

Park Rules and Regulations

Chapter VIII – PARK REGULATIONS of the DeKalb Park District Ordinance Code

Section 8.01 Advertising

Advertising of a permanent form will be allowed only with Board approval. No person shall display, distribute, post or fix any placard, sign, handbill, pamphlet, circular, or any other written or printed material or objects containing advertising matter or announcements of any kind whatsoever in the property owned or controlled by the DeKalb Park District without prior permission of the Director and then only in full compliance with the terms of a valid contract or permit allowing the same. Displays may remain in view for the duration of the activity.

Section 8.02 Aircraft Control

No person shall fly, cause to be flown, or permit any aircraft of any kind to be flown over the park system at any time at an elevation less than the minimum safety requirements established by the Civil Aeronautics Administration or other governmental authority or less than is reasonable and proper, or so as to endanger the safety of any person or property. No person shall land, cause to be landed, or permit any aircraft to land in the park system, except when required by unavoidable emergency. Sky diving over or onto lands owned or operated by the Park District is not permitted without advance approval by the Board of Commissioners.

No person shall fly, cause to be flown, or permit any model craft or hang-gliding device of any kind to be flown in the park system without a permit and then only in such places and times as the Park District may from time to time designate for the purpose.

Section 8.03 Alcohol, Drugs and Narcotics

No person under the influence of alcohol, drugs or narcotics shall enter, be, or remain in the Park System. No person shall use or possess alcohol, drugs or narcotics as defined in the Illinois Revised Statutes on Park District properties except as the ordinance allows. Wine intended for use in services by religious organizations is permitted along with alcoholic beverages sold by the Park District as a duly licensed distribution point, including but not limited to the Community Center, Ellwood House Meeting Room and Golf Courses.

Section 8.04 Animals

It shall be unlawful for any person having control of any dog or other animal to cause or permit such animal to be on any lands or properties owned by the DeKalb Park District including without limitation any street, sidewalk, path, parking lot or other public place or facility, unless it is on a leash not longer than fifteen feet and which leash is held by such individual. Such individual having control of such dog or animal must be in possession of a device for the removal of, and depository for the transportation of, animal excrement from the property and must remove any animal excrement deposited on Park District premises by such dog or animal in his control.

No person shall lead or allow being loose upon District property any horse, pony or other riding animal.

No person shall trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal in any park.

No person may feed any wildlife including ducks, geese, squirrels or any other wild life within the park system.

Any animal found within the park system, in violation of this section, maybe apprehended, removed to an animal shelter, public pound, or any other place provided for that purpose, impounded, all at the expense of the owner.

Section 8.05 Bicycles

Paved pathways in the parks are provided for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. Bicycles may be used elsewhere in the parks provided their use will not interfere with other park patrons or activities and provided that their use does not tend to injure, damage or destroy park land or park property. The permitted use of bicycles other than on paved path is intended for the convenience of the bicyclist, who should exercise due regard for and to the extent reasonably convenient should use existing bicycles paths, roadways, parking lots and bicycle racks wherever possible.

Section 8.06 Camping

No person shall place, erect or use any hammock, swing, tent or other shelter or otherwise camp or sleep in the park system, except upon written permission of the Director.

Section 8.07 Closing Hours

The park facilities for the District shall be closed from 10:00 PM prevailing time, until daybreak the following morning except at park facilities that have lighted athletic fields, in which case the closing hour is 11:00 PM. Closing hours of community recreation centers shall be specified from time to time by the Director. No person or property of any kind shall remain in the parks after closing time without permission from the Director.

Section 8.08 Clothing

No person shall enter, appear, be or remain anywhere in the park system in a state of nudity or in an indecent or lewd attire.

Section 8.09 Disorderly Conduct

No person shall commit any act or use language which may be considered abusive, threatening, indecent or a breach of peace or any act which may be defined as disorderly conduct under Chapter 38, Section 26-1 et. seq., Illinois Revised Statutes.

