



**SYCAMORE  
PARK DISTRICT**

# **CONDUCT ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2012: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING  
CONDUCT IN THE PARKS

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WHEREAS, the Sycamore Park District, DeKalb County, State of Illinois has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has the power to regulate conduct within the Park District's parks; and WHEREAS the Park District hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Park District and the public to adopt an Ordinance to achieve various beneficial goals, including the regulation of conduct within the Park District's parks; and

WHEREAS, the Sycamore Park District deems it in the best interest of its residents that the Police Department of the City of Sycamore, Sycamore, Illinois, and that the Sherriff's Department of the DeKalb County Sherriff's Office, DeKalb County, Illinois and any other police department or agency as hereinafter determined by the Board, shall be authorized and given the power to enforce the SYCAMORE PARK DISTRICT's ORDINANCE REGULATING CONDUCT IN THE PARKS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION ONE:** The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION TWO:** The Park District here by adopts the following regulations:

## **§1 DEFINITIONS**

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**Official** = the Park District Board of Commissioners, the Park District Executive Director, and the employees of the Park District.

**Regulation** = any rule, resolution, regulation, or ordinance duly adopted by the Corporate Authorities.

**Park System** = all properties owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Sycamore Park District.

**Permit** = permit secured pursuant to Section 4 of this Ordinance.

**Volunteer** = any person appointed by the Executive Director to assist with park district programs and functions.

**Director** = Executive Director as appointed by the Park District Board of Commissioners.

**Peace Officer** = any Police Officer of the City of Sycamore or the County of DeKalb.

**Smoking** = inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying by persons of any lighted cigar, pipe, cigarette, plant, or other similar combustible substance in any manner or in any form.

## **§2 SUPERVISION**

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All parks in the Park District shall be operated and maintained under the supervision of the Executive Director.

## **§3 ASSEMBLIES**

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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 Executive 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.

## **§4 PERMITS**

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**A)** Applications for Permits shall be filed with the Executive Director not less than fourteen (14) days prior to 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:

- 1)** The name of the person or organization wishing to conduct such activity.
- 2)** If the activity 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.
- 3)** 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.
- 4)** The name address and telephone number of the person or organization to whom the Permit is desired to be issued.
- 5)** The date when such activity is to be conducted.
- 6)** The portion of the Park System for which such Permit is desired.
- 7)** An estimate of the anticipated attendance; and
- 8)** The hour when such activity will start and terminate.

**B)** The Executive Director may grant and issue the Permit if:

- 1)** The proposed activity or use of the Park System will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the public enjoyment of the Park System.
- 2)** The proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation.
- 3)** The facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour required in the application.
- 4)** The conduct of such activity will not interrupt the safe and orderly movement of traffic.

- 5) 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 Park District.
- 6) The conduct of such activity is not likely to cause injury to persons or property, incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The person or organization desiring to engage in said activity, shall post with the Director, cash or surety bond in an amount established by the park district 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.

C) Each Permit shall state the following:

- 1) Date of such activity.
- 2) Number, not to exceed, of individuals who will attend.
- 3) The portion of the Park System thereof to be used; and
- 4) Hour when such activity will start and terminate.

D) 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.

E) The Executive Director shall act upon the application for a park Permit within seven (7) days after the filing of same.

## **§5 MOB ACTION**

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There will be zero tolerance for these types of activities.

A) Mob action shall consist of any of the following:

- 1) the use of force or violence disturbing the public peace by two (2) or more persons acting together and without authority of law; or
- 2) the assembly of two (2) or more persons to do an unlawful act.

B) No person shall engage in mob action within the Park System.

C) Any participant in a mob action that does not withdraw on being commanded to do so by any Official, shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance.

## **§6 USE AND PROTECTION OF FACILITIES**

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A) Clean up – Requirements Concerning Use of Grounds and Facilities: Each person using the Park System, shall clean up all debris, extinguish all fires when such fires are permitted, and leave the premises in good order, and the facilities in a neat and sanitary condition.

**B)** No person shall commit any nuisance in the Park System.

**C)** No person shall swim, wade, play on or in, sail, boat, canoe, float, skate, ice-fish or enter any permanent body of water within the Park System.

**D)** A person involved in an incident or accident on Park System property resulting in personal injury or property damage shall report the incident to any authorized park district personnel within twenty-four (24) hours after the incident.

## **§7 VANDALISM**

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**A)** No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove, any building, structure, bridges, tables, benches fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, waterlines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

**B)** No person shall cut, break, climb on, injure, or deface, in any way, any tree, shrub, plant or turf within the Park System.

