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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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INJURY OR DESTRUCTION TO FOREST PRESERVE PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 3, Chapter 3, Section 3-3-14 (A) of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

3-3-14: - INJURY OR DESTRUCTION TO FOREST PRESERVE PROPERTY.

- A. Destroy, cut, break, deface, mutilate, injure, disturb, sever from the ground or remove any sod, earth or growing thing including, but not limited to, any plant, flower, flower bed, shrub, tree, growth, or any branch, stem, fruit, or leaf thereof except for the removal of certain edible plants for personal consumption in designated areas and as approved and allowed by permit; or bring into or have in his/her possession in any Forest Preserve any tool or instrument intended to be used for the cutting thereof, or any garden or agricultural implements or tools which could be used for the removal thereof except as approved and allowed by permit; Penalty: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- B. Set fire to any trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, grass, plant growth or living timber, or suffer any fire upon land to extend into Forest Preserve lands. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- C. Go upon any lawn, grass plot, planted area, tree, shrub, monument, fountain, sculpture or structure where access is prohibited by signs or symbols which are posted or otherwise displayed or where access is restricted by fence or other physical barrier Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- D. Cut, break or in any way injure, deface, destroy or alter any building, fence, monument, sculpture bridge, or other structure or property contained therein. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- E. Operate or drive any motor car, automobile or vehicle of any kind in the Forest Preserve in places other than roadways or in such a manner as to cause the same to collide with, run against, strike or cause to strike, injure, deface or damage any Forest Preserve property or appurtenance of any kind. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

- F. Allow any animal to injure or deface any tree, plant, shrub, lawn or grassplot in any manner whatsoever. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- G. Deface, destroy, cover over or otherwise make unreadable any warning or prohibitory sign or symbol on Forest Preserve property. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- H. Use, possess or offer for use a mineral or metal detector, magnetometer, side scan sonar, other metal detecting device, or subbottom profiler on Forest Preserve District property nor shall any unauthorized person be allowed to excavate, remove, damage, alter or deface, or attempt to excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface Forest Preserve District property in connection with or for the purpose of engaging in metal detecting activities. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Subsection 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 Amendment shall be effective upon passage.