

PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO.19-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE CODE OF ORDINANCES
GOVERNING ANIMALS ON PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Park District of La Grange ("Park District") is a duly organized unit of local government organized and operating under the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Park District derives its rights, power and authority from the various sections of the Park District Code (the "Code")(70 ILCS 1205/1 *et al*); and

WHEREAS, under the Code, the Park District has the power, among other things, through its Board of Commissioners, 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 its jurisdiction, which it lists in its Code of Ordinances (70 ILCS 1205/8-1(d)); and

WHEREAS, the Park District currently maintains a policy in its Code of Ordinances which governs animals on Park District Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in its best interest to amend Section 510 of its Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The above stated recitals are incorporated by reference.

Section Two: That Section 510 of the Code of the Park District of La Grange be replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

**"SECTION 510
ANIMALS**

Section 510.1 For purposes of this Section 510: "Wildlife" shall include any water fowl, mammal, animal, amphibian, reptile, or bird or the young or eggs thereof, but excluding any domesticated dog or cat; "Park District Property" means all parks, parkways, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, and other recreation areas, museums, botanical gardens, squares, circles, spurs, open places, driveways and roadways within parks, docks and piers, channels and bridges, in, leading to, or connecting such parks or parts thereof under the supervision and control of the Park District of LaGrange and such other rights and appurtenances as the Board shall utilize whether the same be now or hereafter owned or acquired by the Park District in fee or otherwise, including all land under and space above the surface of the ground.

Section 510.2 No Person shall bring or release onto Park District Property any Wildlife 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 domesticated dogs or cats subject to the restrictions contained in this section. Provided, however, that the Park District may bring or release, or permit another Person to bring or release Wildlife onto Park District Property in conjunction with an activity (e.g., falconry) or event conducted or sponsored or permitted by the Park District or in conjunction with a zoo, museum, nature center, or similar facility controlled, permitted, licensed or maintained by the Park District.

Section 510.3 No Person shall feed any Wildlife on Park District Property.

Section 510.4 No owner or agent of the owner having control of any domesticated dog, cat, or any other domesticated animal shall cause or permit such animal to be on Park District Property unless the pet is: (a) current on any and all immunizations or inoculations required by law, including, but not limited to rabies vaccine; and (b) wearing a valid license tag at all times; and (c) is on a leash which shall not exceed six (6) feet in length; and (d) such Person has in his immediate possession a device for removal, and a depository for the transportation of, animal excrement from such Park District Property.

Section 510.5 All owners or agents of the owner having control of any domesticated dog, cat, or other domesticated animal, shall remove any excrement from Park District Property left by such animal.

Section 510.6 No dogs, cats, or any other domesticated animals are permitted to be present or remain in any Park District building or on any Park District athletic field, tennis court, other court surface, splash pad, botanical area, or playground except (i) in conjunction with an activity or event conducted or sponsored or permitted by the Park District; or (ii) in accordance with the Park District's Service Animal Policy when they are accompanying persons with disabilities.

Section 510.7 No dogs, cats, or any other domesticated animals are permitted to be present or remain on any Park District property when a special event, including but not limited to the Endless Summerfest, is being conducted at that location.

Section 510.8 No Person shall allow a dog, cat or other animal under their control to chase, harass, injure, or kill another animal.

Section 510.9 No Person shall leave a domesticated dog, cat or any other domesticated animal unattended and/or attached by a leash, rope or other item to any object within the park system.

Section 510.10 No Person shall bring into Park District Property a dog, cat or any other domesticated animal with a known history of, or who exhibit, dangerous behaviors.

Section 510.11 No Person shall bring into Park District property more than three (3) dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals at any one time or visit.

Section 510.12 Any animal found on Park District Property in violation of this Section 510 may be apprehended, removed to an animal shelter, public pound, or other place provided for that purpose, and disposed of pursuant to the applicable laws or ordinances of the Village of LaGrange or Cook County. The owner or Person responsible for such animal shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred or encumbered in the removal and housing of such animal 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 Park District laws, ordinances, rules or regulations.

Section 510.13 Fines Any person violating any clause or provision of any section of this Section 510 shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each convicted offense.

Section 510.14 Eviction Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section 510 may be forthwith evicted from the parks and or other places under the control of the Park District.

Section 510.15 Restitution

Any person violating any clause or provision of this Section 510 and having caused damage to the buildings, property or equipment of the Park District shall make restitution in addition to any fine and penalty for such damage in accordance with Section 8-1(e) of the Illinois Park District Code."

Section Three: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning May 1, 2019.

Section Four: That any Park District ordinance or resolution in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED this 14 day of JANUARY, 2019.

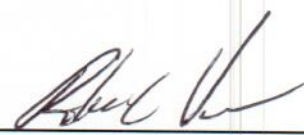
Ayes: Commissioners. Penicook, Ashby, Jacobs & Collins.

Nays: NONE.

Absent: Lacey.

Abstain: NONE

Park District of La Grange

By: 

Board President

ATTEST:



Board Secretary