

MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-17

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VI, SECTION 11 OF THE MORTON
GROVE PARK DISTRICT GENERAL USE REGULATIONS**

PASSED BY THE
MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT
THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017

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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, Section 8-1(d) of the Illinois Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/8-1(d), authorizes park district boards to pass all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the board and district and to establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the government and protection of parks and other property under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Morton Grove Park District has established by ordinance its General Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Morton Grove Park District Board of Park Commissioners, from time to time, finds it necessary to amend or revise its General Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VI, Section 11 of the General Use Regulations governs and regulates the control and treatment of animals on Park District property; and

WHEREAS, the Morton Grove Park District Board of Park Commissioners has determined that development of a dog park facility is not currently feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Morton Grove Park District Board of Park Commissioners recognizes that dog owners in the Morton Grove community have an interest in utilizing certain portions of the District's parks; and

WHEREAS, the Morton Grove Park District Board of Park Commissioners hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Park District and its residents to amend Chapter VI, Section 11;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Morton Grove Park District Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Chapter VI, Section 11 of the Morton Grove Park District General Use Regulations is amended to state as follows:

“Section 11 - Control and Treatment of Animals: (Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the controlled use of certain animals approved by the Director for purpose of public safety, such as but not limited to, the protection of district property or the protection of employees in the performance of their duties or search and rescue. **Further, nothing in this section is intended to apply to “Service Animals” as that term is defined in the Park District’s Service Animal Policy.**)

a. Bring in, lead or carry any dog, cat or other domesticated animal, **except that dogs are allowed in parks under the following conditions:**

1. Any dog in a Park District park must be on a leash that is less than eight (8) feet long.

2. Any dog in a Park District park must be under the control of its owner at all times.

3. Any dog in a Park District park must have a pet license tag issued by the Village of Morton Grove or another municipality.

4. Owners of dogs in a Park District park must pick up and dispose of any waste produced by the dog.

5. Dogs are not allowed on ball fields, sport courts, in shelters, or within playgrounds.

6. Any dog in a Park District Park that displays aggressive behavior toward or causes injury another dog, wildlife, or any person shall be removed from the park.

7. The Park District may prohibit individual dogs from being present in any Park District park if the dog causes serious injury to another dog, wildlife, or any person.

In addition to the removal and prohibition penalties stated above, violation of this policy may result in a fine of \$50 for the first occurrence, \$100 for the second occurrence and \$500 for every occurrence thereafter.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form in a manner provided by law.

Section 4. Severability. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions, and regulations in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO ORDAINED THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED

President, Daniel Staackmann
Board of Park Commissioners

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

Secretary, Jeffrey Wait
Board of Park Commissioners