



Legislation Text

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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3 - MISCELLANEOUS MISCONDUCT, Section 6 - WEAPONS of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is repealed in its entirety and the following Code is substituted in its place: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, n~~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, n~~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, n~~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 on or 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 Sections 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 Sections 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 Sections 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. Disposition of the weapons shall be in accordance with applicable state statute and Forest Preserve District policy.

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.