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PROTECTION OF NATIVE LANDSCAPE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 2-2-1(A) of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

2-2-1: - PROTECTION OF NATIVE LANDSCAPE.

A *Destruction of Native Landscape:* No person shall, within the property of the Forest Preserve District:

1. Cut, remove or wantonly destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim, or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower on any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass except for the removal of certain edible plants for personal consumption in designated areas and as approved and allowed by permit. The annual fee for the issuance of such permit shall be as reflected in the Fee Schedule published in Section 7-1-1 of the District Code of Ordinances, and such permit shall be valid from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel or sand.

B. *Livestock Trespass:* No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock upon or across any property within the Forest Preserve District except in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Board of Commissioners; and no person shall knowingly permit his or her horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock to enter upon any property of the Forest Preserve District and there to graze or browse upon or to destroy the grass, seedlings, saplings, shrubs and trees within said property without a written permit or license issued by the District.

Cross reference- Animal control, Title 3, Chapter 2.

C. *Fire Control:*

1. No person shall willfully set on fire, nor cause to be set on fire, any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow within the Forest Preserve District.
2. No person shall build any fire in or near any tree, woodland, grassland, building or other structure, nor make use of any inflammable material within the Forest Preserve District, except within the fireplaces,

receptacles or open areas provided for and designated by the Board of Commissioners for such purpose, and then only according to the regulations prescribed for such use and in such manner as will cause no harm or injury to any tree, woodland, grassland, building or other structure.

3. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other inflammable material within any property of the Forest Preserve District.

D. *Sanitary Landfills:* No Forest Preserve District holdings shall be used for sanitary landfills or any similar purpose.

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 Amendment shall be effective upon passage.