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PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PARK SYSTEM OF THE MORTON PARK DISTRICT

[Formerly Adopted as Ordinance No. 2025-3 and hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows]

BEING ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MORTON PARK DISTRICT OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PARK SYSTEM OF THE MORTON PARK DISTRICT

SECTION I. Animals. No person shall ride, lead or allow to be loose within the Park System any animal. No person shall bring into the Park System or allow to enter the Park System any dog, cat, horse or any other animal. This section shall not apply to:

a. Dogs performing duties for any law enforcement agency;
b. Service animals serving persons with disabilities;
c. Dogs on a leash on paved bike trails within the Park System;
d. Dogs off a leash within a designated "Dog Park" within the Park System;
e. Dogs on a leash who are coming from or going to a designated "Dog Park" area within the Park System; and
f. Dogs on a leash at Northwood Park.
g. Dogs on a leash at Ulrich Wildlife Preserve
h. Dogs on a leash at Lakewood Park

Dogs within the Park System must be currently vaccinated against rabies, legally licensed with appropriate county and local authorities and wearing all required vaccination and identification tags. Dogs within the designated areas must be accompanied by an owner or handler at all times within the Park System and the owner or handler must abide by the posted rules for having dogs within the Park System including picking up and properly disposing of their dog's feces.

SECTION II. Firearms and Fireworks. No person shall carry or discharge firearms, or discharge or set off any fireworks or things containing any substance of an explosive nature in the Park System, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

SECTION III. Fishing and Hunting. Fishing shall be allowed at Lakewood Park. Any person fishing

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shall follow all guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and any other applicable local, state and federal law. No person shall hunt or remove any animal in or from the Park System, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

SECTION IV. Vehicles.

a. All persons shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time, in regard to the use and operation of equipment, bicycles and vehicles within the Park System.

b. No person shall use or operate any vehicle (except for any bicycle as defined below in Section XXXI) upon any portion of the Park System other than designated roadways and parking areas, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

c. No person shall park a vehicle (except for any bicycle as defined below in Section XXXI) within the Park System in other than an established or designated parking area, and then only in accordance with posted directions or markings, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

d. No person shall leave vehicles overnight or for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours within the Park System, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

e. No motorized vehicles (except for any bicycle as defined below in Section XXXI) shall be operated on any portion of designated bike trails within the Park System, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

f. This section IV shall not apply to vehicles in the service of the Morton Park District and its employees.

SECTION V. Hindering Employees. No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder any employee of the Park District while engaged in official Park District business.

SECTION VI. Conducting Business.

a. No person shall offer for exchange or sale any article or thing, or do any hawking, peddling or soliciting, or buy or offer to buy any article or thing, or take up any collection or solicit or receive contributions of money or anything of value in the Park System, except when authorized to do so by permit from or contract with the Executive Director.

b. No person or organization shall operate a business in the Park System.

c. No person or organization shall collect fees for activities held in the Park System.

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d. This section VI shall not apply to individuals or organizations that are approved as "Youth Affiliate Groups" and meet all guidelines set forth in the Morton Park District Youth Affiliate Group Guidelines. This section VI shall not apply to individuals or organizations that are renting facilities or park spaces and have been approved by the Executive Director.

SECTION VII. Public Meeting or Gatherings. No person shall call or hold any public meeting or give any concert or public entertainment of any kind in the Park System without first obtaining a written permit from the Executive Director. No person shall participate in any group picnic, or other recreational activity of any kind within the Park System involving one hundred (100) or more persons without first obtaining a written permit from the Executive Director.

SECTION VIII. Restricted Parts of Park Property. No person shall enter upon any portion of the Park System where persons are prohibited from going by direction of the Executive Director, or in the Executive Director's absence, the Superintendent of Parks, as indicated by sign or notice.

SECTION IX. Improper Speech and Conduct. No person shall use any abusive, threatening, insulting, indecent, profane or obscene language, or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace, nor be guilty of any indecent act or behavior in the Park System.

