# Harvey Park District

# Ordinance

Park Use Laws: Protecting Parks, Facilities, and People

HARVEY PARK DISTRICT was established in 1967 as an independent park district. It is governed by a five-member Board of Park Commissioners, elected from the citizens of Harvey Illinois, county of Cook. The Harvey Park District consist of more than 84acres of park reserves, special-use facilities, and park equipment.

As we work to determine the best ways to meet the needs of Harvey Park District residents we welcome your comments and suggestions.

the **mission** of the Harvey Park District is to promote environmental stewardship through recreation and education by way of a natural resource-based park system

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# **Administrative Fines up to:**

\$1000 for administrative offenses otherwise classified as a <u>petty</u> misdemeanor.

\$2500 for administrative offenses otherwise classified as a misdemeanor.

All fines are to be paid to the Harvey Park District Office. Failure to pay an administrative offense within the designated time frame allowed by the Park District, will result in an offense being reclassified a petty misdemeanor or misdemeanor and processed through the appropriate county judicial system where the offense occurred.

<sup>\*</sup>Violations are defined throughout this document.

<sup>\*</sup>Fines associated with towing are noted by and must be paid to the authorized towing company.

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# **Chapter I: Purpose/Authority/Definitions**

# Section I—Purpose

The Harvey Park District deems it reasonable, necessary, and desirable to provide an Ordinance specifying rules and regulations in order to provide for the safe and peaceful public use of Park District areas and facilities; for the educational and recreational benefit and enjoyment of the public; for the protection and preservation of the property, facilities, and natural resources of the Park District; and for the safety and general welfare of the public.

# **Section II—Authority**

The Harvey Park District Board, under Illinois Statutes, Chapter 398, in performing its primary duty of the acquisition, development, and maintenance of large parks, wooded areas, and other reservations and providing the means for public access to historic sites, canals, streams, and other natural phenomena, is granted full power and authority to acquire and establish parks and to operate, maintain, protect and improve a park system and conduct a recreational program. As an aid to the accomplishment of this duty, the Board is granted the authority to enact Ordinances and to declare that the violation thereof shall be a penal offense.

#### Section III—Definitions

- a) "Amusement Contraption" means any contrivance, device, gadget, machine, or structure designed to test the skill or strength of the user or to provide the user with any sort of ride, lift, swing, or fall experience including, but not limited to, ball-throwing contest device, pinball type devices, animal ride device, dunk tank, ball and hammer device, trampoline device, and the like.
- b) "Area" or "areas" means a specified place within a park.
- c) "Beer" is any beverage made from malt by fermentation and containing not less than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume.
- d) "Board" mean members of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District.
- e) "Controlled Substance" means any drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules 1 through 5 of Illinois Statutes Section 152.02.

- f) "Employee" means any Park District volunteer, full or part-time regular or seasonal worker hired by the Park District.
- g) "Glue" means any substance that releases vapors and which is used by a person for the purpose of inducing symptoms of intoxication, elation, excitement, confusion, dizziness, paralysis, irrational behavior, or in any manner changing, distorting, or disturbing the balance or coordination of a person's audio, visual, or mental processes.
- h) "Hiking" means traveling on foot, i.e., walking, running, or with an assistive mobility device.
- i) "Indoor Area" means all space between a floor and a ceiling that is bounded by walls, doorways, or windows, whether open or closed, covering more than 50 percent of the combined surface area of the vertical planes (wall space) constituting the perimeter of the area, whether temporary or permanent. A (standard) window screen or like building component is not considered a wall.
- j) "LIO Level" is the noise level expressed in dBA, which is exceeded 10 percent of the time for a one-hour survey, as measured by test procedures approved by Illinois Park District officials.
- k) "L50 Level" is the noise level expressed in dBA, exceeded 50 percent of the time for a one-hour period, as measured by test procedures approved by Illinois Park District officials.
- "Laser" means any device which emits a coherent, mono- chromatic beam of light.
- m) "Malt Liquor" Any beer, ale, or other beverage made from malt by fermentation and containing not less than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume.
- n) "Metal Detecting" To use an electronic or mechanical device to locate metals or other artifacts that are underground or under water.
- o) "Misdemeanor" means crime for which a sentence of not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both may be imposed.
- p) "Motor Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a roadway except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

