

CHAPTER VII. - USE OF PARKS

SECTION A. - DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this chapter, the following words, terms, phrases and their derivatives shall have the meanings set forth in this section. When not inconsistent with the context, the present tense shall include the future tense; the plural shall include the singular number and the singular number shall include the plural number.

"Amplified Sound" means any sound projected or transmitted by artificial means, including, but not limited to, loudspeakers, amplifiers, powered megaphones or any similar devices.

"Horse" means any member of the equine family.

"Parade" means any march or other organized movement of persons from place to place, or about a place.

"Pollute" means to perform any act or acts destroying, contaminating, fouling or otherwise altering the physical, topographic, chemical or biological properties of a park, including land, waters, buildings, furnishings, equipment, vegetation and animals, including, but not limited to, the deposit of garbage, litter or water matter; changes in the temperature, taste, color, turgidity or odor of water; the discharge of any liquid, gas, solid, radioactive or other substance in any park which causes, or is likely to cause, a public nuisance or an injury to the public health, safety or welfare, or injury to vegetation or animals, or otherwise impair the safe, healthful and beneficial use of a park.

"Stallion" means a male horse, not castrated.

SECTION E. - NAMING AND RENAMING OF PARKS AND PARK FEATURES

1. Naming and Renaming of Parks and Park Features; Generally

Requests to name or rename parks and features within parks (including buildings and facilities within parks) may be submitted to the General Superintendent or his/her designee by members of the public, public officials, governmental entities or Park District staff. Upon receipt, such requests shall be forwarded to the Secretary, who shall file a copy of the request with the Board (or appropriate Committee thereof) and shall initiate a notice period of at least forty-five (45) days from the date of filing to provide notice and to solicit public input. Such notices shall be posted at the subject parks fieldhouse (or if there is no fieldhouse in that park, at the nearest fieldhouse) and shall also be sent to advisory councils of parks located within a one (1) mile radius. Such notice periods may be waived by the written direction of the General Superintendent. At the conclusion of the notice period, the General Superintendent or his/her designee may in his/her discretion recommend to the Board that it approve the requested naming or renaming. In deciding whether to recommend a proposed naming or renaming to the Board, the General Superintendent or his/her designee shall consider the criteria set forth below in subsection (2), but shall have no obligation to recommend all proposed naming or namings that satisfy such criteria. A proposed naming or renaming of a park or feature within a park shall be effective only upon a majority vote of the Board.

2. Criteria for Naming of Parks and Park Features

In considering a proposed name of a park or park feature, the General Superintendent or his/her designee shall consider the extent of public support for, and public opposition to, the proposed name. There shall be a general presumption in favor of names reflecting historical or physical features of neighborhoods, rather than names honoring persons or organizations. If a proposed name is of a person, then (i) the person shall have been deceased for at least one year prior to consideration; and (ii) the person shall have demonstrated a continued commitment and made an extraordinary contribution to civic betterment, locally, nationally or internationally. If the proposed name is of an organization, the organization shall have demonstrated a continued commitment and made an extraordinary contribution to civic betterment, locally, nationally, or internationally. If the proposed name is of an event, then (i) the event shall have occurred at least one year prior to consideration; and (ii) the event shall have local, national or international significance. No proposed park or park feature name shall (i) duplicate the name of another park or park feature within the City of Chicago; (ii) endorse or advocate religion or a specific religious belief; (iii) have obscene connotations; or (iv) malevolently portray, demean or intimidate any racial or ethnic group. Exceptions to the above criteria shall be made only upon a finding of an extraordinary circumstance by the General Superintendent.

3. Criteria for Renaming of Parks and Park Features

In considering a proposed change of name for a previously named park or park feature, the General Superintendent or his/her designee shall consider the criteria listed in Section H.2. above for the Naming of Parks and Park Features. In addition, for parks or features within parks that are either named for a specific person or that have a known history attached to their name, the General Superintendent or his/her designee may consider alternative means of recognition to the proposed name change and there shall be a presumption in favor of retaining the existing name. Exceptions to the above criteria shall be made only upon a finding of an extraordinary circumstance by the General Superintendent.

4. Rules and Procedure

The General Superintendent shall have the authority to promulgate rules and written procedures to implement the procedure for naming and renaming parks and features within parks.