SECTION X. Begging. No person shall beg or solicit in the Park System.

SECTION XI. Sleeping in Parks. No person shall sleep in the Park System between 11:00 o'clock P.M. and 5:00 o'clock A.M., except when authorized to do so at Oakwood Park or Northwood Park by previously attaining an approved "Morton Park District Camping Permit" from the Park District Administrative Office.

SECTION XII. Park Closings. No person shall enter, be or remain in:

a. Any park in the Park System, between 11:00 o'clock P.M. and 5:00 o'clock A.M., subject to further restrictions set forth in subsection (b and c) immediately below;

b. Ulrich Wildlife Preserve between dusk and dawn; or

c. Any park in the Park System or section or part thereof which has been closed by the Executive Director, Superintendent of Parks, or the Police Department of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois,

Except when authorized to do so by permit from the Executive Director or the Police Department of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois.

This Section XII shall not apply to the Morton Bike Trail.

This Section XII shall not apply to Park District employees conducting official Park District business.

This Section XII shall not apply to Police Officers of the Police Department of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois conducting official Police Department actions.

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SECTION XIII. Skateboards. No person shall ride or otherwise use a skateboard within the Park System.

SECTION XIV. Use of Playground Equipment by Adults Prohibited. No adult person shall in any manner use any of the playground apparatus or devices meant exclusively for the use of children. This Section XIV shall not apply to the extent that it is inconsistent with state and federal laws relating to individuals with disabilities, including, but not limited to, adults with mental disabilities and adults assisting children with disabilities.

SECTION XV. Obstructing Travel. No person shall set or place or cause to be set or placed, any goods, wares or merchandise or property of any kind so as to obstruct travel in the Park System.

SECTION XVI. Fires. No person shall light or make use of any fire in the Park System, except such portions thereof as may be designated by the Executive Director, or in the Executive Director's absence, the Superintendent of Parks, for such purpose and then only under such regulations as are prescribed by him.

SECTION XVII. Drunkenness & Intoxicating Liquors. No intoxicated person shall enter into, be at or remain in the Park System at any time. No person shall bring within, maintain, manufacture, prepare, sell, give away or consume any intoxicating beverage(s) or liquor(s) of any kind in the Park System, except as authorized below and only in those areas and facilities designated as set forth below. The Barn at Bull Run Park and the Freedom Hall have been designated by the Board of Commissioners as locations for individual(s) to request to be authorized to possess, use and/or consume intoxicating beverages and liquors, as set forth in previously adopted ordinances. An "Alcohol Usage Permit" shall be completed and obtained by individual(s), a renter or a group prior to any such individual(s), renter or group being authorized to bring, possess, use or consume intoxicating beverages and/or liquors in any way in the Park System, and such authorization shall be valid only in and for those areas expressly designated therein. McClallen Park has been designated by the Board of Commissioners for individuals to possess, use and consume intoxicating beverages and liquors in expressly designated areas only during the "Morton Community Independence Day Celebration". Prior written approval and an appropriate permit must be obtained from the Executive Director prior to any rental, event or gathering where alcohol will be present in any fashion by any individual(s).

SECTION XVIII. Dumping Articles. Provided garbage receptacles shall be used by all people within the Park System. No person shall deposit, dump, throw or place any garbage, lawn refuse or other articles within the Park System. Garbage Dumpsters placed throughout the Park System shall be used only for garbage resulting from activities held in and resulting from the use of Park District property.

SECTION XIX Advertisements. No person or organization shall display any placard or advertisement of any kind in the Park System, nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw or place any handbill, pamphlet, circular, flyer, advertisement or notice of any kind, nor post, stencil or otherwise affix any notice, or bills, advertisement or other papers, upon any structure, vehicle or thing in or about the Park System. No political campaign signs or other political advertisements shall be placed or displayed within the Park System. This Section XIX shall not apply to flyers and advertisements provided

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by individuals or organizations that are approved as "Youth Affiliate Groups" and meet all guidelines set forth in the Morton Park District Youth Affiliate Group Guidelines. Any flyers and advertisements provided by individuals or organizations that are approved as "Youth Affiliate Groups" must be approved by the Executive Director, or in his absence, the Superintendent of Recreation prior to being placed or distributed. This Section XIX does not apply to advertisements or sponsorships the Park District attains for properties within the Park System.