- q) "Motorized Recreation Vehicle" means any self-propelled, off-road, or all-terrain vehicle including, but not limited to, snowmobile, mini-bike, amphibious vehicle, motorcycle, go-cart, trail bike, dune buggy, or all-terrain cycle.
- r) "Natural Resources" means all flora and fauna within the Park District and the physical factors upon which they depend, including air, water, soil, and minerals.
- s) "Park" means any land, water area, or trail corridor and all facilities thereon, under the jurisdiction, control or ownership of the Park District.
- t) "Park District" means the Harvey Park District, established pursuant to Illinois Statutes, Chapter 398.
- u) "Park Enforcement Officer" means those Park District employees vested with the authority to enforce laws and Ordinances; to include any regular, seasonal, or intermittent employee vested with the legal authority to enforce the Park District Ordinance.
- v) "Permit/special Use Permit" means written permission obtained from the Park District to carry out certain activities.
- w) "Person" or "persons" means individuals, firms, corporations, societies, or any group or gathering whatsoever.
- x) "Pest" means any plant, animal or microorganism that is determined to be undesirable because it conflicts with park management objectives, creates an annoyance to park guests, or has the potential to create a health hazard.
- y) "Pesticide" means a chemical or biological substance in- tended to prevent or destroy a pest, and/or a substance to be used as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant. Repellents are not considered pesticides.
- z) "**Pet**" means a domestic dog or cat that is accompanied by a competent person in the immediate vicinity of the animal and who is responsible for the animal.
- aa) "Petty misdemeanor" means petty offense which does not constitute a crime and for which a sentence of a fine of not more than \$300 may be imposed.
- bb) "Pollutant" means any substance, solid, liquid, or gas which could cause contamination of air, land, or water so as to create or cause a nuisance or render it unclean or noxious or unpure, so as to be actually or potentially harmful or detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, or that of wildlife or vegetation.

cc) "Possession":

**Physical Possession**: having a controlled substance on one's person with knowledge of the nature of the substance.

**Constructive Possession**: having once possessed a controlled substance, continuing to exercise dominion and control over the substance up to the time of arrest, or aiding and abetting another in possessing a controlled substance.

- dd) "Property" means any land, waters, facilities, or possessions of the Park District.
- ee) "Responsible Person" means the parent, guardian or person having lawful custody and control of a juvenile.
- ff) "Roller skater" is any person riding or propelling oneself by human power or gravity on wheeled devices that are worn on a person's feet or stood upon by a person. Such devices specifically include, but are not limited to, roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, and scooters.
- gg) "Smoking" means inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant product. Smoking also includes carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation.
- hh) "Executive Director" means the person appointed by the Board to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Park District.
- ii) "Theft" Whoever does any of the following commits theft: intentionally and without claim of right takes, uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property.
- jj) "**Tobacco Use**" means smoke, chew, or otherwise ingest tobacco or a tobacco product.
- kk) "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designed for navigation on water.
- II) "Weapon" means any device including, but not limited to, firearms, bows, slings, paintball guns, and spring guns from which a shot or a projectile of any type is discharged or propelled by means of an explosive, gas, compressed air, elastic, or other means.

- mm) "Wildlife" means any living creature, not human, wild by nature, including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, insects, reptiles, crustaceans, and mollusks.
- nn) "Wine" means a vinous beverage containing not more than 14 percent alcohol by volume.

# **Section 4—Specification of Offenses Administrative Offenses**

Administrative offenses are actions or inactions prohibited by this Ordinance which have a monetary penalty for violations.

# Petty Misdemeanors

Petty misdemeanor offenses are actions or inactions prohibited by state statute and carry the designated penalties set forth by the respective County Court System. The following violations of the Ordinance, if not cited as an administrative offense, shall be deemed petty misdemeanors:

Chapter II	Section 1	– Park Hours
Chapter II	Section 2	– Permits
Chapter II	Section 3	<ul> <li>Failure to Pay Use Fee/Display Permit</li> </ul>
Chapter IV	Section 2	<ul><li>Pets in Parks</li></ul>
Chapter VI	Section 1	<ul> <li>Camping</li> </ul>
Chapter VI	Section 2	- Picnicking
Chapter VII	Section 6	<ul> <li>Horseback Riding/Petting Zoo/Animal Displays</li> </ul>
Chapter VI	Section 7	<ul><li>Bicycling</li></ul>
Chapter VI	Section 10	<ul> <li>Other Winter Activities</li> </ul>
Chapter VI	Section 11	<ul> <li>Other Special Activity Use</li> </ul>
Chapter VI	Section 12	<ul> <li>Roller-Skating/In-line Skating</li> </ul>
Chapter VI	Section 13	– Hiking
Chapter VII	Section 3	<ul> <li>Parking Vehicles</li> </ul>

#### Misdemeanors

All remaining violations of the Ordinance, if not cited as an administrative offense, shall be deemed misdemeanor offenses unless circumstances warrant a more serious offense.

