or have in his possession in any park any tool or instrument intended to be used for the cutting thereof, or any garden or agricultural implements or tools which could be used for the removal thereof except as approved and allowed by permit;
- b. set fire to any trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, grass, plant growth or living timber;
- c. go upon any lawn, grass plot, planted area, tree, shrub, monument, fountain, or structure where access is prohibited by signs or symbols which are posted or otherwise displayed or where access is restricted by fence or other physical barrier;
- d. cut, break or in any way injure, deface, destroy or alter any building, fence, monument, or other structure or property contained therein;
- e. operate or drive any motor car, automobile or vehicle of any kind in places other than roadways and parking lots or in such a manner as to cause the same to collide with, run against, strike or cause to strike, injure, deface or damage any Park Property or equipment;
- f. fasten any animal or attach any rope, sign, handbill or other things to any tree or shrub or to any protective device around any tree or shrub;
- g. allow any animal to injure or deface any tree, plant, shrub, or lawn in any manner whatsoever;
- h. fasten any bicycle, motor cycle, moped or other vehicle to or leave the same standing so as to injure any tree, shrub, or lawn; or
- i. deface, destroy, cover over or otherwise make unreadable any sign.

Section 7. Fires

No person shall light or make use of any fire in the Park System except that fires for cooking purposes may be made in portable metal containers or grills under such regulation as may be prescribed by the Director. The Director shall designate areas in which grilling will be permitted which shall be equipped with special containers for deposit of charcoal and shall have access to water. Any such fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a person over eighteen years of age from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished. No fire shall be built within ten feet of any tree or building, or beneath the branches of any trees or in any underbrush. Every

person who starts any such fire and every person starting or using such fire shall completely extinguish fire or fires before leaving such park and shall dispose of any residue or refuse therefrom in an appropriate container. Cigars, cigarettes, charcoal briquettes and matches shall be extinguished and deposited in a suitable container provided for the reception thereof.

Section 8. Smoking

No person shall smoke any tobacco, cigar, or cigarette in any building, in the swimming pool facility, in any children's playground, in any designated non smoking area, or within 15 feet thereof. No person shall smoke in any vehicle owned or maintained by the Park District. No person shall throw any match, cigar or cigarette on the ground of any Park Property.

Section 9. Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, brought within, given away, delivered or consumed on Park Property, except pursuant to permits or concessions issued by the Park District.

Section 10. Games and Sports

No person shall engage in any athletic game or sport in the Park System except such portions thereof as may be designed for that purpose.

- a. **Skating, Sledding, and Skiing in Reckless Manner.** No person shall skate, skateboard, sled or ski in any part of the Park System in a reckless manner, or at the speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the number of people in such part of the Park System and the use thereof, or so as to endanger life or limb, or damage the property of any person; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any exhibition of, or contests in, speed skating on such portions of any ice pond or rink as may be set aside for that purpose by the Director.
- b. **Golf.** All persons are hereby prohibited from practicing and playing golf upon any portion of the Park System except at the Fountain Hills Golf Course after payment of required fees.
- c. **Bicycling.** Persons may operate a bicycle only on paths, trails, roadways or other areas designated for bicycle use. Persons operating bicycles must ride on the right-hand side of such path, trail, roadway or other area designated for bicycle use by the Director. No person may operate a bicycle while carrying another person on the handlebars, frame or fender, or so ride on a bicycle, except in a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose. No person may operate a bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger pedestrians. No person shall cling

or attach himself or his bicycle to any other moving vehicle. The operator of a bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on walkways and to all vehicles on roadways, and shall walk his bicycle in all areas where riding is prohibited by the Director, as indicated by sign or notice. The operator of a bicycle shall give an audible warning, by horn, bell, voice or otherwise, when approaching any pedestrian from behind.

- d. **Skate Park.** No person shall bring a bicycle, scooter, alcoholic beverages, or glass object into any skate park. No person shall operate a bicycle within any skate park.
- e. **Skate Board.** No person shall skate board in any area prohibited by signage. No person shall skate board and cause damage to any Park Property.

Section 11. Day Camps, Private Businesses, Private Outings

Day camps, play classes or organized groups not sponsored by the Park District may use facilities of the Park System when not in conflict with the Park District recreational program, only with the approval of the Director. No person shall operate a private business from Park Property or use Park Property for private outings or organized competition except pursuant to a permit issued by the Director.