SECTION XX. Gambling. No person shall play at games of chance or use any gambling devices in the Park System. This Section XX shall not apply to raffles held by approved "Youth Affiliate Groups" or individuals or groups who are renting park space or facilities within the Park System, which comply with all applicable state laws, as amended from time to time. Any raffle held in the Park System must have prior written approval by the Executive Director.

SECTION XXI. Protection of Birds and Animals. No person shall trap, catch, release, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, or attempt to trap, catch, release, wound or kill any bird or animal, or molest or rob any nest of any bird or animal, in the Park System. No person shall remove any animal or animal remains from the Park System. No person shall release into the Park System any non-native species of bird, fish or other animal. No person shall give or leave food for wild animals within the Park System. This Section XXI shall not apply to fishing at Lakewood Park, subject to Section III above. This Section XXI shall not apply to any Park District employee conducting official Park District Business. This Section XXI shall not apply to contractors or professionals hired or retained by the Park District to remove nuisance or dangerous animals when needed.

SECTION XXII. Bringing Plants, Shrubs or Trees Prohibited. No person shall bring into or upon the Park System any tree, shrub, or plant or any newly plucked branch or portion of a tree, shrub, or plant, except when authorized to do so by permit or contract with the Executive Director, or in the Executive Director's absence, the Superintendent of Parks. No personal shall remove from the Park System any tree, shrub, or plant, or any portion thereof, except when authorized to do so by permit or contract with the Executive Director, or in the Executive Director's absence, the Superintendent of Parks.

SECTION XXIII. Damage to Park Property. No person shall cut, break, climb on, remove or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, turf, or any of the buildings, fences, bridges, lamps or posts, playground equipment, or other structure or property within the Park System, or dig or perform any act of digging within the Park System, except when authorized to do so by permit or contract with the Executive Director, or in the Executive Director's absence, the Superintendent of Parks.

SECTION XXIV. Breach of Peace & Disorderly Conduct. No person shall make, countenance or assist in making any improper noise, riot, disturbance, breach of the peace, or diversion tending to a breach of the peace, in the Park System, or be guilty of any disorderly conduct therein, or collect with other persons, in bodies or crowds, for unlawful purposes, or for any purpose to the annoyance or obstruction of disturbance of other persons.

SECTION XXV. Resisting or Interfering with Officer. No person shall resist the Executive Director, Superintendent of Parks, Superintendent of Recreation, any Commissioner, or Police Officer of the

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Village of Morton in the discharge of their duty, or fail to refuse to obey any lawful command of any such Executive Director, Superintendent of Parks, Superintendent of Recreation, any Commissioner, or Police Officer of the Village of Morton or in any way interfere with or hinder or prevent any such Executive Director, Superintendent of Parks, Superintendent of Recreation, any Commissioner, or Police Officer from discharging their duty, or in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody to escape or to attempt to escape from custody, or rescue or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.

SECTION XXVI. Cannabis and Controlled Substances. No person shall bring, cultivate or maintain within the Park System either cannabis or any Controlled Substance, and no person shall, while within the Park System, possess, sell, deliver to another person or use either Cannabis or any Controlled Substance.

SECTION XXVII. Smoking in the Park System. No person shall smoke any tobacco products within the Park System. All state and federal law regulating the use of electronic smoking devices in public places shall be observed.

SECTION XXVIII. Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the Park System. No person shall operate any unmanned aerial vehicle within the Park System in any location other than those areas specifically designated for such use by the Executive Director, or in the Executive Director's absence, the Superintendent of Recreation. All persons operating any unmanned aerial vehicles in such areas specifically designated for such use shall abide by all regulations set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration and other applicable authorities. All unmanned aerial vehicle operators must register with the Park District to gain an operator's card annually.

