



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Mission of the Worth Park District is to offer our residents opportunities to enjoy life through professional, quality programs, services and facilities

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#### WORTH PARK DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

These guidelines ("FOIA Guidelines") outline procedures and contain instructions for orderly compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (the Act"), by Worth Park District ("Park District") and any persons requesting public records from the Park District ("Requestor").

The Park District will respond to all written requests for inspection or copying of public records in accordance of the Act, these FOIA Guidelines, and other applicable law. Under the Act, the Park District must disclose to any Requestor for inspection or copying all requested public records except public records that are exempt from disclosure by the Act or other applicable law. Requests falling within any of these exemptions may be denied in the sole discretion of the Park District.

All notices and other communications in connection with a request to inspect or copy records under the Act shall be sent to: Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation or designee, Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager, Worth Park District, 11500 S. Beloit Ave., Worth, IL 60482. The Park District's main telephone number is 708-448-7080. The Park District has Request Forms available for your use in requesting to inspect or obtain copies of public records, and we strongly encourage you to use these forms for this purpose (see attached FORM 1). Additional Request Forms may be obtained from the Park District and are also available on our website, www.worthparkdistrict.org. The Park District will respond to all written requests to inspect or copy public records within five working days after receipt of the request.

#### I. INTERPRETATION

#### A. Conflicts and Invalidity

These FOIA Guidelines do not supersede, nor are they intended to supersede, the provisions of the Act. In the event that these FOIA Guidelines in any way conflict with the Act, the provisions of the Act shall govern and take precedence over these FOIA Guidelines. If any provision of these FOIA Guidelines is deemed illegal or unenforceable, all other provisions and the application thereof shall remain unaffected to the extent permitted by law.

#### B. Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided in the Act, the following definitions are applicable to these FOIA Guidelines:

- 1. Director: The Director of the Worth Park District or his or her designee.
- 2. Business Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on a working day.
- 3. Working Day: Any day on which the Park District Office is open and staffed for regular public business during Business Hours. Working Days are generally Monday through Friday, except recognized legal holidays.

#### C. Measure of Time

- Days: In counting the number of days allowed for any response or decision required
  to be given by the Park District pursuant to the Act or these FOIA Guidelines, the
  day on which the request or notice requiring such response or decision was first
  received shall be included provided such request is received during normal business
  hours.
- 2. Supplemental Requests: Supplemental or additional requests to inspect or copy public records shall not relate back to the time of receipt of the initial request. Supplemental or additional requests shall be considered new requests for purposes of determining all applicable time periods.
- 3. Response Date: All responses and decisions required to be issued by the Park District pursuant to the Act or these FOIA Guidelines shall be conclusively deemed to have been given as of the date of personal delivery to the person or to the residence of the person entitled to such response or decision or, if mailed, as of the date of mailing, regardless of the date of actual receipt by such person. Each such response and decision shall include a verified proof of service evidencing the method by which, and time at which, such response of decision was delivered.

#### II. REQUESTS FOR INSPECTION OR COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS

#### A. Officials Responsible for Responding to Requests

The Director shall be the person administratively responsible for receiving and processing all requests to inspect or copy public records filed pursuant to the Act and these FOIA Guidelines. The Director shall be the person with authority on behalf of the Park District to respond to such requests, and to issue the appropriate notices with respect to such matters. The Director may consult with the Park District's Attorney before responding to any request to inspect or copy public records.

#### B. Request Form

All requests to inspect or copy public records must be made in writing to the Director. Requests are to be filed with the Director on the form attached hereto as FORM 1 or on a form substantially similar to FORM 1 approved by the Park District ("Request Form"). Additional Request Forms may be obtained from the Park District and are also available on the Park District's website, www.worthparkdistrict.org. The Park District will respond to all written requests to inspect or copy public records within five (5) working days after receipt of the request.

#### C. Request Form Submittal

Completed Request Forms may be filed with the Park District by mail, overnight courier service or in person. Request Forms submitted in person shall be handed to the Director at the Park District Office. Request Forms submitted by mail or other means shall be addressed to the Director at the Park District Office and shall be deemed received only upon actual receipt by the Director on a working day, regardless of date of mailing.

#### D. Request Form Processing

The Director shall stamp or mark each Request Form with the date and time of receipt.

#### III. RESPONSES TO REQUESTS

#### A. Time for Response

The Director shall respond to Request Form filed pursuant to Section II of these FOIA Guidelines within five (5) working days after such Request Form is received by the Park District.

#### Extension of Time

If the Director determines that additional time is needed and allowed under the Act to respond to a Request Form filed pursuant to Section II of these FOIA Guidelines, the Director shall notify the Requestor in writing of such determination, of the reasons requiring the extension, and of the length of the extension, which shall not in any event exceed five (5) working days.

