

PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 19-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE CODE OF ORDINANCES
GOVERNING AVIATION AND AIR SPACE

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 aviation and airspace; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in its best interest to amend Section 5540.1 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 540.1 of the Code of the Park District of La Grange be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 540

AVIATION AND AIRSPACE

Section 540.1

Regulation

No person shall voluntarily bring, land or cause to descend or alight upon park lands any airplane, flying machine, balloon, parachute, ~~drones~~ or other apparatus for aviation except by written permission of the Executive Director first had and obtained. Any landing other than one caused by mechanical or structural failure of the aircraft or any of its parts shall be deemed to have been made voluntarily.

Unmanned aerial systems (a/k/a "Drones") and model aircraft subject to 14 CFR Part 101 may not be operated on, over, or across the District Property or within the Park System except when operated by the Park District. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "District Property" includes the first 150 feet of airspace above the ground.

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 15 day of JULY, 2019.

Ayes: Commissioner, JACOBS, OP&D OBRIEN, VEAR.

Nays: none.

Absent: Collins

Abstain: none

Park District of La Grange

By: 

Board President

ATTEST:



Board Secretary