# **Chapter II- Regulation of Public Use**

# **Section I—Park Hours** (Petty Misdemeanor)

Parks shall be open to the public from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain in a park at any other time without a use permit, except when the park area or facility is otherwise designated by the Board, or the park area or facility is being used as part of an authorized Park District program.

The Executive Director or designee is authorized to close any park or portion thereof at any time for the protection of park property or the public health, safety, or welfare.

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, or through negligent supervision, permit a juvenile to be in any park or park facility 30 minutes or more after the facility is closed.

# **Section 2—Permits** (Petty Misdemeanor)

Permits shall be required for the exclusive or special use of all or portions of park areas, buildings, or trails or for the use of park areas and facilities when they are otherwise closed to the public. Permit applications must be received at least 48 hours in advance of date of activity.

Permits shall be required for an entertainment, tournament, exhibition, or any other special use which can reasonably be expected to have fifty (50) or more persons involved or potentially have a detrimental effect on park property or other park users.

It shall be unlawful for a person to violate any provision of a permit.

# Section 3—Failure to Pay Use Fee/Display Permit (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or park in those areas where a permit is required without paying for and/or appropriately displaying a valid permit, as required by the Board.

#### Section 4 – Theft

It shall be unlawful to intentionally and without right of owner- ship or consent take, use, transfer, retain or possess items of another.

# Chapter III: Regulation of General Conduct/Personal Behavior

# Section 1—Drug and Alcohol Use

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Use, possess, or sell any alcoholic beverage in violation of state statutes.

Serve, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage, except beer and wine, in areas not designated by the Board, unless otherwise authorized by special permit.

Serve, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage without authorization by special permit, proper license and/or insurance.

Consume or display any alcoholic beverage at sites where the Park District or its agent is a licensed vendor of alcoholic beverages, unless purchased at that site or authorized by special permit.

Possess or bring beer or wine into a park in kegs, barrels, or other bulk tap quantities, unless authorized by special permit.

Use, manufacture, possess, constructively possess, sell, give away, barter, exchange, distribute, or otherwise transfer any controlled substance, except on a lawful prescription by a person licensed by law to prescribe and administer controlled substances.

Inhale, breathe, or drink, or be or become intoxicated by reason of inhaling, breathing or drinking any substance defined as "glue."

Sell, barter, furnish, or give alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

Purchase or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage, if under the age of 21.

Induce a person under the age of 21 years to purchase or procure any alcoholic beverage.

# Section 2—Smoking and Tobacco Use

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Smoke or use any tobacco product in or within 25 feet of any indoor area.

Smoke or use any tobacco product inside the designated perimeter of any creative play area, beach, swim pond, or water play area.

Smoke or use any tobacco product anywhere in any Park District recreation area except when part of a permitted group that has rented an indoor area, within these facilities, provided that no smoking may occur or tobacco products may be used in or within 25 feet of any indoor area.

# Section 3—Gambling

It shall be unlawful for any person to gamble or participate in any game of chance for a consideration of items of value.

# Section 4—Public Nuisance/Personal Safety

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Engage in fighting or exhibit threatening, violent, disorderly, or indecent behavior.

Make unreasonable coarse utterance, gesture, or display.

Address abusive language tending to incite a breach of the peace or to be inimical to peace and good order to any per- son present.

Otherwise create a hazardous or physically offensive condition to any person present.

Engage in any course of conduct, or participate in any activity in any park, after he or she is advised by any park employee (Park Enforcement Officer) having authority to regulate or manage the area, that such conduct or participation is unreasonably and unnecessarily hazardous to the personal safety of said person or another person, or impairs or limits the lawful use and enjoyment of the facility or area by other persons.

Throw items from, jump from, hang from, climb upon, or engage in any other unsafe or disruptive behavior on any structure within the Park District facilities or park land.