#### B. Form of Response

- 1. Disclosure of Public Records
  - (a) If the Director determines that the Act requires disclosure of all or any part or portion of any public records requested on a Request Form filed pursuant to Section II of these FOIA Guidelines, the Director shall cause those records to be produced for inspection or copying.
  - (b) Except as otherwise specifically authorized by the Director, only Park District personnel shall be permitted to search Park District files, records or storage areas; to use Park District equipment; or to make copies of Park District public records.
  - (c) Public records may not be removed from the Administrative Offices.
  - (d) Public records may be inspected, or copies of public records obtained, during Business Hours at the Administrative Offices.
  - (e) Because space is limited, Requestors must make arrangements in advance with the Director for a specific appointment to inspect public records at the Administrative Offices.
  - (f) The Requestor shall be required to pay all copying fees in advance of receiving copies of any public records.
  - (g) Requests for the reproduction of any public records which are in the form of tape recordings will be honored in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these FOIA Guidelines.
  - (h) Upon inspection or delivery of copies of the requested public records the Requestor may be required to acknowledge such fact in writing.

#### 2. Categorical Requests

(a) Requests calling for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless the Director determines that compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome, there is no way to narrow the request, and the burden on the District outweighs the public interest in the information.

- (b) Before making such a determination, the Director shall extend to the Requestor in writing an opportunity to confer in an attempt to reduce the request to manageable proportions.
- (c) If the Requestor responds to the Director's written notice within fourteen (14) working days the Director shall respond to the Request Form, or to the Request Form as narrowed, within five (5) working days following the date of the Requestor's response. The Director's response may take any form specified in the Subsection III.B.
- (d) If the Requestor does not respond to the Director's written notice within fourteen (14) Working Days the Director shall deny the request pursuant to Paragraph III. B(3) below.
- (e) Repeated requests for the same records by the same person or on behalf of the same organization or group shall be deemed unduly burdensome.

#### 3. Denial

If the Director determines that all or any part or portion of any public records requested on a Request Form filed pursuant to Section II of these FOIA Guidelines are not subject to disclosure under the Act, the Director shall notify the Requestor in writing of such determination ("Notice of Denial"). The Notice of Denial shall state the reason for the denial and notify the Requestor of the Requestor's right to appeal the Director's denial to the President of the Park Board (the "President").

#### C. Failure to Respond

If the Director fails to respond to a Request Form properly filed pursuant to Section II of these FOIA Guidelines, the request shall be deemed to be denied as of the last day permitted for such response.

#### D. No Obligation to Create New Records

Neither the Act nor these FOIA Guidelines create an obligation on the part of the District to maintain or prepare any public record which was not maintained or prepared by the District at the time when the Act became effective.

#### IV. APPEALS

#### A. Notice of Appeal

If a Requestor disagrees with a Notice of Denial and wishes to appeal, then such Requestor must file a written notice of appeal with the President ("Notice of Appeal").

#### B. Action on Appeal

Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the President shall review the public records requested and make a determination as to whether such public records must be disclosed pursuant to the Act. Within five (5) Working Days after the receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the President shall notify the Requestor of such determination. Such notice shall be given in writing, and if access to the requested records is denied, shall state that the Requestor has a right to judicial review of the decision.

#### C. Failure to Decide

If the President fails to issue a decision granting or denying an appeal within five (5) Working Days after receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the appeal shall be deemed to be denied as of the last day permitted for issuing such decision.

#### V. FEES

#### A. Fees Established

Unless fees are waived or reduced pursuant to Subsection V.C below, each Requestor shall pay the following fees for copying and certification of public records:

- 1. Copies (8 ½" x 11") No Charge for first 50 pages; \$0.15 per page over 50
- 2. Copies (Oversize) Actual cost to reproduce
- 3. Certification \$0.50 per page/document

Where the services of an outside vendor are required to copy any public record, including tape recordings, the actual charges of such outside vendor shall be the fees for copying such records, notwithstanding the fees stated above. Such fees are hereby found to be no more than necessary to reimburse the District for the actual cost of reproducing and certifying public records requested pursuant to the Act and these FOIA Guidelines.

#### B. Method and Time of Payment

Payment of all required fees must be made in cash, by cashier's or certified check, or by money order prior to the copying or certification of any public record.

#### C. Waiver of Fees

If the Requestor seeks a waiver or reduction of the fees set forth in Subsection V.A. the Requestor must so state and also state the principal purpose of the request. If the stated purpose of the request is in the public interest, as defined by FOIA, the fees shall be waived or reduced by the Director, as appropriate. Any request for fee waiver or reduction must be indicated on the Request Form at the time the Request Form is filed. The Director may consider the number of requested public records and the cost and necessity of copying them in setting the fee waiver or reduction amount.

#### VI. PARK DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS

#### A. Organizational Description (Exhibit A)

The Director shall, at least once each fiscal year, produce and make available for inspection, copying, and mailing to any person requesting it, a brief description of the District. Such description shall include:

- a short summary of the Park District's purpose,
- a block diagram of its functional subdivisions,
- the approximate number of its full and part-time employees,
- the total amount of its operating budget
- the number and location of each of its offices, and

• the identification and membership of the Park Board and of all of its standing and special committees and other advisory bodies.

