



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

***For Commissioners and staff who plan to attend the meeting, please note that the on-site meeting location is Rolling Knolls Pavilion 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin, IL 60120. *To watch the meeting Live go to Forest Preserve Facebook page.**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Moore, Silvestri, Aguilar, Britton, Johnson, Miller and Morrison (7)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Moore asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.

No public speaker

[22-0404](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/26/2022

A motion was made by Vice Chair Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to approve 22-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Aguilar, Britton, Johnson, Miller and Morrison (7)

[22-0324](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, Chapter 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 6 - WEAPONS of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is repealed in its entirety and the following Code is substituted in its place:

3-3-6: - WEAPONS.

A. Firearms Possession:

1. General. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall enter into or upon any preserve carrying a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm of any kind.
2. Concealed Weapons. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall carry or wear under their clothes, or concealed about their person, any pistol, revolver, derringer, bowie knife, dirk knife, or dirk razor, dagger, slingshot, metallic knuckles or other dangerous or deadly weapon in or upon any preserve.
3. Prohibited Places. Except as provided in Section 3-3-6(B) below, no unauthorized person shall carry a concealed firearm in the following areas of the District:
 - i. any playground or Nature Play Areas;
 - ii. any building or portion of any building under the control of the District;
 - iii. any public gathering or special event conducted on property open to the public that requires the issuance of a permit from the District, provided this prohibition shall not apply to a valid concealed carry licensee who must walk through a public gathering in order to access their residence, place of business, or vehicle;
 - iv. any zipline, adventure course, or amusement park on District property;
 - v. any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a zoo or museum on District property;
 - vi. any building under control of a private party on property owned by the District so long as authorized signage is conspicuously posted pursuant to 430 ILCS 66/65(d).

4. Intoxication. No person may carry a concealed weapon about their person on District property while under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or combination of compounds, or any combination thereof, under the standards set forth in subsection (a) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5/11-501].

B. Firearms Permitted:

1. Law Enforcement. The prohibitions described in Section 3-3-6(A)(1-3) above shall not apply to any police officer of the District, County or State, or other peace officer carrying such firearms as may be necessary in the discharge of their duties as such officer, or to members of the armed forces of the United States while enroute and in uniform, nor shall it apply to any person summoned by any of such officers to assist in making arrest, or preserving the peace, while such person so summoned is engaged in assisting such officer.
2. Permit. The prohibitions described in Section 3-3-6(A)(1) and (2) above shall not apply to those persons who are lawfully carrying a firearm pursuant to a valid license issued pursuant to the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/1 et seq.) or pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (18 USC § 926B or 18 USC § 926C).
3. Parking Area. It shall not be a violation of Section 3-3-6(A)(1-3) for any person with a valid concealed carry license to carry a concealed firearm about their person, in a vehicle, or properly stored in their locked vehicle in a parking lot of a prohibited area so long as that license holder complies with 430 ILCS 66/65(b).

C. Possessing Replica or Toy Firearms: No unauthorized person shall at any time bring into or upon any preserve, nor have in their possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere within the Forest Preserve District, any toy firearm, air rifle, air gun, water gun, toy cannon, or any water cannon, slingshot or bow and arrow or any gun that discharges projectiles either by air, spirit, explosive substance or any other force, except where the General Superintendent issues a permit for an appropriate demonstration.

D. Confiscation of Weapons: In addition to all other penalties, weapons found in violation of Subsection A. of this Section shall be ordered forfeited to and confiscated by the Forest Preserve District.

E. Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve as amended 22-0324. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Aguilar, Britton, Johnson, Miller and Morrison (7)

[22-0341](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Title 3 - POLICE REGULATIONS, Chapter 3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 1 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

3-3-1: DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

A. The following shall constitute disorderly conduct:

1. All persons who make, aid, countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace or diversion tending to a breach of the peace within the limits of any forest preserve;
2. All persons lodging in or found at any time in areas that the General Superintendent has designated as prohibited from public access;
3. All persons who shall willfully assault another while in any forest preserve or be engaged in or abet or aid in any fight, quarrel or other disturbance in any forest preserve;
4. All persons who stand, loiter or stroll about within any forest preserve waiting or seeking to obtain money or other valuable things from others by trick or fraud or to aid or assist therein;
5. All persons that shall engage in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick to obtain money or other valuable things in any said forest preserve or who shall aid or abet or in any manner be concerned therein;
6. All touts, ropers, steerers or cappers so called for any gambling room or house who shall ply or attempt to ply their calling within any forest preserve;
- ~~7. All persons who shall have or carry any firearm, dirk, brass knuckles, slingshot or other dangerous weapon concealed on or about their person;~~
- ~~7~~8. All persons who shall have or carry a knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or a ballistic knife, which is a device that propels a

knifelike blade as a projectile by means of a coil spring, elastic material or compressed gas;

89. All persons who are bare-chested while on Forest Preserve District golf courses or golf driving ranges, and all persons who indecently expose themselves while on Forest Preserve property;

910. All persons who appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other drug, not therapeutically administered, to the degree that ~~he/she~~ they may endanger ~~himself/herself~~ themselves or other persons or property, or disturb the peace of persons in ~~their~~ his/her vicinity;-

shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct and upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct.

B. Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 22-0341. The motion carried by the following vote:

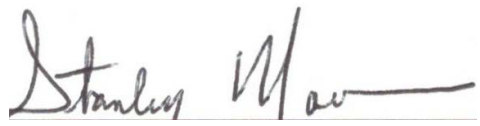
Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Aguilar, Britton, Johnson, Miller and Morrison (7)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner BRANDON JOHNSON, seconded by Commissioner FRANK J. AGUILAR, to adjourn.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Aguilar, Britton, Johnson, Miller and Morrison (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.