Intentionally expose his or her own genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast below the top of the areola, with less than a fully opaque covering while on park property, if 10 years of age or older.

Knowingly or intentionally urinate or defecate in a public place or setting.

#### Section 5—Child Safety

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Permit a child age 10 or under to be in a creative play area unless under the supervision of a responsible person.

Permit a child age 10 or under to be in a winter recreation area unless under the supervision of a responsible person.

# Section 6—Property of Others

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Intentionally disturb, harass, or interfere with a park visitor's property.

Leave or store personal property in undesignated areas on Park District property without a permit.

# Section 7—Littering

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Deposit, scatter, drop, or abandon in a park bottles, cans, broken glass, hot coals, ashes, sewage, waste, or other material, except in receptacles provided for such purposes.

Place household, yard, or construction waste generated out- side Park District property into garbage receptacles provided by the District.

# Section 8—Possession and Use of Firearms/ Dangerous Weapons/ Fireworks

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Possess, hold, store, keep, or carry within the Park District, its lands, facilities or buildings, fire or discharge, or cause to be fired or discharged across, in or into any portion of the Park District, its lands, facilities, or buildings any pistol, BB gun, rifle, or other firearm, spear, bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot, air or gas weapon, paintball gun, or any other dangerous weapon or projectile, except for purposes designated by the Board in areas and at times designated by the Board. Persons who possess a valid Illinois permit, or a valid permit from another state which is recognized in Illinois; may carry, hold, keep, store, or possess a pistol within the Park District lands, facilities, and buildings to the extent permitted by Illinois law. Employees or volunteers when acting in the course and scope of their employment or duties are prohibited from carrying, holding, keeping, storing, or possessing a pistol within Park District lands, facilities, and buildings.

Licensed Peace Officers are exempt from the provisions of this subdivision.

Possess, set off, or attempt to set off or ignite any firecracker, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder guns, or other pyrotechnics without authorization from the Board.

Use a laser in such a manner as to cause another person to experience flash blindness, after-image, or glare.

# **Section 9—Interference with Employee Performance of Duty**

It shall be unlawful for any person to impersonate any employee of the Park District or interfere with, harass, or hinder any employee in the discharge of his/her duties.

# **Chapter IV: Regulations Pertaining to General Park Land Operation**

# Section 1—Commercial Use/Solicitation/ Advertising/ Photography

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Solicit, sell, or otherwise peddle any goods, wares, merchandise, services, liquids, or edibles in a park except by authorized concession or written permission granted by the Board.

Operate a still, motion picture, video, or other camera for commercial purposes in a park without a permit (news coverage or media journalism is not considered a commercial purpose; therefore, a permit is not required).

Expose, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, notice, poster, or display in a park without authorization from the Executive Director or designee.

# Section 2—Pets in Parks (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Permit a pet, except trained service dogs, to assist persons with disabilities, to be in a park except in areas that may be designated by the Board, including campgrounds, trails, pet exercise, and training areas.

Bring a pet into an authorized area of a park unless caged or kept on a non-retractable leash not to exceed 6 feet and under the handler's control, unless in a pet exercise or training area designated by the Board.

Permit a pet under his/her responsibility to disturb, harass, or interfere with any park visitor, a park visitor's property or park employee.

Tether any animal to a tree, plant, building, or park equipment.

Have custody or control of any dog or domestic pet in a park without possessing an appropriate device for cleaning up pet feces and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner.

Use dog off-leash areas without having a valid permit in their possession and without having appropriately displayed a valid permit on their vehicle if parked in designated dog off-leash area parking lot.

# Section 3—Noise/Amplification of Sound

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Install, use, operate, or permit the use or operation within the Park District of any of the following devices:

Loudspeaker or sound-amplifying equipment without authorization by permit.

Radios, tape players, phonographs, television sets, musical instruments, or other machines or devices for the production or reproduction of sound in such a manner as to be disturbing or a nuisance to reasonable persons of normal sensitivity within the area of audibility.

Yell, shout, whistle, sing, or make any unpleasant and unnecessary noises to disturb the peace and quiet within any park or cause discomfort or annoyance to reasonable park visitors of normal sensitivity, except for special programs at dates and times as authorized by permit.

Cause any noise which exceeds the limit, as established herein, when measured at or within the Park District's property line, except as authorized by the Board.