#### B. Index of Public Records (Exhibit B)

The Director shall maintain and make available for inspection and copying a current list of all types or categories of public records under the control of the District which were prepared or received by the District after July 1, 1984. The list shall be reasonably detailed in order to aid persons in obtaining access to the public records of the District.

#### C. Records Stored by Electronic Data Processing

The Director shall furnish upon request a description of the manner in which public records of the District stored by means of electronic data processing may be obtained in a form comprehensible to persons lacking knowledge of computer language or printout format.

#### D. Summary of Procedures

The District shall display at each of its administrative or regional offices, make available for inspection and copying, and send through the mail if requested, a brief description of the procedures established by these FOIA Guidelines.

#### E. Posting and Mailing of Information

The Director shall keep posted at the Administrative Offices, and shall make available for inspection and copying, and send through the mail to any person making a request therefore, copies of the Organizational Description prepared pursuant to Subsection VI. A. above and the Index of Public Records prepared pursuant to Subsection VI. B. above.

#### F. Filing of Notices of Denial

The Director shall retain copies of all Notices of Denial in a single file at the Administrative Offices open to the public and indexed according to the type of exemption asserted and, to the extent such categorization is feasible, the type of records requested.

#### WORTH PARK DISTRICT EXHIBIT A

#### **Compliance to Section VI**

#### DESCRIPTION OF WORTH PARK DISTRICT

The Worth Park District is a special district of local government with its own financial and legal responsibilities, established in 1965 pursuant to state statutes, for the purpose of providing park and recreational opportunities to residents of the community and public at large. The Park District is an autonomous governmental agency, responsible directly to the people through the election and referendum process. The Park District receives its operating authority from the Illinois Park District Code, (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 105, Sections 1-13). Through the Code, the Park District is empowered to levy taxes within specific limits, acquire and develop parks, build and operate recreation facilities, and conduct recreation programs.

The Worth Park District is governed by 5 elected Park Commissioners, who serve a six-year term without remuneration. It is the responsibility of the Board of Park Commissioners "Park Board") to acquire, develop, maintain, and protect park and recreation areas in Worth. This is accomplished by the development of policies and ordinances which govern the operation of the Park District and by the adoption of an operating budget. The Board employs a Director of Parks and Recreation to carry out the policies of the Park Board.

Regular Park Board meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Charles S. Christensen Terrace Centre, 11500 S. Beloit Ave., Worth. Check with the Park District office for details at 708-448-70800.

#### **BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Mike McElroy Melissa Nagel Don Dambek Rebecca Roberts Kari Lynn Fickes

#### **OPERATING BUDGET**

The total operating budget for FY 2023-24 is approximately \$1.6 Million.

#### OFFICE OF THE PARK DISTRICT

The Work Park District currently has one office:

Charles S. Christensen Terrace Centre 11500 S. Beloit Ave. Worth, IL 60482 (708) 448-7080

The Terrace Centre contains the Park District's Administrative Office, meeting rooms, recreation classrooms and gymnasium, garage facility and historical museum.

### **STAFF**

The Park District employs 8 full-time employees and 20-25 additional part-time and seasonal employees, depending upon the season.

## WORTH PARK DISTRICT EXHIBIT B COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION VI

### CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Worth Park District has prepared this list of the categories and types of records under its control pursuant to Section 5 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS140/1 *et seq*) ("FOIA").

Please Note: Nothing contained in this list affects the Park District's ability to refuse to disclose public records for inspection or copying which are exempt under Section 7 of FOIA.

#### I. BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

- A. Matters adopted by action of the Board of Park Commissioners
  - 1. Ordinances
  - 2. Resolutions
  - 3. Policy Statements
    - a. Americans with Disabilities Act
    - b. Blood Borne Pathogens
    - c. Family and Medical Leave
    - d. Risk Management
    - e. Crisis Management
    - f. Hazardous Communication
    - g. Administrative Policy
    - h. Personnel Policy
    - i. Harassment
    - j. Resident/Non-Resident Fees
    - k. Investment
    - 1. Employment Policies
      - (1) Equal Employment Opportunities
      - (2) Drug or Alcohol Testing
    - m. Interpretations of Policy adopted by the Park Board
    - n. Other
  - 4. Other Matters
- B. Board Meetings
  - 1. Minutes of meetings open to the public including the name of every official and the final voting in all proceedings.
  - 2. Minutes of meetings closed to the public where the Board has made minutes available to the public under Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.
  - 3. Board Meeting Packets and Agendas.
- C. Board Committee Meetings
  - 1. Minutes of meetings open to the public including the name of every official and the final voting in all proceedings.

