

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 596**

**AN ORDINANCE RESTATING AND
AMENDING LEASH REQUIREMENTS
FOR DOMESTICATED DOGS**

WHEREAS, the Winnetka Park District, Cook County, Illinois ("Park District"), is a duly organized and existing Park District created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the "Park Code"); and

WHEREAS, Section 8-1(d) of the Park Code authorizes park districts to pass all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the business of the Park District and to establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the government and protection of parks under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners ("Board") is required to operate parks, beaches, and facilities in accordance with regulations established by the Village of Winnetka, the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control, and other local, state, or federal governments with regulations applicable to the handling of domesticated dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Park District is the governmental entity with the authority to regulate the use of parks and property owned or controlled by the Park District pursuant to the Conduct Ordinance of the Winnetka Park District, Ordinance No. 504 (the "Conduct Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined there is a need to restate and amend and restate Section 2.03 of the Conduct Ordinance, titled "Animals and Pets. Subsection (b) Certain Parks and Centennial Beach" to modify leash requirements for domesticated dogs in certain locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines it is in the best interests of the Park District and its residents to ensure domesticated dogs are properly leashed when occupying a Park District property or facility except when a property or facility may be operated lawfully as an off-leash facility and is authorized for such use by the Board.

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

SECTION 2.03. Animals and Pets. (b) Certain Parks and Centennial Beach is hereby restated and amended to read:

"Domesticated dogs are allowed in Arborvitae Park, Bell Woods, Centennial Park, all sand and bluff areas of Centennial Beach, Crow Island Woods, Franklin Dunbaugh Park, Hill Road Park, Merrill Park, Robert E. Burke Memorial Park, Sheridan Park, Skokie Playfield, Station Park and West Elm Park, provided that at all times the dog is on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length, is under the control of the owner or an agent of the owner and the owner or owner's agent has

in his or her immediate possession an appropriate bag, device or receptacle for the removal and transportation of dog excrement from such property and does, in fact, remove any excrement left by the dog from District Property.”


PRESENTED to and **PASSED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Winnetka Park District this 23 day of MARCH, 2023.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Warren A. James
President, Winnetka Park District

ATTEST:



John L. Peterson
Secretary, Winnetka Park District

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, John L. Peterson, do hereby certify I am Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Winnetka Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and as such official, I am keeper of the records, ordinances, files and seal of said Park District; and

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 596:

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adopted at a duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Winnetka Park District, held at Winnetka, Illinois, in said district 6:00 p.m. on the 23 day of MARCH, 2023.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, the vote for the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, said meeting was called and held at a specific time and place convenient to the public, notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the Winnetka Park District in Winnetka, Illinois this 23 day of MARCH 2023.



John L. Peterson, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Winnetka Park District