Section 12. Bringing Animals in Park

- a. **Animals Permitted.** No person owning or being custodian or having control of any animal shall cause or permit such animal to enter or remain on Park Property, except in areas designated as “Dog Friendly Areas”, where a domestic dog may be brought so long as such dog is continuously restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length. Animals may not be brought into, enter or remain in any building, playground, lagoon, swimming pool, spray pool, garden, or athletic field.

Nothing in this Code shall prohibit a service animal assisting a person with a disability from entering or remaining at any location in the Park System. No person shall permit any animal to enter or drink the water of any drinking fountain, pool, or pond except at places designated or maintained therefor.

- b. **Animal Nuisance.** No person shall permit any dog, cat or other animal to commit any nuisance upon any Park Property except in areas designated therefor. Any person having the custody or control of any dog, cat or other domestic animal shall have the responsibility for cleaning up and disposing any feces in a sanitary manner.
- c. **Animal at Large.** Any animal found at large in the Park System may be seized and impounded. Any animal found within the Park System violating any

provisions of this Code may be seized and impounded. All impoundment and storage fees shall be the responsibility of the owner of the animal and shall be paid before release of the animal back to the owner.

- d. **Animals Allowed.** The Director is authorized to permit programs and events which would allow the presence of animals on Park Property during specified hours and events.

Approved on 11.23.20: Laramie Park, the Walking Path along Kostner, Commissioners Park and Sears Park are designated as Dog Friendly Areas, in accordance with Ordinance 08-03.

Section 13. Feeding Animals and Food Scraps Prohibited

- a. **Feeding Animals.** It shall be unlawful for any person to feed any animal, bird, insect or vector on any Park Property.
- b. **Food and Food Scraps.** It shall be unlawful for any person to leave, place or throw any food or food scraps on any Park Property, except in garbage containers.

Section 14. Fishing Regulations

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. fish on any Park Property without having first obtained an Illinois state fishing license. An Illinois state fishing license is not required of any person under the age of 16, any blind person, any disabled person, or any person 65 years of age or more.
- b. fish by any means other than hook and line;
- c. use a boat or other flotation device while fishing;
- d. use more than 2 poles; or
- e. violate sportfishing regulations issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Section 15. Loitering so as to Obstruct Public Ways and Place

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, loaf, wander, stand or remain idle either alone or in consort with others on Park Property in such a manner as to:

- a. obstruct any driveway, public sidewalk or any other place or building by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians; or
- b. commit in or upon any driveway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or with any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place, or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress and egress.

Section 16. Polluting and Littering

- a. **Littering.** No person shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind, whether waste or otherwise, in the park, except refuse, ashes, garbage and other material arising from the normal use and enjoyment of a picnic or other permitted activity provided such material is deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
- b. **Polluting.** No material of any kind shall be left or deposited in parks so as to pollute the land, waters or air coursing through or over the parks or otherwise to interfere with proper use and enjoyment of the park. No person shall throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters in any park or in any storm sewer, or drain flowing into said waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

Section 17. Hindering or Soliciting Employees or Contractors

No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder any employee or contractor of the Park District while engaged in constructing, repairing or caring for any Park Property; nor shall any person solicit any employee or contractor of the Park District while such employee or contractor is on duty.

Section 18. Vehicles

- a. **Snowmobiles.** No snowmobiles or all terrain vehicles shall be permitted upon any Park Property.
- b. **Unattended Vehicles.** No motor vehicle shall be left unattended in any parking area while the motor of such vehicle is running.
- c. **Noise Created by Vehicles.** It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle which makes unusually loud or unnecessary noises so as to disturb users on Park Property.

- d. **Music.** It shall be unlawful to play music in any vehicle which can be heard more than 50 feet away on any Park Property.
- d. **Repairs to Vehicles.** No person shall change any parts, repair, wash, grease, wax, polish or clean a vehicle on Park Property.
- e. **Speed Limit.** It shall be unlawful to drive in excess of ten miles per hour in any parking lot of the Park District.
- f. **Vehicles Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or allow any motor vehicle to remain on Park Property except in a paved parking lot or roadway.
- g. **Signs.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or park a vehicle in violation of any sign.