- a. Standing Committees
- b. Special Committees
- c. Committee of the Whole
- d. Citizen Advisory Committees
- 2. Minutes of meetings closed to the public where the Board has made minutes available to the public under Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.
- 3. Board Committee Meeting Packets and Agendas.
- D. Board Membership
  - 1. List of names of current Board members
  - 2. Appointment of Vacancies
  - 3. Oath of Office
- E. Elections
  - 1. Candidate Packets
  - 2. Nominating Petitions
  - 3. Referenda
  - 4. Abstract of Votes
  - 5. Certification of Votes
- F. Director's Reports to the Board and/or Committees

#### II. FINANCIAL RECORDS

- A. Revenue
  - 1. Tax Revenue
  - 2. User Fee Revenues
  - 3. Grants, Donations and Revenue from other sources
- B. Budget and Appropriations
- C. Audit Reports
- D. Treasurer's Reports
- E. Expenditures
  - 1. Voucher Lists
  - 2. Receipt and Disbursement Ledgers and Documentation

#### III. CONTRACTS

- A. Grants
  - 1. Applications
  - 2. Agreements
- B. Personal Property Purchases
- C. Concessions
- D. Licenses
- E. Maintenance/Service Agreements
- F. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements
- G. Professional or Personal Services Agreements
- H. Construction (included under Capital Projects)

#### IV. FINAL REPORTS, STUDIES OR PUBLICATIONS ("REPORTS")

- A. Staff Reports
- B. Consultant Reports
- C. Grant Reports

#### V. REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSETS

- A. Real Property
  - 1. Inventory
  - 2. Title
  - 3. Purchase or Sale Documentation
  - 4. Maps, Aerial photographs, surveys
  - 5. Tax exemption matters
    - a. Affidavits and Certificates
  - 6. Leases Park District as Lessor and Lessee
  - 7. Licenses
  - 8. Use Permits
  - 9. Zoning Applications
- B. Fixed Assets & Inventory

#### VI. CAPITAL PROJECTS

- A. Request for Bid Packages
- B. Specifications
- C. Bid Submissions
- D. Contracts
  - 1. Construction
  - 2. Architectural
  - 3. Engineering
  - 4. Payment Applications and Supporting Documentation

#### VII. INSURANCE POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

### VIII. LISTS OF NAMES, SALARIES, JOB TITLES AND DATES OF SERVICE FOR PARK DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS

- IX. CORRESPONDENCE
- X. MEMORANDA
- XI. ADMINISTRATIVE MANUALS AND PROCEDURAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF
- XII. FINAL OPINIONS AND ORDERS RELATING TO ADJUDICATION OF LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

#### WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

### REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

- 1. In Section 1, describe in detail the public records that you wish to inspect or to have copied. Use a separate sheet if necessary. Indicate whether you wish only to inspect the public records at the Park District Office or to have the public records copied by checking the appropriate space to the right of each record described.
- 2. By submitting this Request Form, you are agreeing to pay to the Park District, in advance of receiving copies of any public records, the copying fees set forth in Section II below.
- 3. If the Requestor seeks a waiver or reduction of the fees set forth in Subsection II.B, the Requestor must so state and also state the principal purpose of the request. If the stated purpose of the request is in the public interest, as defined by FOIA, the fees shall be waived or reduced by the Director. To be considered for such a waiver or reduction, the Requestor must also separately sign the statement set forth in Subsection II. B.
- 4. You must provide the information requested in Section III.
- 5. You must sign the statement set forth in Section IV.

The Park District will disclose the public records requested on this Request Form within five (5) working days after the receipt of this Request Form, unless the five-day period is extended as provided by law or the request is denied. All extensions and denials will be in writing and will state the reasons therefore. A denial may be appealed to the Park Board President, who will respond to such appeal within five (5) working days after the receipt of the notice of appeal. All appeals must be in writing. If the appeal is denied by the Park Board President, judicial review is available under Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* For more detailed information, please consult the Worth Park District, Guidelines for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act," which is available from the Director.

10:	Worth Park District 11500 S. Beloit Ave. Worth, IL 60482	Officer	
[.	Request for Records I hereby request the right to inspect or to obtain copies of the foll the Park District:	owing public re	ecords of
	Records Requested	Inspect	Copies
II.	Agreement to Pay Fees  A. Unless a waiver is requested and approved pursuant to Paragragree to pay the following fees for all public records copied a  1. Copies - 8 ½" x 11"  2. Copies - Oversize  3. Certification  No Charge for first 50/\$0.15 over Actual Charge to Reproduce  \$0.50 per page/document	t my request:	ection, I
	I further acknowledge and agree that, if the services of an out to copy any public record, including tape recordings, I shall p the Park District incurs in connection with such copying services stated above.	ay the actual cl	narge that
	B. I request a waiver of the fees set forth in Paragraph A of this such request, I do hereby state that the principal purpose of many states are the principal purpose of many states are the principal purpose.		support of
	Signature of Requestor	FO	RM 1