## **§8 LITTERING / POLLUTION**

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It shall be unlawful for any Person using the Park System to either perform or permit to be performed, any of the following acts:

**A)** To throw, carry, cast, drag, push or deposit into the waters of any fountain, river, lake, pond, slough, stream, bay, or lagoon or upon other body of water frozen or otherwise in or adjacent to any Park System or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters or waters thereof any substance, any refuse container, picnic table, barricade or any other movable or non-moveable property; or any matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution or said water.

**B)** To throw, carry, cast, drag, push or otherwise move, stack or hide any refuse container, picnic table, barricade or any other moveable or non-moveable property in such a way as to render it unavailable to the general public for its intended use or to cause a hazard to public safety or to damage or destroy such property.

**C)** Bring in or dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, manure, or refuse; landscape or landscaping waste or byproducts, whether natural or man-made; or other trash. No such waste, refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any Park System, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the Park System by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

## **§9 PUBLIC DECENCY**

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No person shall use any abusive, threatening, insulting, indecent, profane, blasphemous, or obscene language or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace or designed to incite conduct, which is harmful to the public, or commit or be guilty of any obscene behavior, within the Park System.

Further, no person shall urinate or defecate in the Park System other than in facilities provided and specifically intended for this purpose.

## **§10 DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND LOITERING**

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**A)** No person shall make, countenance, or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace, or diversion tending to a breach of the peace, in the Park System, which unreasonably interferes with or detracts from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation; such prohibitions shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- 1)** Any act performed in such an unreasonable manner as to provoke, make, or aid in making a breach of peace.
- 2)** Any unreasonable or offensive act, utterance, gesture, or display which, under the circumstances, creates a clear and present danger of a breach of the peace or imminent threat of violence.
- 3)** The failure to obey a lawful order of dispersal by a person known by him to be a peace officer or park representative under circumstances where two (2) or more persons are committing or appear to be committing acts of disorderly conduct in the immediate vicinity, which acts are likely to cause substantial harm, serious inconvenience, or alarm.

**B)** The assembling with two (2) or more persons for the purpose of using force or violence to disturb the public peace.

**C)** The begging or soliciting of funds on any property of the Park District, except as otherwise specifically authorized by Permit.

**D)** The appearance on any property of the Park District manifestly under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other drug not therapeutically administered to the degree that the person so appearing endanger themselves or other persons or property, or alarm or disturb other persons within his/her vicinity.

**E)** The transmittal, in any manner, to another a false alarm to the effect that a bomb or other explosive of any nature is concealed in such place on or about any property owned or leased by the Park District that its explosion would endanger human life, knowing at the time of such transmission that there is no reasonable ground for believing that such bomb or explosive is concealed in such place;

**F)** The transmittal, in any manner, to another a false alarm to the effect that a fire or other potential hazard, including but not limited to opening fire warning devices or

alarms, preventive or safety equipment, or any containers thereof, or other similar structures on or about the Park District property.

**G)** No person shall commit any assault. A person commits an assault when he engages in conduct, without lawful authority, which places another in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery, within the Park System.

**H)** No person shall commit battery. A person commits a battery if he intentionally or knowingly, without legal justification (a) causes bodily harm to an individual, or (b) makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with an individual, within the Park System.

**I)** No person shall loiter, protractedly lounge or permit such loitering or protracted lounging in, on or around any parking lots or parking facilities of the Park District in the Park System; or, in or around the entrance of or to the Park System or any building or improvement thereto; on or around any abutting or adjoining fences or other boundary markings of the Park District; in or around any public restrooms or related facilities of the Park District; or in, on or around any other structures or improvement of the Park District within the Park System.

**J)** No person shall make or cause to be made any excessively loud or unreasonable noise which disturbs the peace. For the purpose of this ordinance, excessively loud or unreasonable noise is defined as noise inconsistent with or not attendant to appropriate and customary park and recreational activities, considering the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct, location, time of day or night, and other factors that would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances. This includes, without limitation, the loud or amplified playing of any type of audio equipment, noisemaker, musical instrument, or sound equipment, unless in conjunction with activities conducted, sponsored, or authorized by the Park District.

**K)** No person shall congregate with other persons anywhere in the Park System that will, with or without intent, restrict vehicular traffic or pedestrian traffic, or restrict the free ingress or egress from the Park System.

**L)** No person shall use a metal detector with the intent to dig, remove, deface, destroy, or otherwise alter any condition within a park. This is, in part, meant to mean that one can use a metal detector, but can't take any action to recover an item unless it is clearly on the surface and will not require digging, removing/replacing plant material/grass of any kind, or otherwise altering any condition within parks and facilities.

