



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

New Items Agenda

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 11:00 AM

17-0433

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Forest Preserve District

Other Part(ies): Chicago Zoological Society

Request: Authorization to amend the Agreement between the Forest Preserve District and the Chicago Zoological Society

Good(s) or Service(s): Brookfield Zoo Admission and Parking Rates

Agreement period: 4/6/1987 until revoked

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: xxx-xxx if funds are from/to a County account

Agreement Number(s): N/A

District(s): 16

Summary: Amends Section 13 of the previously executed agreement between the Chicago Zoological Society (Zoo) and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District) for the maintenance and operation of a zoological park on lands of the Forest Preserve District, commonly known as the Brookfield Zoo, to allow for changes in certain admission and parking rates.

Reason:

This increase will support the Zoo's submitted 2018 Budget proposal. On 4/6/1987 an agreement between the District and the Zoo was presented and approved by this Honorable Board of Commissioners for the continued maintenance and operations of the Brookfield Zoo (Agreement). From time to time the Agreement has been amended by mutual consent of the District and the Zoo (Parties). The Parties now wish to amend the Agreement to approve an increase in admission and parking fees at the Brookfield Zoo as indicated below.

Section 13 of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

"Said Zoological Park shall be open without general admission charge to organized groups of children in attendance at schools in the State of Illinois. The Society may limit the number of any such groups in any

given day and may establish other rules and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety, accessibility, and convenience, including but not limited to standards of conduct and supervision. Said Zoological Park shall be free to the public without payment of any general admission fee or gratuity for a period equivalent to 52 days each year. The Society may otherwise charge an admission fee to said Park not exceeding ~~\$19.85~~ \$21.95 for each visitor from twelve to sixty-five years of age; and not exceeding ~~\$14.50~~ \$15.95 for each visitor ages three to eleven and for each visitor sixty-five years of age or older showing proof of birth date. The Society may charge a parking fee not exceeding ~~\$12~~ \$14 per car and ~~\$15~~ \$20 per bus. The Society may charge fees not exceeding these limits on a per vehicle basis and may otherwise adjust seasonally and daily to provide for optimal utilization of said Zoological Park. The proceeds of such admission fees and parking fees shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance of said Zoological Park and the collections therein. Charges may be made at any time pursuant to special services and for admission to special facilities within said Zoological Park for the education, entertainment or convenience of visitors."