III.	<u>Identification of Requestor</u>			
	A. Printed name of Requestor:			
	B. Address for Responses, Decisions, and Communications:			
	C. Telephone Numbers of Requestor:			
	Daytime: Evening:			
	D. Email Address of Requestor:			
IV.	Signature of Requestor By signing this Request, I acknowledge and represent that I have reviewed and understood the Worth Park District's Guidelines for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and that all of the information provided in support of this request is true and accurate.			
	Signature of Requestor			
	Date			
	R PARK DISTRICT USE ONLY eived by Worth Park District, Cook County, Illinois			
Date	e: Time:			
Met	hod of Delivery:  Personal Delivery during Business Hours  Personal Delivery after Business Hours  Mail Delivery during Business Hours  Mail Delivery after Business Hours			
Park	a District employee receiving request:			
Nan	ne:Title:			
Sigr	nature:			
Park	District employee responsible for compiling response:			
Nan	ne: Title:			

#### WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

DATE:	
TO:	
On request fo Request"	
You	proval of Request ar Request is hereby approved to the following extent as to the following public records "Specified Records").
	The following public records will be made available for your inspection at the Park District's office as indicated in Section II below:
	Subject to payment of any required fees pursuant to Section III below, copies of the following public records will be made available for pick up by you at the Park District's office as indicated in Section II below:
	Subject to payment of any required fees pursuant to Section III below, certified copies of the following public records will be made available for pick up by you at the Park District's office as indicated in Section II below:

II.	Appointment for Inspection or Pick-up The Specified Records will be made available for inspection or pick-up at:		
	Worth Park District 11500 S. Beloit Ave. Worth, IL 60482		
	You must call the Director of Parks and Recreation at the Park District's office at 708-448 7080 to schedule an appointment for inspection or pick up of the Specified Records. If you do not make an appointment to inspect or pick up the Specified Records on or before the thirtieth Working Day after the date of this notice, then the Specified Records will be re-filed and will be made available to you only upon the filing of a new Request for Records.		
III.	Copying and Certification Fees No copies or certified copies of the Specified Records will be provided to you until the following applicable fees have been paid. Fees must be paid in cash, by cashier's or certified check, or by money order.		
	Regular Copy Cost \$ ( pages at \$0.15 for each copy over 50)		
	Certification Cost: \$ ( pages at \$0.50 per page)		
	The following provisions marked with an "x" apply to your request:		
	Your fees have been paid in full.		
	Your request for a fee waiver or reduction has been approved in the following amount: \$		
	You have previously deposited the following amount: \$		
	A balance is now due in the following amount: \$		
Date	d:		
WOI	RTH PARK DISTRICT		
By:	ctor of Parks and Recreation or Designate		
Dire	ctor of Parks and Recreation or Designate		

STATE OF ILLINOIS	)
	) SS
COUNTY OF COOK	)

### PROOF OF SERVICE

I,		, being duly sworn on oath state that
on this	day of	, 20, on or about the hour of
	_o'clockm. I per	sonally delivered or mailed the foregoing document titled
"APPROV	AL OF REQUEST FO	OR PUBLIC RECORDS" (the "Approval") by:
Perso	onally handing the Ap	proval to the person to whom it is addressed.
Deliv	vering the Approval to	the following address:
		by me to be the place of location of the person to whom the
Appr		n envelope addressed to the same person and place to whom the d depositing said envelope, with proper postage affixed, in a nail box.
Signed:		
Subscribed	and sworn to before i	me
thisday	y of	_, 20
Notary Pub	lic	

#### WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INSPECTION OR RECEIPT OF PUBLIC RECORDS

To:
Pursuant to your request of the inspection, copying or certification of certain Park District public records dated, the following public records have been provided to you in accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act:
The Park District has received \$ from you in the form of cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a money order, in payment of all fees related to the aforesaid request.
Dated:
WORTH PARK DISTRICT
By: Director of Parks and Recreation or Designate
To be completed by Requestor:
I,, hereby acknowledge that I have been provided with the public records listed above on In the event that I have been denied the right to inspect or copy other public records, this acknowledgment shall in no way affect my right to appeal such denial.
Signature of Requestor

# WORTH PARK DISTRICT NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

To:	
	<u></u>
	the inspection, copying, or certification of certain Park District public records ("Your uest").
I.	Extension of Time to Respond Pursuant to Section 3(d) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, (5 ILCS 140/3(d)), the Park District hereby notifies you that the time to respond to Your Request is extended for working days as to all records identified in Section II below (the "Specified Records").
	Accordingly, the Park District will respond to Your Request as it relates to the Specified Records on or before, a date that is not more than 14 working days after the date on which Your Request was originally received by the Park District.
II.	Specified Records This extension applies to the following public records included in Your Request:

You will receive a separate response from the Park District regarding Your Request as it relates to any public records that are not listed above.

