



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1- Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances shall be stricken in its entirety and replaced as follows:

7-1-1: FEES

BASE PERMIT FEES:

Base fees for all Picnic, Special/Athletic Event, Hourly Athletic Field, Monthly Fitness Instructor, Model Airplane, Day Camp, Overflow Parking, Filming/Photography, Campgrounds and Indoor Room Rental permits may increase each calendar year up to the rate, if positive, of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumer (CPI-U) as of July of the prior year, rounded up to the nearest dollar. A schedule of such base permit fees shall be included each year in the District's Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Permittees shall be charged the fee that is applicable for the date(s) of the permitted event. (Base fees exclude application fees, cost of District provided security, special use fees, security deposits, and vending.)

Not-to-Exceed Fees for Pools/Aquatic Centers, Golf Courses, Snowmobile Permits, Ski Rentals, Equestrian Licenses/Tags, Off-Leash Dog Area Memberships, Equipment Rentals, Aerial Adventure admission, and related administrative charges shall be included each year in the District's Annual Appropriations Ordinance and may be increased with the approval of the District's Board of Commissioners.

The above-referenced fees shall be posted on the District's website.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Additional ten percent Non-County Resident Premiums apply to base permit fees for Picnic, Special/Athletic Event, Hourly Athletic Field, Monthly Fitness Instructor, Model Airplane, Day Camp, Overflow Parking, and Filming/Photography. Additional Non-County Resident Premiums may apply as stated in this Code or the then current Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

A change fee applies to any permit changes. Permit changes or new permit requests made within two weeks of event date shall require an additional administration fee as described in the then current Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

A District Police security fee may be required for certain events based upon size of event.

An application fee shall apply to permit requests for Special/Athletic Events, Filming/Photography, Day Camp, Overflow Parking, Model Airplane, Hourly Athletic Field, Monthly Fitness Instructor, and Indoor Room Rentals.

SECURITY DEPOSITS:

A standard security deposit ranging from \$100.00-\$2,000.00 is required for Special/Athletic Events, Model Airplane

Events, Day Camps, Overflow Parking, Filming/Photography and Indoor Room Rentals based on the size and nature of the event. Security deposits are intended to protect the District in the event of damage to the site or to address permit violations. Events with a previous history of causing damage to the District or potential to cause greater degree of damage may be charged a higher security deposit. Additional Security Deposits may apply as stated in this Code or the then current Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

INSURANCE:

Special/Athletic Events, Model Airplane Events, Day Camps, Overflow Parking, Hourly Athletic Field, Monthly Fitness Instructor, Filming/Photography and Indoor Room Rentals, plus basic picnics with special use items, require a certificate of liability insurance with the endorsement attached naming the Forest Preserve District of Cook County as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, or other proof of insurance as may be required by the District. Events with 1,000+ attendees require \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence.

DISCOUNTS:

Non-profit organizations and veteran organizations, with proper documentation as stated in Section 2-4-2 of this Code, may qualify for a reduced rate of fifty (50) percent on base fees for Picnic, Special/Athletic Event, Hourly Athletic Field, Monthly Fitness Instructor, Model Airplane, Day Camp, Overflow Parking, Filming/Photography and Indoor Room Rental permits.

Picnics and Special/Athletic Event fees for permits booked for use Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays) are eligible for a 25-percent discount.

Additional discounts or reduced promotional fees may be applied as stated in this Code or the then current Annual Appropriations Ordinance, or as made available by the General Superintendent or District concessionaires.

Any applicable discount does not apply to application fees, cost of District provided security, special use fees, security deposits, and vending.

SPECIAL USE ITEMS:

Additional fees apply for Special Use items, which are accommodations not naturally found in the District, such as tents, on-site caterers, inflatables, rides, generators, lights, amplifiers, etc.

A permit is required whenever special use items are brought into the District, even if a picnic permit is not required based on the size of the group.

INDOOR ROOM RENTALS:

Indoor Room Rentals require a minimum 4-hour rental time.

Stated rates and minimum rental times may not apply to Indoor Room Rentals for District Volunteer Stewards, units of local government and permit applicants who have an executed partnership agreement with the District.

REVIEW AND SUNSET:

This Ordinance shall sunset on October 21, 2024. Prior to that sunset date, the District shall review its fee increase process for items covered by this Title 7, Chapter 1 to determine if modifications are advised.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect October 22, 2019.