**M)** This section shall not be construed to suppress the right to lawful assembly, picketing, public speaking, or other lawful means of expressing public opinion not in contravention of other laws.

## **§11 ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND SMOKING**

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Every person present in the Park System is subject to all state and federal laws relating to Drugs, Alcohol, and Smoking. Further, every person possessing, using, consuming,



or otherwise holding drugs, alcohol, or smoking material are responsible for any transferring of such materials to others in the Park System, and will be accountable for all federal, state, local and park system laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and permit allowances as it relates to possession, use, consumption, or transfer.

**A)** No person present in the Park System shall sell, use, possess or have any alcoholic liquor or beverage of any kind, unless purchased and consumed at the golf course, allowed by park permit, or as part of activities conducted, sponsored, or authorized by the Park District.

**B)** No person shall carry, possess, use, or ingest any drug or controlled substance illegal under the laws of the United States or the laws of the State of Illinois while in the Park System.

**C)** Except outdoors on the Golf Course and at Park District organized concerts, smoking is prohibited on all Sycamore Park District property. This includes e-cigarettes, vapor, chewing tobacco, or any other substance. At the golf course, smoking is not allowed in the Club House or within 50 feet of the Club House.

## **§12 INTERFERENCE**

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**A)** No person shall prevent or hinder in any manner any person from lawfully using any portion of the Park System or interfering with such use in compliance with the terms of this Ordinance applicable to such use.

**B)** No person shall prevent or hinder in any manner any Employee or Volunteer of the Park District while engaged in the performance of their duties within the Park System.

## **§13 DISOBEDIENCE OF A LAWFUL COMMAND**

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**A)** No person shall resist any Park Official, Employee or Peace Officer in the discharge or their duty; or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such Park Official, Employee, or Peace Officer; or in any way interfere with or hinder or prevent any such Park Official, Employee or Peace Officer from discharging their duty; or in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody to escape or to attempt to escape from custody, or refuse or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.

**B)** No person shall resist, fail, or refuse to obey the command of any Park Official.

## **§14 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

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No person shall trap, catch, wound, or kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch, wound, or kill any bird or animal, or molest or rob any nest of any bird or animal, in the Park System. Park Personnel may, with a State Permit, conduct trapping as called for by management requirements.

**The City of Sycamore Ordinance 5-2-1: CRUELTY shall apply:**

No person shall cruelly treat any animal in the city in any way. Any person who

inhumanely beats, overloads, underfeeds, or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section. (1988 Code §17.101)

## **§15 ANIMALS, PLANTS AND WILDLIFE**

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**A)** No person shall lead, bring, or allow to be loose upon any portion of Park System, any animal, except on such places and at such times as the Board of Commissioners may designate by Resolution. Further, all City of Sycamore regulations, including leash laws, apply to the Park System.

**Additionally, for enforcement purposes City of Sycamore Ordinance 5-3-3: LEASH LAW shall apply:**

A. Leash Required; Nuisance: It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain a public nuisance by permitting any dog or other animal to leave the premises of its owner or keeper when not under control by leash no longer than seven feet (7'). (1988 Code §17.205; amd. 1994 Code)

B. Penalties: The penalty for owners of dogs which leave the owner's premises when not under control by leash no longer than seven feet (7') shall be subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code. (1988 Code §17.205; amd. 1994 Code; Ord. 2005.78, 1-3-2006)

C. Exemptions: Guide dogs for the blind or police owned dogs are exempt from this section; providing, that no attack or injury to a person or other animal occurs while the dog is performing duties as expected. (1988 Code §17.205; amd. 1994 Code)

**B)** The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal and sanitary disposition of excreta deposited by their animal anywhere in the Park System. When accompanying the animal onto the Park System, the owner shall have on his person suitable means for the removal of such excrement that will then be placed in a refuse container for sanitary removal.

**Furthermore, City of Sycamore Ordinance 5-3-5: EXCREMENT shall apply:**

No owner or person who has possession or control of a dog shall fail to remove excrement deposited by such dog or other animal upon the public ways or within the public places of the city or upon the premises of any person other than the owner. (1988 Code §17.208)

A violation of this section shall be subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code. (Ord. 2005.78, 1-3-2006)

**C)** Non-native species shall not be introduced into any park.

**D)** Unless an authorized "service animal" or in conjunction with activities conducted, sponsored, or authorized by the Park District, no person shall bring or release into the Park System any Wildlife or Domestic Animal including, without limitation, any animal the capture or killing of which is authorized by the fish and game laws of the State of Illinois, or any other animal, except for domestic dogs for the purpose of exercise or

walking and as governed by leash laws and all other City of Sycamore regulations.

