



Chicago Park District

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PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT LARGE SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO UPDATE THE PERMIT PROCESS

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District:

I. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners receive the proposed amendments to Chapter VII of the Code of the Chicago Park District, after which the Board Secretary shall initiate a notice period of at least forty-five (45) days, commencing from the date the amendments are presented to the Board. The notice period will provide public notice and allow the Chicago Park District to solicit public input.

II. Explanation

Chapter 70 ILCS 1505/7.02 enables the Board of Commissioners to “establish by ordinance all needful rules and regulations for the government and protection of parks.” Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners consider the proposed amendments to Chapter VII, Section C of the Code of the Chicago Park District to require that any permit application for an event or activity with 10,000 or more attendees per day must receive provisional approval from the Board of Commissioners (Section C.3.c.), and where the Board of Commissioners’ decision to approve or deny a permit is final and not reviewable by the General Superintendent (Section C.6.a.). The proposed amendments are set forth in the enclosed Exhibit A.

Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section B.2 of the Chicago Park District Code, the Secretary shall then initiate a notice period of at least 45-days to provide public notice and to solicit public input regarding the proposed amendments. Once the 45-day notice period has concluded, the General Superintendent or her designee may recommend that the Board approve the requested amendments.

Upon final approval of the amendments, the General Counsel shall review, prepare and publish electronic copies of the Code of the Chicago Park District that have been revised by reason of these amendments.