PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER III 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, the Ethics Code (Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District) sets forth the ethical rules to be followed by Park District Officers, Employees, and persons doing business with or seeking to do business with the Park District; and

WHEREAS, Officers and Employees are expected to act impartially in the performance of their duties so that no private organization or individual is given preferential treatment in conducting business with the Park District or in accessing Park District property, programs and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Park District desires to amend Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District to ensure that the Ethics Code is in compliance with state law and to ensure that the Ethics Code is tailored to Park District business and operations; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District were presented to the Board at the February 15, 2023 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 did not receive any public comments submitted in response to the proposed Amendments to Chapter III of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Park District now presents the final amendments to Chapter III 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.

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SECTION 2. Chapter III 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.