Section 8.10 Electronic Devices

No person shall use

- (a) any electronic, mechanical, manual, electric, digital, voltaic or other device, instrument or means capable of recording, producing, duplicating, reproducing, storing, copying, transmitting or displaying any visual, video, photographic, electronic, digital, recorded, or other visual image, picture, or representation, including but not limited to any camera, photographic camera, video camera, fiber optic camera, motion picture camera, television camera, camcorder, or videotaping device, or

- (b) any cell phone of any type or kind regardless of its capacity or lack thereof to produce a visual image, in any restroom, locker room, lavatory, bathroom, shower facility, or dressing room, in any building or facility owned or under the control of the Park District.

Section 8.11 Encroachment

No person shall place any private fence, drain line, structure, or any other encroachment on District property.

Section 8.12 False Pretenses

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any pass, ticket, or identification card other than his or her own pass, ticket or identification card to gain entry or attempt to gain entry to, use or participate in any Park District program, league, facility grounds or event. It shall be unlawful for any person to alter, change, modify or copy any pass, ticket or identification card for the purpose of gaining entry to or entering or allowing another or others to gain entry to or to enter, use, or participate in any Park District programs, league, facility, grounds or event under false pretenses.

Section 8.13 Fireworks and Fires

No person shall light or make use of any fires in the park system, except at such places as may be established for such purposes. Every fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person from the time it is kindled until it is completely extinguished. No person shall drop, throw away or otherwise scatter lighted or smoking material within the park system. It shall be unlawful for any person to start or spread any false alarm of fire within the park system. No person shall fire, discharge or set-off any rocket, cracker, torpedo, squib or other fireworks or any substance unless written permission is given by the Executive Director.

Section 8.14 Fishing

No person shall have in his possession or take or attempt to take any fish in any waters of the park system, except in designated areas and subject to rules as may be promulgated by the District and State of Illinois and subject to such rules set by the District from time to time. No person shall ice fish on the waters of the park system.

Section 8.15 Gambling

No person shall gamble, as defined in Section 28-1, Chapter 38, Illinois Revised Statutes, within the park system.

Section 8.16 Games and Sports

No person shall engage in any sport, game or amusement on District property except at such places and times as may be designated by the District and then only under such rules as are prescribed. Nor shall any person walk, remain or conduct themselves upon such portion of the park system designated for any particular game, sport or amusement in such a way as to interfere with the use of such portion by persons who are using the park system for a particular sport, game or amusement for which it has been designated. No person shall engage in any activity in a manner so as to endanger, injure, or damage persons or property in any way engaged in the proper use of the park system.

Section 8.17 Gifts and Gratuities

No person may promise or tender to, nor may any park employee, officer or commissioner accept any property or personal advantage from any person which would influence the employment or function of the park employee, officer or commissioner.

Section 8.18 Golfing

No person shall golf or practice golf on any property owned or controlled by the District, except at River Heights Golf Course and Buena Vista Golf Course, or in conjunction with organized, authorized supervised recreation programs approved by the Executive Director.

Section 8.19 Landscape

No person within the park system shall utilize metal detection devices or shall damage, destroy, deface, or remove any temporary or permanent structures or landscaping placed there by the District. No person shall excavate or take soil of any kind from the park system.

Section 8.20 Loitering

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, either alone and/or in consort with others in the park system in such manners as to:

- (a) Obstruct any driveway or public sidewalk or ingress or egress to any place of building in the park system by hindering or impeding or tending to hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles or pedestrians thereon or therein.
- (b) Commit in or upon any driveway, public sidewalk or entrance or exit to any public space in the park system, any act or thing which is in obstruction or interference to the free and lawfully conducted use thereof by anyone.

Section 8.21 Minors

The parent or legal guardian of an un-emancipated minor who resides with such parent or legal guardian shall be liable for damages caused by the willful or malicious acts of such minor as provided in Chapter 70, Section 1, et. seq., Illinois Revised Statutes.

Section 8.22 Noise

Except as warning for danger, no person shall operate a vehicle upon Park District property that makes an unusually loud noise or unnecessary noise which in any manner annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the park system.

No person shall conduct any musical concert, play upon any amplified instrument nor set up or use any communication system without first obtaining permission from the Director.