SECTION XXIX. Public Protests. Any group or individual(s) wishing to hold a Public Protest may utilize any Park System space that is not otherwise "closed" as referenced in Section XII above. However, no group or individual(s) may restrict or interfere with the movement of any other individual(s) within the Park System as a result of the Public Protest. No walking path, driveway, parking lot, and/or entrance/exit for or in a Park District facility may be barred, locked or obstructed from passage thereon by any group or individual within the Park System.

SECTION XXX. Penalty. Any person violating any clause or provision of any section of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than Twenty-Five Dollars ($25.00), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), for each offense upon conviction thereof by the Board of Commissioners. Additionally, any person violating any clause or provision of any section of this Ordinance may be suspended from Morton Park District property, programs, and facilities for a period not to exceed three (3) years by the Board of Commissioners. Additionally, any person found guilty of damaging property within the Park System shall be held responsible to pay the appropriate dollar amount to repair and/or replace such damaged property.

SECTION XXXI. Definitions. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning given herein:

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a. "Park System" includes all parks, playgrounds, pools, golf courses, recreation centers, nature areas, trails or other areas or facilities owned or used by the Morton Park District in any way for recreational purposes of any kind.

b. "Board of Commissioners" is the Board of Commissioners of the Morton Park District.

c. "Commissioner" is any member of the Board of Commissioners as being responsible for the administration of the Park System and recreation programs.

d. "Executive Director" is that person designated by the Board of Commissioners as being responsible for the administration of the Park System and recreation programs.

e. "Superintendent of Parks" is that person designated by the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director as being responsible for the maintenance, construction and repair of all park facilities and property.

f. "Superintendent of Recreation" is that person designated by the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director as being responsible for the scheduling and operation of all recreational programs and activities at all facilities and parks.

g. "Vehicle" means every device, in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including but not limited to snowmobiles, any ATV, any e-bikes or motorized bikes or devices, motorized or electric scooters, e-motos and mini-bikes, but excluding devices moved solely by human power and any bicycle as defined in subsection (m) below.

h. "Cannabis" means any substance so defined in the "Cannabis Control Act", 720 ILCS 550/1 et seq., as heretofore or hereafter amended.

i. "Controlled Substance" means any substance which is enumerated in the schedules of Article II of the "Controlled Substances Act", 720 ILCS 570/1 et seq., as heretofore or hereafter amended.

j. "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle" means any remotely controlled aerial vehicle (including planes, helicopters and drones).

k. "Youth Affiliate Group" is the singular designated group in each youth sport category who abides by all aspects of the Morton Park District Youth Affiliate Group Guidelines in the process of offering youth athletic programming within the Park System and approved off-property locations.

l. "Public Protest" is any group or individual(s) participating in a demonstration, remonstration, remonstrance, or expression or objection, disapproval, or dissent towards an idea or action, typically, but not limited to, political ideas.

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m. "Bicycle" includes a bicycle moved solely by human power, a Class 1 e-bike (as defined under the Illinois Vehicle Code), and a Class 2 e-bike (as defined under the Illinois Vehicle Code).

SECTION XXXI. Regulations Not Applicable to Park District Employees. These regulations and restrictions shall not apply so as to restrict or otherwise prevent employees of the Morton Park District from performing the duties of their employment.

SECTION XXXII. Repeal of Prior Ordinances – Effective date of Ordinance. Ordinance No. 2025-3 is hereby specifically superseded and replaced and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded and replaced, and this Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Adopted April 7, 2026 by the Morton Park District Board of Commissioners.

Kris Goergen, President

(MORTON PARK DISTRICT SEAL)

Nicole Friend, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. 2026-1, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PARK SYSTEM OF THE MORTON PARK DISTRICT," duly adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the MORTON PARK DISTRICT, Tazewell County, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 7th day of April, 2026.

DATED this 7th day of April, 2026.
(MORTON PARK DISTRICT SEAL)

Nicole Friend, Secretary