### III. Justification for Extension

This	extension is necessary because:		
	The Specified Records are stored in whole or in part at a location other than the office in charge of the Specified Records.		
	Your request requires the collection of a substantial number of Specified Records.		
	Your Request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for responsive records.		
	The Specified Records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them.		
	The Specified Records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary expertise and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7, or should be disclosed only with appropriate deletions.		
	Your Request requires consultation with another public body or among two or more bodies of the Park District that have a substantial interest in the response to, or the subject matter of, Your Request.		
_	The Specified Records cannot be produced within the time prescribed by the Act without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the Park District because:		
Dated:			
WORTH P	PARK DISTRICT		
By:			
Director of	Parks and Recreation or Designate		

STATE OF ILLINOIS	′
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	TICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ORDS" (the "Notice of Extension") by:
	Personally handing the Notice of Extension to the person to whom it is addressed.
	Delivering the Notice of Extension to the following address:
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	which address is believed by me to be the place of location of the person to whom the Notice of Extension is addressed.
	Placing the Notice of Extension in an envelope addressed to the same person and place to whom the Approval is addressed, and depositing said envelope, with proper postage affixed, in a United States post office mail box.
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#### WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOTICE TO NARROW CATEGORICAL REQUEST

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	re hereby extended the opportunity to narrow your request. If you do not respond to this within fourteen (14) working days your request for the Specified Records shall be d.
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Direct	or of Parks and Recreation or Designate

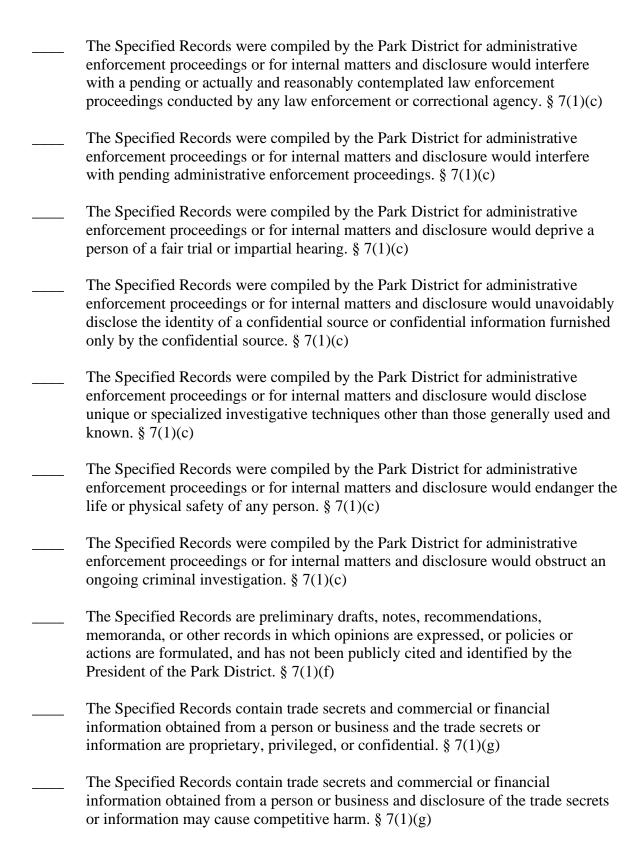
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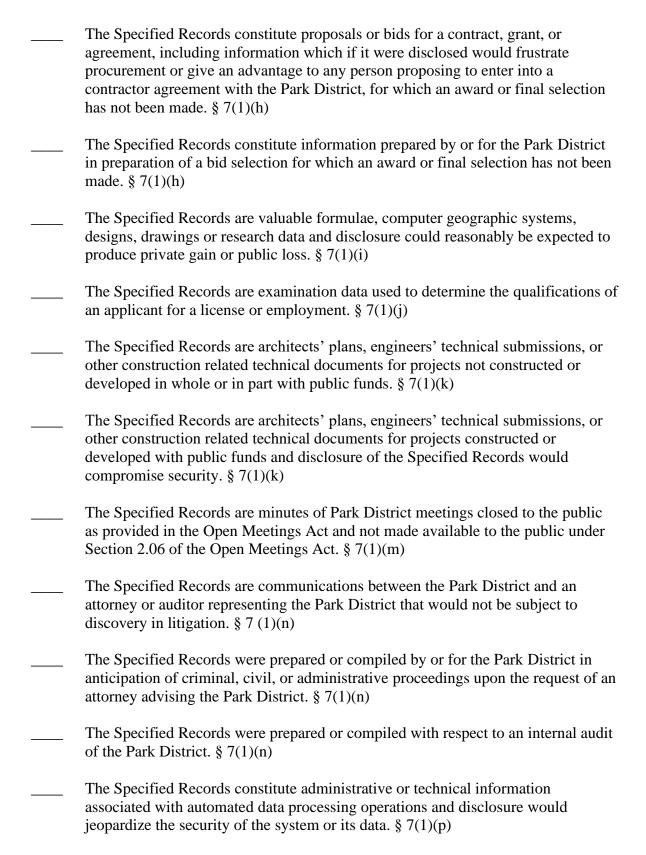
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Subscribed and sworn to	before me
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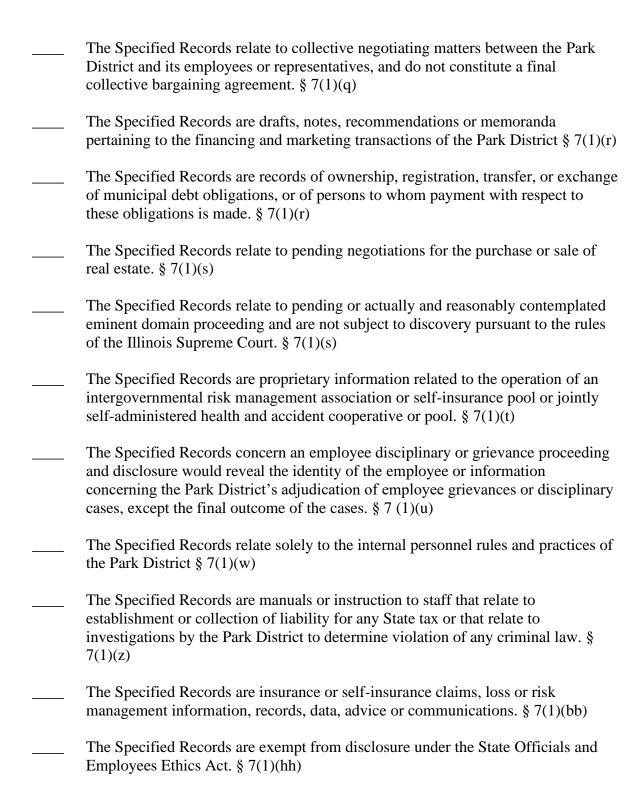
## WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