# PARK USE AREA

	DAY 7 a.m10 p.m.	NIGHT 10 p.m7 a.m.
Park Grounds or Natural Areas	55	50
Active Recreation Use Areas	65	65
Special Use Facilities as Designated by the Board	75	75

The standards which shall be considered in determining whether a violation of the

provisions of this section exists shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) level of the noise; (2) intensity of the noise; (3) whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual; (4) level and intensity of the background noise, if any; (5) type of area within which the noise emanates; (6) the intensity of human use of the area during the time at which the noise emanates; (7) time of the day or night the noise occurs; (8) duration of the noise; and (9) whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent or constant.

#### Section 4—Fires

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Start a fire in a park, except in a designated area, and then only in fire rings, portable stoves or grills, except by permit.

Leave a fire unattended or fail to fully extinguish a fire.

Scatter or leave unattended lighted matches, ashes, burning tobacco, paper, or other combustible material.

#### Section 5— Aviation

It shall be unlawful to use Harvey Park District property for a starting or landing field for aircraft, hot air balloons, parachutes, hang gliders, or other flying apparatus without a permit.

# Section 6—Assembly: Meetings, Speeches, Demonstrations, Religious Services, Parades

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Conduct public meetings, assemblies, worship services, parades, or demonstrations involving fifty (50) or more people without a permit which has been secured at least 48 hours in advance of date of activity.

Conduct public meetings, assemblies, worship services, entertainment, parades, or demonstrations that unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of the park by other park users, damage park property, block entrances or exits of structures, interfere with the safe use of park facilities, tend to cause a disturbance, or fail to abide by other Ordinance regulations.

#### Section 7—Amusement Contraptions

It shall be unlawful to bring in, set up, construct, manage, or operate any

amusement or entertainment contraption, device, or gadget without a permit.

# **Section 8—Engine-Powered Models and Toys**

It shall be unlawful for any person to start, fly, or use any fuel- powered model aircraft, model boat, or rocket, or like-powered toy or model without a permit.

# Section 9—Unlawful occupancy

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be under construction, locked, or closed for public use.

Enter in any way or be upon any building, installation, or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time, or contrary to posted notice in any park.

Enter in any way any building, installation, or area after receiving a permit revocation or unlawful-occupancy notification during the time period specified.

# Chapter V: Protection of Property, Structures, and Natural Resources

#### Section 1—Disturbance of natural Features

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Intentionally remove, alter, injure, eat, or destroy any tree, other plant, rock, soil, or mineral without a permit.

Dig trenches, holes, or other excavations in a park without a permit.

Introduce any plant, animal, or other agent within a park without a permit. Harvest/grow/cultivate a controlled substance.

Cut or gather wood.

Engage in metal detecting.

Transport, possess, or burn firewood in the Harvey Park District unless the firewood is purchased from the Park District; or Illinois Department of Natural Resources approved firewood vendor within 100 miles of the Park District facility.

#### Section 2—Wildlife

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed, any species of wildlife.

Remove any animal, living or dead, from a park without a permit; any animal so removed or taken contrary to the pro- visions of this Ordinance or laws of the State of Illinois shall be considered contraband and subject to seizure and confiscation.

Release or abandon any animal within a park.

Feed any wildlife or feral animals in a park.

# Section 3—Discharge of Weapons/Firearms

See Chapter III, Section 8

# Section 4—Destruction/Defacement of Park Property/Signs

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Intentionally deface, vandalize, or otherwise cause destruction to park property.

Intentionally deface, destroy, cover, damage, or remove any placard, notice or sign, or parts thereof, whether permanent or temporary, posted, or exhibited by the Park District.

Have in their possession any aerosol paint can without a special use permit.

# Section 5—Release of Harmful or Foreign substances

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Place any debris or other pollutant in or upon any Park District lands or any body of water in or adjacent to a park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters.

Discharge waste water or any other wastes in a park, except into designated containers, drains or dumping stations.

Release a pesticide in or upon any Park District lands except as permitted by the Board.

# Section 6—Interference of Park Property

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit physical encroachment upon Park District property including, but not limited to actions such as mowing of grasses, and/or placement of personal property, debris, materials, buildings, sheds, other structures, or signs on Park District lands.

# **Chapter VI: Regulation of Recreation Activity**

# **Section 1—Camping (Petty Misdemeanor)**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Camp in a park except in areas provided and designated for that purpose.