Section 8.23 Parking Lots

No person shall, either alone or in consort with, or in conjunction with or together with, another or others, remain in or on, or loiter on or near, or congregate or assemble on, or play on any parking lot maintained by the District, or remain in, or near any parked motorized or non-motorized vehicle in or on any such parking lot, it being the declared intent of the Board that parking lots of the District are for the sole and exclusive purposes of the parking of motorized and non-motorized vehicles in an unoccupied state and for providing ingress and egress to the respective park properties. The playing of radios or other similar audio-electronic devices on, in or upon motorized or non-motorized vehicles parked on a parking lot of the District, or at a level in excess of 30 decibels on any parking lot, and the possession,

use or consumption of alcoholic beverages, liquor or controlled substances or narcotics in, on or near a parking lot of the District are each hereby prohibited.

Section 8.24 Permits

Applications for Permits shall be filed with the Director not less than fourteen (14) days nor earlier than the first Monday in the February of the applicable calendar year of the date on which it is proposed to conduct any activity in a park requiring a permit. Such application shall be sworn to and shall state:

- (a) The name of the person or organization wishing to conduct such activity;
- (b) If the organization is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization, and of the authorized and responsible head of such organization;
- (c) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be the chairman of such activity and who will be responsible for its conduct;
- (d) The name, address and telephone number of the person or organization to whom the Permit is desired to be issued;
- (e) The date when such activity is to be conducted;
- (f) The portion of the Park System for which such Permit is desired;
- (g) An estimate of anticipated attendance; and
- (h) The hour when such activity will start and terminate.

The Director may grant and issue the Permit if:

- (a) The proposed activity or use of the Park System will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the Park System;
- (b) The proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation;
- (c) The facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour required in the application;
- (d) The conduct of such activity will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of traffic;
- (e) The conduct of such activity will not require the diversion of so great a number of peace officers to properly police such activity and the areas contiguous thereto, as to prevent normal police protection to the City;
- (f) The conduct of such activity is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property, incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct;
- (g) Such activity is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising any product, goods, or event, and is not designed to be held purely for private profit;
- (h) The person or organization desiring to engage in said activity, shall post with the Director, cash or surety bond in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of cleaning up all debris and trash that results from this activity and restoring the premises to neat and good order.

Each permit shall state the following:

- (a) Date of such activity;
- (b) The portion of the Park System thereof to be used; and
- (c) Hour when such activity will start and terminate.

The application may contain a requirement for an indemnity bond to protect the Park District from any liability of any kind or character, and to protect the Park District from property damage.

Section 8.25 Picnics

No person without a permit shall hold a gathering at a District picnic shelter when said shelter has been reserved on a specific date at a specific time by an individual or group with a permit. Permit holders would be entitled to use of the designated area for the time as listed on the permit. All other use is on a first come first served basis.

Section 8.26 Play Classes and Camps

No person or organization shall bring or cause to be brought into the park system any play class, camp, or other organized group of any kind, organized for profit except into the swimming pools of the District where each person entering must pay a daily admission.

Not for profit agency day camps, play classes or organized groups may use the facilities of the park system with the written permission of the Director.

Section 8.27 Public Assemblies

No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form, or organize any assembly or group of people or make any speeches, or conduct any parades, musical program or festivals, in any park unless a Permit has been obtained from the Director, and unless that Permit is carried by the person heading or leading such activity; provided, however, that the provisions hereof shall not apply to students' work when constituting a part of their educational activities and under the immediate direction and supervision of the proper school authorities; nor to any governmental agency within the scope of its functions.

Section 8.28 Refuse

No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, debris, refuse or other material of any kind on the park system grounds or waters, nor discharge any injurious or vile substance of any kind upon the property of the District. Paper, glass, cans, garbage and other refuse of every kind, resulting from picnics or other proper use of the park system, shall be deposited only in receptacles provided for the purpose, and no person shall litter, suffer or cause the park system to be littered in anyway.

Section 8.29 Restricted Areas

No person shall enter upon any portion of the park system where entry is prohibited by the District by sign or other suitable notice. No person shall enter or attempt to enter any building area or facility in the park system which is closed to the public, or is under construction in an unfinished state, or scheduled for a specific group or activity unless invited to same; nor shall any person not invited or not having paid an admission fee, when such is charge, enter an area, building or place when it has been rented or otherwise reserved.

