

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, the Park District desires to amend Chapter IV of the Code of the Chicago Park District to update the Human Rights Ordinance and create the Office of Prevention and Accountability; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to Chapter IV of the Code of the Chicago Park District were presented to the Board at the January 26, 2022 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 concluding on April 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, the public submitted public comment through the Chicago Park District’s website, at three public Town Hall events and two staff Town Hall events led by Interim General Superintendent and CEO Rosa Escareño, and/or by calling or writing to the Department of Legislative and Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District reviewed and considered all public comments submitted in response to the proposed Amendments to Chapter IV of the Code and incorporated the feedback into the final version of the Amendments now being presented 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 IV of the Code of the Chicago Park District is hereby amended by making the changes identified in the enclosed Exhibit A.

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.