

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District (the “Park District”) is a body politic and corporate, and unit of local government created pursuant to the Chicago Park District Act, 70 ILCS 1505/0.01 et seq., as amended (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Park District may establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the government and protection of parks; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District sets forth the policy for the use of Park District parks;

WHEREAS, the Park District desires to amend Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District to align with the District’s gender diversity policy, allowing individuals to use the restrooms, comfort stations, and locker rooms that correspond to their gender identity;

WHEREAS, the amendment further permits persons aged eighteen (18) years and older or a family member acting as a caregiver to bring children aged six (6) and younger of a different gender into the restroom, comfort station, or locker room with them. The amendment also makes clear that individuals with disabilities who require assistance by a companion of a different gender may accompany their companion in a restroom, comfort station, or locker room that aligns with the gender identity of their companion. Lastly, the amendments provide that single-occupancy restrooms are all-gender restrooms and may be used by persons of any gender or for family or assisted use;

WHEREAS, the amendments to Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District were presented to the Board at the June 11, 2025, Board Meeting, after which the Secretary initiated a notice period of at least forty-five (45) days, commencing from the date the amendments were presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the public could submit public comment through the Chicago Park District’s website and by calling or writing to the Department of Legislative and Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District now presents the final amendments to Chapter VII to the Board for consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated in and made part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District is hereby amended by making the changes identified in the enclosed Exhibit A.

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SECTION 3. To the extent that the Code of the Chicago Park District or any ordinance, resolution, rule, order or provision of the Park District, or part thereof, conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall govern and control to the extent necessary to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.