## **§16 INTOXICATION**

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No person shall enter, be or remain in the Park System while intoxicated or under the influence of a drug illegal under the laws of the United States, or the laws of the State of Illinois.

## **§17 MISSILES**

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**A)** No person shall throw, cast, or hurl any stones, clubs, sticks, clump of dirt, or ice within the Park System.

**B)** While on or in any property within the Park System, no person shall throw, cast or hurl any object or projectile, including but not limited to stones, clubs, balls, sticks, clump of dirt, snowballs, or ice in the direction of a residence, building, structure or other property, real or personal, belonging to another, including the Park District or a constituent thereof.

## **§18 IMPERSONATION OF PEACE OFFICERS OR PARK OFFICIALS**

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No person shall falsely represent or impersonate any Peace Officer or Park Official or pretend to be a Peace Officer or Park Official, within the Park System.

## **§19 BEGGING**

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Except upon the express Permit issued by the Director of the Park District, no person shall beg or solicit in or about the Park System.

## **§20 SLEEPING IN THE PARK SYSTEM**

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No person shall place, swing, occupy or use any 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. Tents or portable structures smaller than 12 feet by 12 feet are permitted during regular park hours, however, no stake longer than 8 inches is ½ inch in diameter or across is permitted in erecting those tents/structures.

## **§21 FIREARMS, FIREWORKS**

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**A)** No person shall carry or possess any weapon, discharge, or set off any firearms, rocket, firecracker, torpedo, squib or other fireworks or things containing any substance of an explosive nature in the Park System. Nor shall anyone violate existing laws defined by the State of Illinois "Concealed Carry Law."

**B)** A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of weapons when he, within the Park System, knowingly:

- i)** Sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses or carries any bludgeon, blackjack, sling-shot, bow & arrow, sand club, sandbag, metal knuckles or any knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button spring or other device in the handle of the knife; or
- ii)** Carries or possesses with intent to use the same unlawfully against another, a dagger, dirk, billy, dangerous knife, razor, stiletto, broken bottle, or other piece of glass, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character; or
- iii)** Carries on or about his person or in any vehicle, a tear gas gun, projector or bomb, or any other object containing noxious liquid gas or substance; or
- iv)** Carries concealed in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person any pistol, revolver, or other firearm; or
- v)** Sets a spring gun; or
- vi)** Sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses, or carries any bomb, bombshell, grenade, bottle, or other container containing an explosive substance, such as but not limited to black powder bombs and Molotov cocktails.

**C)** Sections A) and B) do not apply to or affect the following:

- i)** Peace Officers or any person summoned by any such officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while they are engaged in assisting such officer.
- ii)** Any agent, investigator or member of any Illinois or United States Law Enforcement Bureau, Commission or Agency authorized by law to carry weapons, while on duty during any investigation from said Bureau, Commission or Agency.

**§22 USE OF PLAYGROUND AND PARKS**

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**A)** Playgrounds and Parks: No person sixteen (16) years of age or older shall in any manner use any of the playground or park apparatus or devices meant exclusively for the use of children.

**B)** Parking: When signs are erected on or about a driveway, parking lot, parking area or such other portion of the Park System owned or otherwise controlled by the Park District (hereafter “Parking Area”), giving notice thereof as to any limitations for or about parking thereon, including, but not limited to, a time limit as to parking, no person shall, at any time, park any motor vehicle (including but not limited to, any automobile, minibike, motorcycles, snowmobiles, trucks, power driven models) on such Parking Area or any parts thereof except as permitted within said limitations.

**§23 PROHIBITIONS**

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**A)** General Prohibitions:

Prohibited Areas: It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon the grass, lawn, turf, or any other portion of the Park System wherein signs and directions are posted by or by

order of the Director of the Park District prohibiting a person from entering upon the designated area.

Additionally, unless sanctioned by the Park System, no person shall enter upon any grounds of the Park System Golf Course unless authorized by payment of course fees, or as a part of a park district sanctioned event.

**Fishing:** No person shall perform or permit to be performed, upon or in connection with any property of the Park District in the Park System, the act or sport of fishing, casting, or performing or permitting such performance of all other related activities (a) in any waters of the Park System posted against fishing, including ice fishing or (b) from any bridge, pier, dock, shore or other area posted "no fishing". Further, subject to Park System Staff posting of "Catch and Release," where fishing is allowed, all fishers must abide by "Catch and Release," even if the body of water is not listed by the State of Illinois as "Catch and Release."