Camp without a permit from the Park District.

Occupy campsites in a park contrary to a permit or otherwise violate provisions of a permit.

Camp overnight in a park if under 18 years of age unless accompanied by a parent or adult having lawful custody of a juvenile, or authorized by special-use permit.

# **Section 2—Picnicking (Petty Misdemeanor)**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Assume exclusive use of a reservation picnic site without a permit.

Prepare and/or serve food for groups of 50 or more persons without proper sanitation license and/or insurance.

Use a reservation picnic area without a permit if the area is reserved by a permitted group. Conduct picnic activity at reservation picnic sites contrary to a permit, or otherwise violate provisions of a permit.

Set up temporary shelters, tents, tarps, canopies larger than 10' x 10', and other such devices without authorization by permit and /or submission any applicable fee, special use permit, insurance and/or license.

# Section 3—Horseback Riding/Petting Zoo/Animal Displays (Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Ride, lead, or allow a horse, petting zoo, or animal display within a park, except in designated areas or trails at designated hours, and without payment of required fee, special use permit, insurance and/or license.

Ride a horse or animal in a reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the safety or property of any park visitor.

Tether a horse/petting zoo animal/animal display to a tree, other plant, building, or park equipment.

Allow a horse/petting zoo animal/animal display to graze or browse except at designated areas or as authorized by a special use permit.

# Section 4—Bicycling (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Operate any type of bicycle including mountain bicycle, except on paved trails, roadways, and designated mountain- bike trails at dates and times authorized by the Board.

Operate any type of bicycle except as close to the right-hand side of the authorized trail or roadway as conditions permit, or to cross to the left of a solid yellow centerline.

Operate a bicycle in violation of Illinois Statutes, Chapter 169, "Highway Traffic Violation."

Ride or operate a bicycle except in a prudent and careful manner, or at a speed faster than is reasonable and safe with regard to the safety of the operator and other persons in the immediate area.

Park a bicycle at any Park District beach or play area except at a bicycle rack if such rack is provided.

# Section 5—Snowmobiling (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Operate a snowmobile at any Park District property.

Operate a snowmobile in a park contrary to rules and regulations issued by the Board.

# Section 6—other Winter Activities (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Sled in a park except at designated times and places.

Ice skate, coast, or snowshoe in any park.

Enter an area marked by signs indicating thin ice.

# Section 7—Other special Activity Use (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to participate in or conduct any activity, except those uses for which a park area or facility has been planned or promoted by the Park District, without a permit.

# Section 8—Roller-skating/in-line skating (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Roller-skate, including the activities of skateboarding, in-line skating, and roller skating, in a park except on paved areas unless posted otherwise.

Roller-skate in a park except in a prudent and careful manner and at a speed that is reasonable and safe with regard to the safety of the operator and others in the immediate area.

Roller-skate, including the activities of skateboarding, in- line skating, and roller skating, in a park building, elevated areas, or other park structure.

Cause damage to park areas through the use of sharp-tipped poles or other damaging equipment.

# **Section 9—Hiking (Petty Misdemeanor)**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Hike in a park except in recreation and facility use areas post park closure.

Hike on designated packed trails, sidewalk, or field after a two-inch or more snowfall.

# Chapter VII: Regulation of Motorized Vehicles, Traffic and Parking

#### Section 1—Motorized Recreation Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized recreation vehicle within a park except in such areas and at such times as designated by the Board, or permitted to the extent necessary to accommodate reasonable and safe use of trail by persons with disabilities dependent upon motorized transport.

# **Section 2—Vehicle Operation**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

Operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour or posted speed limits.

Operate any vehicle except in designated locations.

Operate a vehicle within a park in violation of posted regulations, Illinois Statutes, Chapter 169, county or municipal traffic codes, or orders or directions of traffic officers, or park employees authorized to direct traffic.

Operate a vehicle in a careless or reckless manner.

Operate a vehicle which emits excessive or unusual noise, noxious fumes, dense smoke, or other pollutants.

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrians and other trail users.

# Section 3—Parking vehicles (Petty Misdemeanor)

It shall be unlawful to:

Park or leave a vehicle standing except in a designated area and then only in a manner so as not to restrict normal traffic flow.

Leave a vehicle standing after posted closing hours without a valid camping permit or other permit.

