

ORDINANCE NO. 220

USE OF PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE USE OF WATERLOO PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Waterloo Park District (“Park District”), Monroe County, Illinois, that each person or entity using the parks shall clean up all debris, extinguish all fires (to the extent fires are permitted), and leave the premises in good order and facilities in a neat and sanitary condition and abide by the following rules:

Section 1. ANIMALS. No person shall lead or allow to be loose upon the park premises any animal, except that horses may be ridden by the persons in charge thereof, or driven before a vehicle attached thereto, on such portions of the park premises as may be designated for riding and driving. Dogs may be taken onto park premises provided they are held by a suitable leash, line, chain, or strap. Patrons are required to clean up their animal’s feces.

Section 2. GAMES AND SPORTS. No water slides or inflatable playground equipment or similar equipment shall be used on park premises.

Section 3. FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS. No person shall carry or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, B-B gun, pellet gun, or air gun or discharge or set off any rocket, cracker, torpedo, squib, or other firework or thing containing any substance of an explosive nature on the park premises, except with permission from the Park Board and the Mayor of Waterloo.

Section 4. THROWING OBJECTS. No person shall throw or cast any stones, rocks, projectiles, or missiles within the park premises, except with permission from the Board (informal lawn games such as ladder jacks, washers, boomerangs, etc. are permitted if not intrusive to other park patrons).

Section 5. WHEELED VEHICLES. No person shall bring, park, or use any wheeled vehicle of any type **upon any grass**, wooded area, walking trail, walkway, trails, court, pavilion, or water portion of the park premises except as otherwise posted or with permission from the Board. Vehicles used by disabled persons are permitted. Wheeled vehicles include but are not limited to cars, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, golf carts, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, and similar devices. Vehicles (other than those used to provide services within park premises) shall not exceed 6500 lbs.

Section 6. ROADWAYS. No vehicle may be driven upon any street of the park premises at a speed of greater than ten (10) miles per hour. Parking is prohibited on all roadways.

Section 7. HINDERING EMPLOYEES. No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or contractor of the Park District while such employee or contractor is engaged in constructing, repairing, or caring for any park property.

Section 8. SOLICITING/OFFERING ARTICLES FOR SALE/BEGGING PROHIBITED. No person shall offer for sale or exchange any article or thing, or do any hawking, peddling, begging, or soliciting, or buy or offer to buy any article or thing, or take up any collection or solicit or receive money or anything of value on park premises, except with permission from the Board.

Section 9. PUBLIC MEETINGS. No person shall call or hold any public meeting or give any concert or public entertainment of any kind on the park premises except upon written request with written permission from the Board obtained prior to the event. The Board shall be furnished with an acceptable Certificate of Insurance prior to the event.

Section 10. RESTRICTED PARTS OF THE PARK. No person shall enter upon any portion of the park premises where persons are prohibited from going by direction of the Superintendent as indicated by sign or notice.

Section 11. IMPROPER SPEECH AND CONDUCT. No person shall use any abusive, threatening, insulting, indecent, profane, or obscene language, or language calculated to cause a breach of the peace, nor be guilty of any indecent act or behavior on park premises.

Section 12. WATERBODY USAGE. No person or animal shall swim in, ski on, wade in, or skate on any lake, creek, or body of water of the park premises. Boats may be launched from permitted launch areas. The only boat motors that may be used are trolling motors powered by electric current.

Section 13. OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS. Except as provided in Section 14, the park premises shall be open from **dawn to dusk**. No person shall be on the park premises outside those hours except with permission from the Board. Any person found to be on park premises outside of the open hours without permission shall be deemed a trespasser and shall be fined (see Section 31).

Section 14. SKATE PARK USAGE. The Skate park facility is open from **9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** The hours of operation are subject to change with Board approval. The rules are displayed on site and at the website www.waterlooparkdistrict.org.

Section 15. USE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BY ADULTS PROHIBITED. No adult person shall in any manner use playground apparatus or devices meant exclusively for the use of children.

Section 16. OBSTRUCTING TRAVEL. No person shall place or cause to be set or placed, any goods, merchandise, or property of any kind so as to obstruct travel within the park premises. **THERE SHALL BE NO PARKING ON GRASS.**

Section 17. FIRES--PORTABLE BARBECUE PITS. No person shall light or make use of any fire in the park premises, except such portions thereof as may be designated by the Superintendent and then only under such rules as prescribed by him or her. The bringing or use of a portable barbecue grill in the pavilions of the park premises is absolutely prohibited.

