

## **ORDINANCE NO. 263**

### **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" or "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.** Unless specifically allowed in this ordinance or a specific grant of one-time authority by the Waterloo Park District, no person shall lead or allow to be loose upon the park premises any animal. Horses may be driven before a vehicle attached thereto, on such roadways of the Park District as allowed by state law. Dogs may be taken onto park premises provided that they are held by a suitable leash, line, chain, or strap. Patrons are required to clean up their animal's feces. Dogs and other animals are specifically prohibited within the Skate Park and the Waterloo Community Splash Pad. Dogs are allowed off leash within the Lakeview Dog Park pursuant to Section 16.

Section 2. **GAMES AND SPORTS.** No water slides, inflatable playground equipment, paintball, or similar equipment shall be used on Park District premises.

Section 3. **FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS.** No person shall carry or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, B-B gun, pellet gun, paintball 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/DRONES.** No person shall throw or cast any stones, rocks, projectiles, or missiles within park premises, except with permission from the Board (informal lawn games such as ladder jacks, washers, boomerangs, disc golf, etc. are permitted if not intrusive to other park patrons). The use of drones requires prior written Park Board approval.

Section 5. **WHEELED VEHICLES.** Apart from the Skate Park, 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, described within this ordinance, 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. For purposes of this ordinance, wheeled vehicles DO NOT include baby strollers or carriages that are pushed by a pedestrian. Vehicles (other than those used to provide services within park premises) shall not exceed 6500 lbs. Mobile food vendors are not allowed on park premises without express permission from the Board.

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 except as otherwise posted. 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/COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS/FUND-RAISING PROHIBITED. No person shall offer for sale or exchange any item, or undertake any hawking, peddling, begging, fund-raising, or any form of solicitation, 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. Examples of such events are boomerang tournaments, disc golf tournaments, league football/soccer games and play, etc.

Section 10. RESTRICTED PARTS OF THE PARK. No person shall enter upon any portion of the park premises where people 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. No person shall engage in 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. Use of boats for fishing, canoeing, or kayaking is allowed. 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 Sections 14, 15, and 16, 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 may be fined (see Section 36).

Section 14. ASSUMPTION OF RISK. Patrons assume all risks, both known and unknown, associated with the usage of Waterloo Park District facilities and property. Patrons voluntarily accept responsibility for injuries to themselves and their minor children that result from injuries incurred while utilizing Waterloo Park District facilities and property.

Section 15. SKATE PARK USAGE. The Skate park facility is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the months of April through October and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the months of November through March. The hours of operation are subject to change with Board approval. The rules are displayed on site and at the District website. The intended use of this facility is for skating, biking, and hockey only; it is NOT intended as a general play area for small children. Patrons are expected to utilize proper safety equipment, and they use this facility at their own risk.

Section 16. LAKEVIEW DOG PARK USAGE. Dogs that are not aggressive or in-season may be off-leash inside the Lakeview Dog Park. Dogs must also be up to date on their shots and at least four months old. Further rules are displayed on site and at the District website. The Lakeview Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk throughout the year.

Section 17. WATERLOO COMMUNITY SPLASH PAD USAGE. The Waterloo Community Splash Pad is open outside of winter months from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The rules are displayed on site and at the District website. Patrons may not bring their own seating into the facility or move its fixtures. Food and pets are not allowed inside the splash pad's perimeter fence. The Waterloo Community Splash Pad is also closed during tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings for Waterloo that are issued by the National Weather Service. Patrons use this facility at their own risk.

Section 18. USE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BY NON-INTENDED INDIVIDUALS PROHIBITED. No adult person shall in any manner use playground apparatus or devices meant exclusively for the use of children. Similarly, the wheelchair swing at Zimmer Park shall only be used by individuals in wheelchairs.

Section 19. OBSTRUCTING TRAVEL. No person shall place or cause to be set or placed any goods, merchandise, or property of any kind that obstructs travel within the park premises. **THERE SHALL BE NO PARKING ON GRASS.**

Section 20. FIRES—PORTABLE BARBEQUE 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 barbeque grill in the pavilion area of the park premises is absolutely prohibited.

Section 21. 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 22. 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 district.

Section 23. ADVERTISEMENTS. No person shall distribute or post any placard, pamphlet, or advertisement of any kind on park premises without prior written Park District approval. Political signs are allowed in conjunction with specifically reserved events and must be taken down at the conclusion of the event.

Section 24. FORTUNE TELLING—GAMBLING. No person shall tell fortunes or gamble as defined by Illinois statutes on park premises.

Section 25. PROTECTING OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS—FISHING REGULATIONS. No person shall feed, trap, catch, wound, kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch, wound, kill, or treat cruelly, any wild animal or bird, 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 26. 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 unless they are utilizing the lawn waste disposal site at Lakeview Park.

Section 27. VOLUNTEERISM. No individuals may perform volunteer work on behalf of the Park District without the prior approval of the President or the Superintendent. Park District volunteers shall turn in the liability release/volunteer screening form prior to commencing any volunteer work.

Section 28. 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 29. BREACH OF THE 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 30. RESISTING OR INTERFERENCE. No person shall resist any Board member or Superintendent or police officer in the discharge of his or her duty. No person shall refuse to obey any lawful command of any such person or in any way interfere with or hinder any such person from the discharge of his or her duty. Patrons shall not in any manner assist any person in custody to escape or attempt to escape from custody.

Section 31. IMPERSONATION OF OFFICERS, SUPERINTENDENTS, AND BOARD MEMBERS. No person shall pretend to be a police officer, Board member or Superintendent.

Section 32. USE OF PARK DISTRICT WATER AND ELECTRICITY. Water and electricity are provided for the recreational use of Park District patrons while visiting Waterloo Park District property. The use of water and electricity for non-recreational, non-District activities is prohibited.

Section 33. 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 (coterminous with the City of Waterloo). 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 34. STATEMENT OF WATERLOO PARK DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIRED FOR FEE DETERMINATION. A statement of resident status is required on an application for the use of park facilities. The classification of fees shall be based on resident status. **Pavilion reservation is awarded to the first**

applicant who delivers the properly completed application and rental fee to the Park District at the address provided in the application.

Section 35. PAVILION RESERVATION TIME LIMITATIONS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE. Pavilion reservations will not be accepted more than 364 days prior to the intended use date. The person reserving the pavilion is responsible for the damage caused by and the conduct of its group. Reservation forms are available at <http://www.waterlooparkdistrict.org/forms-and-general-information/>.

Section 36. FINES/PENALTIES/LIABILITY. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance may 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 37. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, including, but not limited to, Ordinances 198, 203, 213, 218, 220, 237, and 259, conflicting with any 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 38. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 20 25.

AYES: Haentzler, Davis, Gardner

NAYS: —

ABSENT: Perotti, Pfund

ABSTAIN: —

WATERLOO PARK DISTRICT

Mary Gardner  
President

ATTEST:

Paul M Schimpf

Secretary

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SECRETARY

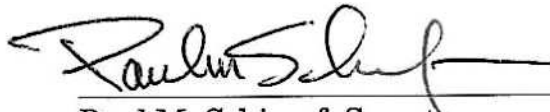
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STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF MONROE    )

CERTIFICATION

I, Paul M. Schimpf, 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 records and files of the Waterloo Park District. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance 263, Use of Park District Property, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners at its properly convened meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, as appears from the official records of the Waterloo Park District in my care and custody.



Paul M. Schimpf, Secretary

13 Aug 2025