

CHAPTER 28

PARKS

ARTICLE I – GENERALLY

28-1-1 **ANIMALS IN PARKS.** It shall be unlawful to ride or lead a horse or pony on sidewalks, public playgrounds, or public parks in the Village at all times.

28-1-2 **HORSES ON STREETS.** Riding or leading a horse or pony is permitted from sunrise to sunset on the streets subject to the provision of **Chapter 24** applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

28-1-3 **HORSES ATTENDED TO.** Horses or ponies will be attended at all times as not to cause danger or harm to any person and/or property.

28-1-4 **REGULATION OF EVENTS HELD ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.** In instances where a person or organization has sponsored a function or event where, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, the persons attending the function or event behaved in such a manner as to constitute a danger to the safety of other persons attending the function or event and where because of the pervasiveness or seriousness of the criminal behavior persons attending the function or event could not be adequately protected by the number of law enforcement officers normally assigned to patrol the function or event, the Board of Trustees may require the sponsoring person or organization to deposit the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** with the Village prior to holding its next function or event on municipal property. The funds so deposited with the Village shall be used for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses associated with paying additional law enforcement officers to patrol the next function or event sponsored by the person or organization. Any unused funds shall be returned to the person or entity who made the deposit.

The number of additional law enforcement officers patrolling a function or event shall be made by the Board of Trustees and shall be based upon the extent and severity of criminal behavior that occurred at the prior function or event.

Criminal behavior is defined as any action that would constitute a criminal offense pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois.

In determining whether a person or organization has sponsored a function or event the Board of Trustees will consider whether they are in the same name or names. Additionally, the Board of Trustees will consider whether the same persons are likely to attend both functions or events. Therefore, even if the name of the sponsoring person or organization changes for the succeeding function or event, this may be determined to be the same person or organization for purposes of this Chapter. **(Ord. No. 643; 11-02-98)**

28-1-5 **REGULATION OF "DOWNTOWN PARK".** The "Downtown Park" (area of land west of Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and east of Appleknocker Drive) that is leased by the Village is closed to public use between the hours of **11:00 P.M.** and **5:00 A.M.** **(Ord. No. 787; 08-20-07)**

28-1-6 **DESTRUCTION OF PARK PROPERTY.** Within the municipal parks, no person except park personnel on official business shall:

(A) cut, break, injure, destroy, take, or remove any tree, shrub, timber, plant, or natural object;

(B) kill, cause to be killed, or pursue with intent to kill any bird or animal except in areas where the Village has authorized hunting;

(C) willfully mutilate, injure or destroy any building, bridge, table, bench, fireplace, guidepost, notice, tablet, fence, monument, or other park property or appurtenances.

28-1-7 LITTERING - WATER POLLUTION. No person shall deposit any trash within the municipal parks except in proper receptacles where these are provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all trash shall be carried away from the parks by the person responsible for its presence and shall be properly disposed of elsewhere.

28-1-8 FIRES IN PARKS.

(A) No person shall light or use any unenclosed picnic fire within the municipal parks. Fires may be built only in fireplaces or on grills constructed for that purpose in designated areas.

(B) Every person who has lighted or used any fire in a municipal park shall extinguish such fire before leaving the park.

28-1-9 ERECTION OF STRUCTURES. No person shall build or place any tent, building, booth, stand, or other structure in or upon any municipal park or other recreational facility unless he has obtained a permit to do so from the Village.

28-1-10 SIGNS. No person shall place within any municipal park or affix to any object therein any sign or device designated to advertise any business, profession, exhibition, event or thing unless he has obtained a permit to do so from the Village.

28-1-11 ANIMALS. No person shall:

- (A) bring any dangerous animal into any municipal park; or
- (B) permit any dog to be in any park unless such dog is on a leash; or
- (C) ride or lead any horse in any municipal park or recreational area except upon paths or other ways expressly provided and posted for that purpose.

28-1-12 MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED. No person other than municipal personnel on official business shall drive or park any motor vehicle, including snowmobiles, in any municipal park except on a roadway or parking lot.

28-1-13 SALES; AMUSEMENTS FOR GAIN. Within the parks of this Municipality, no person shall, without having first obtained a permit from the Village:

- (A) sell or offer for sale any goods or services; or
- (B) conduct any amusement for gain or for which a charge is made.

28-1-14 GROUP ACTIVITIES. Whenever any group or organization desires to use municipal park facilities for a particular purpose such as picnics, parties, exhibitions or performances, a representative of the group shall obtain permission for such activity from the Village Board.

28-1-15 PARK REQUEST. The request to use the park will be granted on a first come, first serve basis provided the following conditions are met:

- (A) the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park;
- (B) the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour requested in the application;
- (C) the conduct of such activity will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of traffic;
- (D) the proper policing of such activity will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers as to prevent normal protection to the remainder of this Municipality;
- (E) the conduct of such activity is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property or to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct.

28-1-16 **HOURS.** No person shall be in the Park after **11:00 P.M.** and before the hours of **5:00 A.M.** The Village shall post the hours as set forth above at or on the Park Property.

28-1-17 **TRESPASS.** Any person violating the above shall be prosecuted for Criminal Trespass.