

WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 2026-003

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 504 (PARK CONDUCT ORDINANCE) TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO DOG FRIENDLY PARK AREAS

WHEREAS, the Winnetka Park District ("District") is an Illinois park district organized and operating under and pursuant to the provisions of the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/1-1 *et seq.*) ("Code") and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the District is governed by seven (7) individuals elected or appointed from time to time and comprising the Board of Park Commissioners ("Board") of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered 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, boulevards and driveways and other property under its jurisdiction, and to effect the objects for which such districts are formed, 70 ILCS 1205/8-1(d); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 504, the Park Conduct Ordinance, establishes rules and regulations for the use of District parks, facilities, paths and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.03 of the Park Conduct Ordinance sets forth the rules for where dogs are permitted on Park property and under what terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to update Section 2.03 to provide for greater public safety and to enhance the separation between dog friendly areas and incompatible uses on neighboring properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Winnetka Park District Board of Park Commissioners (the "Board") as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals hereinabove set forth are true and correct and are incorporated into the text of this Ordinance to the same extent as if each of such recitals had been set forth herein in its entirety.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1.02 (Definitions). Section 2.03(b) of Ordinance 504 is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are **bold, double underlined**; deletions are ~~strikeouts~~, omitted language is not intended to be revised):

Certain Parks, and Centennial Beach **and Designated Dog Friendly Areas**: 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, **and other dog-friendly areas designated by signs posted by the Park District**, 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. **The foregoing notwithstanding, at no time shall dogs or other domesticated animals be permitted on the turf at Skokie Playfields, whether or not on leash.**

In any park, beach or designated dog friendly area where the Village or Park District adopts or implements any access control measure (e.g. gate, fence, staff, police, security officer, park ranger) to regulate access for dogs to such park, beach or designated dog friendly area, it is an express condition of the Park District granting access, or awarding the owner a key, fob, code, pass or license which permits such access, that the owner enter and exit the access control area by the access control measure through the designated point of ingress and egress; provided, however, nothing herein shall be deemed to opine on anyone's exercise of their public trust rights. In addition to any other penalties described in this Ordinance, entry or exit in violation of this regulation is punishable by revocation or suspension of dog access privileges, including any key, fob, code, pass or license

SECTION 3. INVALIDITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVENESS. The ordinance shall be effective upon its passage.

SECTION 5. SUPERCEDE. Any prior sections of ordinances or resolutions which address the subject matter of this Ordinance, including but not limited to applicable sections in Ordinance No. 504 and all amendments thereto, are hereby superseded by this ordinance.

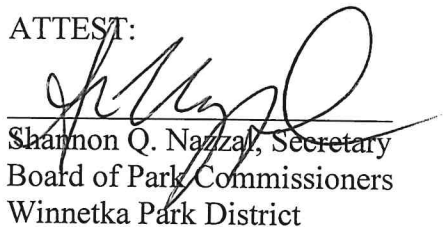
ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2026 by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Codo, Corley, Rapp, Tyson, Seaman, Gibson

NAYS: Root

ABSENT:

ATTEST:


Shannon Q. Nazzari, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Winnetka Park District


Elise Gibson, President
Board of Park Commissioners
Winnetka Park District

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF COOK)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Winnetka Park District, Cook County, Illinois and, as such, I am keeper of the records and files of said Park District.

I further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of

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adopted at a duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Winnetka Park District, held at Winnetka, Illinois in said District at 6:00 p.m. on the 23 day of July, 2026.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said Ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said Ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that 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 the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto affix my official signature at Winnetka, Illinois, this 23 day of July, 2026.



Shannon Q. Nazzari, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Winnetka Park District, Cook County, Illinois