Section 19. Explosive Devices and Fireworks

No person shall fire, discharge or set off any rocket, firecracker, sparkler, torpedo or other fireworks, or any substance of an explosive nature within the Park System without a permit from the Park District.

Section 20. Rules and Regulations

The Director may, from time to time, establish reasonable rules and regulations, for the use of each facility in the Park System and for obtaining permits. Such rules and regulations shall be based on a due regard for the purpose for which the facility is established, the safety of those using the facility, of employees and of the public, the safety and maintenance of Park Property, the need for and the availability of supervisory personnel, and the maximum number of people who can safely use the facility at one time. No person shall use any Park Property in derogation of any permit issued to another person.

Section 21. Permit Requirement

No person shall, without a permit:

- a. conduct a public assembly, parade, picnic, or other event involving more than fifty individuals;
- b. circulate or distribute any leaflets, handbills, notices, pamphlets, books, documents or papers of any kind;

- c. conduct any exhibit, music or dramatic performance, fair, circus, concert, play, radio or television broadcast, other than a news transmission;
- d. exhibit or display any motion picture, television program, light or laser light display, or similar event;
- e. operate a vehicle, except upon a publicly dedicated street, alley, watercourse or other thoroughfare which may abut or traverse a park;
- f. create or emit any Amplified Sound, except from a radio, recorder or other device possessed and used by an individual for his own enjoyment and operated in such a manner so as not to interfere with the use and enjoyment by an other person;
- g. station or erect any building, stand, bandstand, stage, tower, scaffold, sound stage, platform, rostrum or other structure;
- h. station or use any electrical or electronic device or equipment that would require outdoor auxiliary power from a generator;
- i. sell or offer for sale any goods or services;
- j. display, post or distribute any placard, handbill, pamphlet, circular, book or other writing containing commercial advertising matter within the Park System;
- k. bring, land or cause to ascend or descend or alight within the Park District, any airplane, helicopter, flying machine, balloon, parachute or other apparatus for aviation;
- l. conduct any sporting event or league where payment of any type is required to participate therein; or
- m. ride any horse.

Section 22. Parties and Parental Responsibility

- a. The parent or legal guardian of a minor defendant who resides with such parent or legal guardian shall be jointly and severally liable for any fine or condition of restitution or reparation imposed by a court upon a minor for violation of this Code; provided that the payment may not be demanded of such parent or legal guardian unless and until the minor has not paid the fine or made restitution or reparation within the time ordered by the court; and provided that said parent or legal guardian has been served with summons or notice to appear in the original cause and all proceedings thereafter as provided by law.

- b. Every person who commits, attempts to commit, conspires to commit, or aids or abets in the commission of any act declared herein to be unlawful, as a principal, agent, or accessory, shall be guilty of such offense, and every person who falsely, fraudulently, forcibly or willfully induces, causes, coerces, requires, permits or directs another to violate any provision of this Code is likewise guilty of such offense.
- c. Any person who is the owner, registered owner, or person in control of any animal, vehicle or other property of any kind brought, placed, parked or allowed to remain on park property in violation of this Code or any regulations issued pursuant to the Code, shall be deemed prima facie responsible for such violation and shall be subject to the penalties provided for herein.

Section 23. Fines

The violation by a person of this Code shall subject such person to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to any fine, the Park District may revoke the privilege to use all or some of the facilities of the Park District for such length of time as is determined appropriate by the Director.

Section 24. Citations

In lieu of filing a complaint in court for a violation of this Code, a citation may be issued requesting the payment of \$100 in settlement of the violation. In the event that the person to whom the citation is issued fails to settle and pay the violation within the prescribed time as specified in the notice issued, a complaint may be filed in court to prosecute the offense. In the event that settlement by payment is not made within the time prescribed in the notice, and a final notice is mailed to the violator, the payment of \$200 in settlement of the violation will be required. If no payment is made within the time prescribed in the final notice, and the violation is prosecuted in court, then the minimum fine for the violation shall be \$300.

Section 25. Enforcement

The Director and any person designated by the Director is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code through the issuance of citations. All law enforcement officers of the Village are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code through the issuance of citations in the name of the Village and through the issuance of court complaints in the name of the Village. All fines received by reason of citations or complaints issued by law enforcement officers of the Village shall be paid to the Village.