

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 2.03 (ANIMALS AND PETS) OF THE CONDUCT ORDINANCE
OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Skokie Park District (“District”) is a duly organized and validly existing Illinois park district in accordance with the Illinois Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/1-1 *et seq.* (the “Park District Code”) and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-1(d) of the Park District Code authorizes the District to adopt all necessary ordinances, rules, and regulations for the management and conduct of the business of the Board and the District, and to establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the government and protection of property under its jurisdiction, and to effect the objects for which such districts are formed (70 ILCS 1205/8-1(d)); and

WHEREAS, the District has previously adopted a Conduct Ordinance regulating the use of the parks and property owned or controlled by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Park Commissioners deem it to be in the best interests of the District to amend the District’s Conduct Ordinance to revise the rules and regulations governing the presence of domesticated dogs in parks or property owned or controlled by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing recitals to this ordinance are hereby determined to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated in and made part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: Section 2.03(c) of the Conduct Ordinance is stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Intentionally omitted.”

SECTION THREE: Section 2.03 of the Conduct Ordinance is hereby amended to add Section 2.03(h) as follows:

(h) Dog Friendly Parks:

1. Defined Terms. For the purposes of this Section 2.03(h), the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings as set forth below:

- a. “Dog” means any member of the canine family, four (4) months or more of age.
 - b. “Dog Friendly Park” is any park owned or controlled by the District that is over half acre in size and does not restrict Dogs from entering, using or occupying the park area.
 - c. “Owner” means any Person having a right of property in a Dog or who keeps or harbors a Dog or has a Dog in his/her control or acts as the Dog’s custodian or knowingly permits a Dog to remain on or about any premises he/she occupies.
2. Pet License and Vaccination Requirements. Dogs must be licensed, vaccinated and have a current rabies inoculation in accordance with all federal, state, local or District laws, ordinances, rules or regulations in order to enter, use, occupy, be in or remain upon any Dog Friendly Park. Every Dog must wear a current pet license tag that is visible when using a Dog Friendly Park.
 3. Control. Each Dog must be accompanied by its Owner in order to enter, use, occupy, be in, or remain upon a Dog Friendly Park. Each Owner is responsible for controlling the Dog in his/her custody and must cooperate with other Owners and handlers of Dogs. Each Owner is solely responsible for removing any excrement deposited by his/her Dog at a Dog Friendly Park and disposing of it in a sanitary manner. Owners are encouraged to pick up waste of other Dogs to help keep the District Property clean.
 4. Leash Restrictions: No Dog shall enter, use, occupy, be in, or remain upon a Dog Friendly Park unless the Dog is properly leashed and under the control of its Owner at all times. Each Dog shall be restrained by a leash that is no longer than eight (8) feet in length. Retractable leashes and electronic leashes are prohibited.
 5. Aggressive, Menacing, Dangerous or Vicious Behavior.
 - a. Any Dog that displays aggressive behavior, behaves in a manner that is “dangerous” (as defined in Section 18-61 of the Skokie Village Code), “menacing” (as defined in Section 18-60 of the Skokie Village Code), or “vicious” (as defined in Section 18-62 of the Skokie Village Code), or causes injury to another Dog, Wildlife or Person shall be removed from the Dog Friendly Park. District staff are authorized to remove any Dog that is aggressive, dangerous, menacing, vicious, loud or otherwise disturbing any Person, program or event.
 - b. The Owner will be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred or encumbered in the removal of the Dog and such charge shall be in addition to

and not in lieu of any other penalties provided for in this Ordinance and any other applicable federal, state, local or District laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.

6. **Restricted Areas, Facilities and Parks:** Dogs are not allowed to enter, use, occupy, be in, or remain upon any of the following: District facilities (except during District approved Dog related classes), swimming pools, outdoor fitness equipment areas, spray grounds, sand volleyball courts, golf course, garden plots, Tot Learning Center grounds, Emily Oaks Nature Center grounds, Sport Park grounds (with the exception of Sports Park East and the Sports Park parking lot), playgrounds, Tots lots, picnic shelters (except when patrons want to bring their Dogs to their permitted picnic), courts (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickle ball, futsal, petanque), sports fields during play (except Dogs are allowed on the sidelines), campsites when campers are present, and parks under half an acre in size, including: Carol Park, Chippewa Park, Menominee Park, Pawnee Park, Playtime Park, and Kawaga Gardens. Dogs are also not allowed to enter, use, occupy, be in, or remain upon the following parks during school hours when children are present: McNally Park, Schack Park, Sequoya Park, and Timber Ridge Park.

7. **Fines/Penalties:** A first violation of this Section 2.03(h) may require the Owner to pay a minimum fine of \$100.00. A second separate violation of this Section 2.03(h) may require the Owner to pay a minimum fine of \$200.00. A third separate violation of this Section 2.03(h) or any subsequent separate violation, thereafter, may require the Owner to pay a minimum fine of \$300.00. In addition to the fines set forth herein, violation of this Section 2.03(h) may also result in the temporary or permanent revocation by the District of a Dog's ability to enter, use, occupy, be in, or remain upon any Dog Friendly Parks owned and operated by the District.

SECTION FOUR: If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and the application of these provisions to any persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION FIVE: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION SIX: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption as provided by law.

[Signature page to follow]

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

President, Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District

SEAL

State of Illinois)
)
County of Cook) ss.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and as such official, I am keeper of the records, ordinances, files and seal of said Park District.

I further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Ordinance No. _____, titled,

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adopted at a duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, held at Skokie, Illinois, in said District at _____ p.m. on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location at which said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

In witness whereof, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said Skokie Park District, in Skokie, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District