Park in a space designated for handicapped parking without a handicapped vehicle license or permit.

Leave a vehicle unattended with keys in the ignition.

Park on the grass or sides of campground roads. Vehicles in campsites must be parked on the gravel pads or designated campground parking areas.

# **Section 4—Maintenance of Personal Vehicles**

It shall be unlawful for any person to wash, polish, grease, change oil, or perform other maintenance on any vehicle on Park District property except in emergencies or with Board authorization.

# **Chapter VIII: Enforcement**

**Section 1—Park Enforcement Officer** (Board Member, Executive Director or other person assigned by HPDB)

Park Enforcement Officer shall, in connection with their duties imposed by law and/or in conjunction with local law enforcement, diligently enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and may issue citations, arrest, arrest with warrant, and eject from parks persons acting in violation of this Ordinance.

Park Enforcement Officer shall have the authority and/or in conjunction with local law enforcement, to seize, confiscate and impound any substance, plant, animal, vehicle or other article which, upon probable cause, they find to be used or possessed in violation of this Ordinance.

Park Enforcement Officer shall, in connection with their duties as prescribed by the Park District, and/or in conjunction with local law enforcement, diligently enforce the provisions of the Ordinance and, except as limited by the Executive Director, issue citations and warnings to persons acting in violation of this Ordinance.

Park Enforcement Officer has the discretion to cite a violation as an appropriate administrative offense, petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or felony charge as circumstances warrant.

#### Section 2—Notice

Any person employed by the Park District with author ity to enforce this Ordinance shall, upon determining that there has been a violation of the Ordinance, notify the violator or person responsible for the violation, or in the case of a vehicular violation by attaching to said vehicle notice of the violation, said notice setting forth the nature, date, time of the violation, the name of the official issuing the notice and the amount of the scheduled penalty.

Once such notice is given, the person responsible for the violation shall, within 14 days of the time of issuance of the notice, pay in full satisfaction the amount of the specified penalty. The penalty may be paid in person, by phone, or by mail and payment shall be admission of the violation.

If a violator fails to pay the penalty imposed by this article within the established payment period, the matter may be processed as an Ordinance violation through the County Court System via the issuance of the appropriate citation.

#### Section 3—Fines and Penalties

Penalties shall be imposed for violation of the scheduled administrative offenses according to a schedule duly established and adopted from time to time by the Park District Board of Commissioners. <u>Petty</u> misdemeanors shall have a fine up to \$1000; misdemeanors shall have a fine of \$2500.

Criminal violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the scheduled fines, not to exceed \$1000 for each offense designated as a <u>petty</u> misdemeanor and \$2500 for each offense designated as a misdemeanor.

All penalties collected shall be paid over to the Park District Finance Department to be entered into the general fund. The Chief Financial Officer or their designee may receive cash, credit card, debit card, or negotiable instruments in payment of penalties as a conditional payment.

# Section 4—Additional Rules and Regulations

The Board shall have the right to issue rules and regulations relative to this Ordinance.

# Section 5— Impoundment of Pets

The Park District shall have the authority to impound pets found in violation of this Ordinance and shall collect an impoundment fee plus the per diem fee.

#### Section 6—Permit Revocation

The Park District shall have the authority to revoke for good cause any permit. Any permit or reservation may be revoked upon violation by the permitee of any Ordinance, rule or regulation of the Park District.

#### Section 7—Employee Performance of Duty

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent employees or agents of the Park District from performing their assigned duties.

#### Section 8—Powers and Duties of Chief Financial Officer

In addition to all other duties set forth in the Ordinance, the Chief Financial Officer may assist in supervising the work of Park District employees implementing and

administering this article. The Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, shall make and have custody of all records necessary and shall keep proper accounts of the proceeds received.

# **Chapter IX: Miscellaneous**

#### Section 1—Conflict

Existing Park District Ordinance and any rules and regulations 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 by the Harvey Park District Board of Commissioners.

# Section 3—Captions and Headings

The captions and headings 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 sever- able, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

#### Section 5—Amendments

This Ordinance may be amended from time to time by the Harvey Park District, and such amendment may be shown by either marking the section amended, attaching the amendment to this Ordinance, reprinting the Ordinance publication, or filling in the schedule of information.



Passed and approved the 12th day of September 2013.

For further information or questions regarding this Ordinance contact:

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