To:		
I.		of Request view, Your Request is hereby denied as to the following records (the "Specified"):
II.	Your Re Specifie Informa	equest is being denied with respect to the Specified Records because the d Records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of tion Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 <i>et seq.</i> , for the following reason or reasons (§ references are ons of the Act):
		The Park District has no public records responsive to your request. § 1
		Your Request, couched in categorical terms, is unduly burdensome because the burden on the Park District of complying with Your Request outweighs the public interest in providing the Specified Records, and efforts to reduce Your Request to manageable proportions have been unsuccessful. § 1, § 3(f)
		Your Request is unduly burdensome because you have repeatedly requested the Specified Public Records, which have previously been provided to you on § 3(f)
		Disclosure of the Specified Records is prohibited by Federal or State law. § 7(1)(a)
		Disclosure of the Specified Records would constitute an invasion of personal privacy. § 1, § 7(1)(b), § 7(1)(c)







	disclosure of secret or confidential information, codes, algorithms, programs, or private keys intended to be used to create electronic or digital signatures under the Electronic Commerce Security Act. § 7(1)(ii)
III.	Responsible Official
	The Director of Parks and Recreation is the Park District official responsible for this denial.
IV.	Notice of the Right to Appeal You have the right to appeal this denial by filing a Notice of Appeal with the President of the Board of Park Commissioners, Worth Park District, 11500 Beloit Ave., Worth, Illinois 60482.  A Notice of Appeal form is available on request from the Director of Parks and Recreation.
Date	ed:
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By:	vector of Parks and Pagraption or Designate

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## WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## NOTICE OF APPEAL OF DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

To:	Worth Park District 11500 S. Beloit Ave. Worth, IL 60482
I.	Appeal
	I hereby appeal from the
	A copy of my original Request for Public Records is attached to this Notice of Appeal.
II.	Basis for Appeal
	I believe the records listed above should be made available for inspection and copying because:
III.	Identification of Appellant
	A. Printed name of Appellant:
	B. Printed address for decision and other communications:
	C. Telephone numbers for Appellant:
	Daytime: Evening:

By signing this Notice of Appeal, I represent that I have reviewed and understood the Park District Guidelines for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and that all of the information provided in support of this Appeal is true and accurate.	ζ.
Signature of Appellant	
Date	
Notice to Annellant	

The President will notify you of the President's decision to grant or deny your appeal within five

(5) working days after receipt of this Notice of Appeal.

IV. Signature of Appellant

## WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### DECISION OF REVERSAL ON APPEAL OF DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS (Total or Partial Reversal)