Section 18. INTOXICATION / CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. No intoxicated person and/or person under the influence of a controlled substance, whether by alcohol, drugs, or other substance, shall enter, be, or remain on the park premises.

Section 19. DUMPING ARTICLES. No person shall deposit, dump, throw, or place any ashes, manure, feces, or rubbish in or upon any part of the park premises. Paper, garbage, or refuse matter generated by park users shall be deposited in receptacles provided for that purpose. The dumpsters in the park premises are for disposal of refuse generated on the park premises and should be filled only by employees of the park.

Section 20. ADVERTISEMENTS. No person shall distribute or post any placard, pamphlet, or advertisement of any kind on park premises.

Section 21. FORTUNE TELLING--GAMBLING. No person shall tell fortunes or gamble as defined by Illinois statutes on park premises.

Section 22. PROTECTING OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS--FISHING REGULATIONS. No person shall trap, catch, wound, kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch, wound, kill, or treat cruelly, any bird or animal, or disturb any nest of any bird or animal, on the park premises, except that the Board or Superintendent may exercise reasonable animal control for the protection of persons or property. Fishing (with valid license), in season, is permitted, subject to City of Waterloo ordinances and park regulations; however, the use of minnows as bait is prohibited. Seining or using nets to capture fish and aquatic animals is prohibited. One (1) bass at least seventeen (17) inches in length and five (5) bass less than fourteen (14) inches in length may be taken per day. The minimum size crappie to be taken is ten (10) inches with a maximum number of ten (10) crappie per day.

Section 23. BRINGING PLANTS, SHRUBS, OR TREES PROHIBITED. No person shall bring into or upon the park premises any tree, shrub, or plant or any portion thereof.

Section 24. DAMAGE TO PARK PROPERTY. No person shall cut, break, climb on, or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, turf, building, fence, bridge, lamp, post, sign, or other structure or property within the park premises.

Section 25. BREACH OF PEACE--DISORDERLY CONDUCT. No person shall make, countenance, or assist in making any improper noise, disturbance, breach of the peace, or diversion tending to a breach of the peace, on the park premises, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct therein or gather with other persons for unlawful

purposes, or act with the purpose of annoyance or obstruction or disturbance of other persons on park premises.

Section 26. RESISTING OR INTERFERENCE. No person shall resist any Board member or Superintendent or police officer in the discharge of his or her duty, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such person or in any way interfere with or hinder or prevent any such person from the discharge of his or her duty, or in any manner assist any person in custody to escape or attempt to escape from custody.

Section 27. IMPERSONATION OF OFFICERS, SUPERINTENDENTS, AND BOARD MEMBERS. No person shall pretend to be a police officer, Board member, or Superintendent.

Section 28. DEFINITION OF RESIDENT, PROOF OF RESIDENCY. A resident is defined as any person who resides within the boundaries of the Park District as established by ordinance. A non-resident is any person not residing within the boundaries of the Park District. Residency may be verified by a valid Illinois driver's license, City of Waterloo utility bill, or real estate tax bill.

Section 29. STATEMENT OF WATERLOO PARK DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIRED FOR FEE DETERMINATION. A statement of resident status is required on applications for use of park facilities. The classification of fees shall be based on resident status. Pavilion use is awarded based on the first applicant to pay the fee.

Section 30. PAVILION RESERVATION TIME LIMITATIONS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE. For the purpose of reserving pavilions, reservations will not be accepted more than 364 days prior to the intended use date. The person reserving the pavilion is responsible for the damages caused by and the conduct of its group. Reservation forms are available at www.waterlooparkdistrict.org.

Section 31. FINES/PENALTIES/LIABILITY. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined pursuant to City of Waterloo ordinances upon conviction thereof. A false residency statement shall result in forfeiture of a fee deposit. Any person who damages park property shall be liable for the damage caused.

Section 32. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, including but not limited to Ordinances 198, 203, 213, and 218, conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. If any item or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of such items or the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 33. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

WATERLOO PARK DISTRICT

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF MONROE)

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary E. Buettner, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Waterloo Park District, Monroe County, Illinois, and as such I am the keeper of the records and files of the Waterloo Park District. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance 220, Use of Park District Property, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners at its properly convened meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2012, as appears from the official records of the Waterloo Park District in my care and custody.

Mary E. Buettner, Secretary