Section 8.30 Selling

No peddler, vendor or any other person involved in an endeavor for profit shall engage in the commercial sale, rental, exhibition, or distribution of goods or services, including without limitation the giving of instruction or lessons for a fee, upon District Property unless he has received a permit, license or contract therefore from the District.

No person engaged in the sale or distribution of goods or services under this section shall obstruct or impede pedestrians or vehicles, harass park visitors with physical contact or persistent demands, misrepresent the affiliations of those engaged in such activities, misrepresent whether the goods or services are available without cost or donation, or interfere, interrupt, or engage in conduct incompatible with the purpose of, any program, activity, function, and/or special event conducted, sponsored, licensed or otherwise permitted by the District.

Section 8.31 Skating and Sledding

No person shall skate, sled, toboggan, ski, slide, or carry on to similar activity in the park system except as such places and times as the District may designate for the purpose. No person, while engaged in such activity shall conduct himself in such a manner as to annoy others or endanger, injure or damage persons or property in any way.

Section 8.32 Skate Park Regulations

The following rules are hereby established for the Skate Park and, together with other appropriate information, these rules shall be prominently displayed at the Skate Park; Protective equipment is required to be used during skating activities; No personally owned ramps, boxes, or other devices may be brought to the facility, Bicycles and persons not skating are prohibited from using the skating structures, Glass objects and containers are prohibited, Participants skate at their own risk and are responsible for inspecting equipment prior to use.

Section 8.33 Sleeping in the Park System

No person shall place, swing, occupy or use a hammock in the Park System, nor shall any person, sleep or otherwise remain in the Park System between the hours of dusk and dawn, unless a Permit has been obtained from the Director.

Section 8.34 Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, structures and indoor facilities owned or controlled by the DeKalb Park District and within 15 feet of their respective entrances.

Section 8.35 Soliciting

No person shall solicit or beg for any purposes within the park system. No person shall take up any collection or solicit or receive contributions of money or anything else of value in the park system without first obtaining a permit from the Director.

Section 8.36 Swimming

No person shall swim, wade or bathe in the waters of the park system unless permitted to do so by the Director and that person's use fully complies with District rules, regulations and restrictions which have been promulgated for same.

Section 8.37 Traffic

- a. **Speed Limit:** No person operating a vehicle shall violate regulatory and speed restrictions which may be from time to time adopted by the District and posted. No person shall operate any bicycle, motor vehicle or other conveyance on any roadway, sidewalk, driveway or parking lot in the Park System faster than 15 miles per hour or in any manner endangering persons or property.
- b. **Roadways:** Unless authorized by the Director, no person shall operate any motor vehicle except upon the parking lots and roadways provided for driving or parking the same.
- c. **Rules and Regulations:** No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle except in accordance with the laws of the City of DeKalb.
- d. **Obstructing Travel:** No person shall set or place or cause to be set or placed, any goods, wares or merchandise or property of any kind so as to obstruct travel in any park.
- e. **Parking of Vehicles:** No person shall park a vehicle on District property in such a manner as to obstruct traffic flow. No person shall park a vehicle overnight between 2:00 AM and 5:00 AM or as posted, on District property without prior written permission from the Director, except in the event of an emergency situation, in which the person shall notify the District of the nature of the emergency through any one of its agents and/or employees. Emergency parking shall be no longer than 48 hours. The District shall not be liable for any damage occurring to any vehicle and/or property contained in it. Vehicles improperly parked in the park system shall be towed away at the owner's expense.
- f. **Snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles** are prohibited in the park system with the exception of those utilized by the District for programming and maintenance purposes.

Section 8.38 Unclaimed Articles

The officer or any employee so designated who shall find any bicycle, wagon, or other toy or attire in the park system violating any provision hereof shall impound and place same in an area designated by the District.

Section 8.39 Watercraft

No person shall operate a boat in, on or upon any waters of the park district except for programs under the supervision of the District or without first obtaining a permit from the Director.

Section 8.40 Yard Waste

No person shall bring in, dump, deposit or leave any landscape waste, yard waste, grass clipping, leaves, trees, bushes, shrubbery, or clippings from same in any Park.

Section 8.41 Weapons

No person shall bring, carry or use projectiles, knives, firearms, explosive substances or weapons of any kind in the park system.