**B) Destruction by Misuses of Fire:** No person shall upon or in connection with any property, be it real, personal, or otherwise, of the Park District in the Park System:

- i)** Set fire, or cause to be set on fire, any tree, forest, brush land, grassland, meadow, prairie, marsh, refuse container or structure.
- ii)** Build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except in provided fireplaces, or in appropriate receptacles.
- iii)** Drop, throw away or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecracker, match, or other instrument or material.
- iv)** Build any fire whatsoever, for any purpose in or out of a receptacle or fireplace and leave it unattended, unless such fire is properly extinguished. For this Ordinance, a fire shall be deemed properly extinguished when its ashes, residue, coals, and unburned substance is cold to the human touch; or
- v)** Cause, suffer or allow the burning or garbage, refuse, waste material, trash, motor vehicle (or any part thereof) or other combustibles within or adjacent to the park so as to cause smoke, haze, odor, sparks, dust, dirt, or other type matter or gaseous substances to come upon, pass through, or over the park which would cause an air pollution nuisance or damage to persons or property.

## **§24 SIGNS**

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It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, glue, tack, post or otherwise affix any sign, placard, bill flyer, advertisement, or inscription whatever, within the Park System. Provided that these provisions shall not apply to any properly authorized government official in pursuit of any official duty.

Those laws as established by the State of Illinois or the Federal Government as it is related to election signs for polling places and the placement of candidate or issue signs shall apply to Sycamore Park District property. It is requested that those signs which are legally posted be removed within five (5) working days following the election for which

the candidate or issue is voted upon.

## **§25 SELLING DISTRIBUTING AND SOLICITING**

No person other than Park Officials or persons authorized by the Park District, acting on behalf of the Park District, shall offer or exchange for sale any article or thing, or do any hawking, peddling or soliciting, or buy or offer to buy any article or thing, or take up any collection or solicit or receive contributions of money or anything of value, nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw or place any handbill, pamphlet, circular, advertisement or notice of any kind, except when authorized to do so by Permit from or contract with the Park District.

## **§26 VEHICLES, BOATS, AND AIRCRAFT**

No person shall bring, use operate, drive or park any motor driven vehicle, boat or aircraft, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, power driven model boats, power driven model aircraft, power driven model automobiles, mini-bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, except on a street, driveway, parking lot or such portion of the Park System and at such times as are designated by the Park System.

The use of privately owned golf carts on any portion of Park District property is prohibited.

Manned airborne vehicles are prohibited, UNLESS a permit has been issued by the Park District, which will include a waiver.

Furthermore, except for emergency personnel and park district maintenance, no boat of any kind may be placed in, launched, operated, docked, piered, shored, banked, placed, or stored in any park or body of water in the park system unless in conjunction with activities conducted, sponsored, or authorized by the Park District.

## **§27 GROUP ACTIVITY**

Whenever any group, association, or organization desires to use said Park System facilities for a particular purpose, such as picnics, parties or theatrical or entertainment performances, a representative of said group, association or organization shall first obtain a Permit from the Director for such purposes.

## **§28 PICNIC AREAS AND USE**

No person in the Park System shall picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Park Officials shall have the authority to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end. No person in the Park System shall use any portion of the picnic areas or of the building or structures therein for an unreasonable time if the facilities are crowded.

## **§29 HOURS OF OPERATION**

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**A)** The Park System shall be open daily to the public from sunrise until sunset of any one day and no person shall be in the parks (other than Peace Officers and Park Officials) during any hours in which the Park System is not open to the public unless such presence is pursuant to a Permit issued in accordance with this Ordinance. In case of wet weather or other emergency when the condition of the grounds or the public interest demands, the Director may close said Park System or any portion hereof until said emergency has passed. The Executive Director may, on rare occasions, approve permits after park hours by permit with a supplementary fee established by the district.

**B)** Those properties owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Park District for which the Park District has provided an artificial lighting system shall remain open to the public until 10 pm of any one day when lit for recreational activities by the artificial lighting system under the control of the Park District; and no person (other than peace officers and park officials conducting Park System business therein) shall occupy, remain, or be present in those areas of the Park System with artificial lighting after sunset and in absence of light provided by the system under the control of the Park District, unless the presence is pursuant to a Permit issued in accordance with this Ordinance.

## **§31 PENALTY**

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Any person violating the provisions of this, and other applicable Park District Ordinances shall be guilty of an offense against the Park District and shall be punishable by a fine of at least one hundred dollars (\$100.00), notwithstanding all other local, state, or federal jurisdiction's fines and penalties. Any action related to all these matters in the ordinance will be subject to penalty, as established by the Park System, City of Sycamore, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America, including, but not limited to, forfeiture of deposits.

**SECTION THREE:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**SECTION FOUR:** All prior Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

**SECTION FIVE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