On	To:		
Notice of Appeal from the Director of Parks and Recreation's decision ("Your Appeal") denying your request for the inspection, copying or certification of certain public records ("Your Request").  I. Reversal of Denial  Your Appeal is hereby allowed and the decision of the Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby reversed. Your Request is hereby granted, to the following extent as to the following public records (the "Specified Records"):  The following public records will be made available for your inspection at the Parl District's office as indicated in Section II below:  Subject to payment of any required fees pursuant to Section III below, copies of the following public records will be made available for pick up by you at the Park District's office as indicated in Section II below:  Subject to payment of any required fees pursuant to Section III below, certified copies of the following public records will be made available for pick up by you at			
Your Appeal is hereby allowed and the decision of the Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby reversed. Your Request is hereby granted, to the following extent as to the following public records (the "Specified Records"):  The following public records will be made available for your inspection at the Parl District's office as indicated in Section II below:  Subject to payment of any required fees pursuant to Section III below, copies of the following public records will be made available for pick up by you at the Park District's office as indicated in Section II below:  Subject to payment of any required fees pursuant to Section III below, certified copies of the following public records will be made available for pick up by you at	Not you	ice of A <sub>l</sub>	ppeal from the Director of Parks and Recreation's decision ("Your Appeal") denying
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II.	Appointment for Inspection or Pick-up The Specified Records will be made available for inspection or pick-up at Worth Park District, 11500 S. Beloit Ave., Worth, Illinois 60482.
	You must call the Director of Parks and Recreation at the Park District's office 708-448-7080 to schedule an appointment for inspection or pick-up of the Specified Records.
	If you do not make an appointment to inspect or pick up the Specified Records on or before the <b>thirteenth</b> (13) working day after the date of this notice, the Specified Records will be re-filed and will be made available to you only upon the filing of a new Request for Records.
III. Copying and Certification Fees No copies or certified copies of the Specified Records will be provided to you until to following applicable fees have been paid. Fees must be paid in cash, by cashier's or certified check, or by money order.	
	Regular Copy Cost \$ ( pages at \$0.15 for each copy over 50)
	Oversize Copy Cost \$ ( actual cost to reproduce)
	Certification Cost: \$ ( pages at \$0.50 per page)
	The following provisions marked with an "x" apply to your request:
	Your fees have been paid in full.
	Your request for a fee waiver or reduction has been approved in the following amount: \$
	You have previously deposited the following amount: \$
	A balance is now due in the following amount: \$
Date	ed:

WORTH PARK DISTRICT

President, Board of Park Commissioners

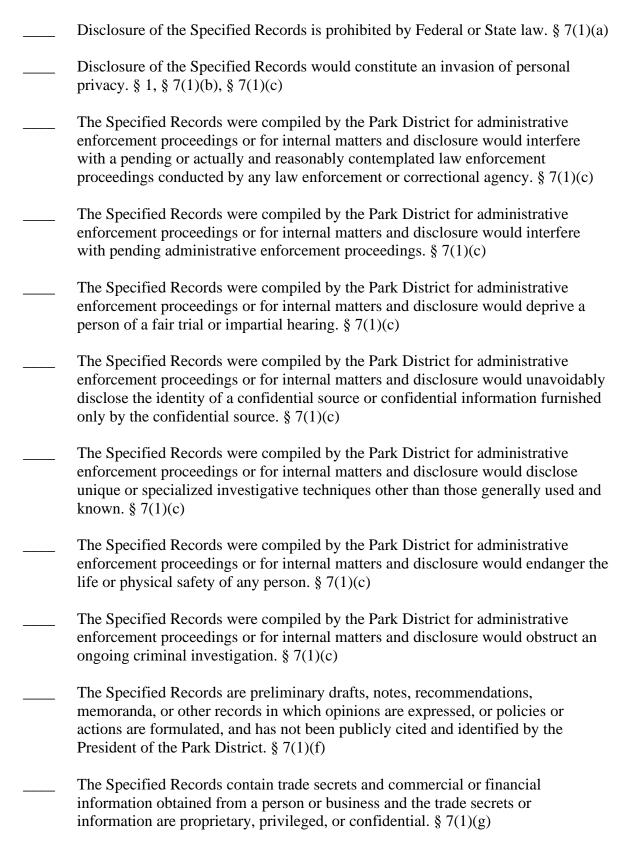
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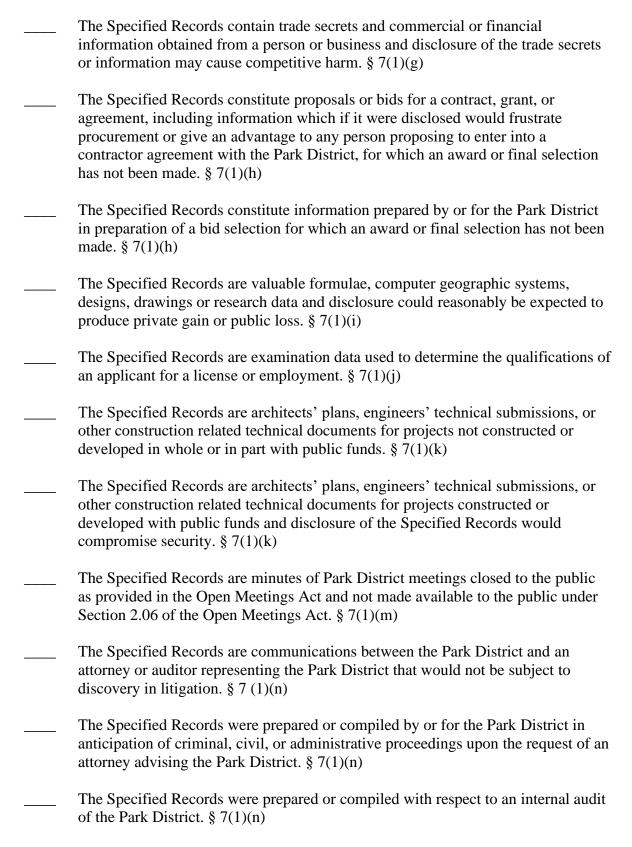
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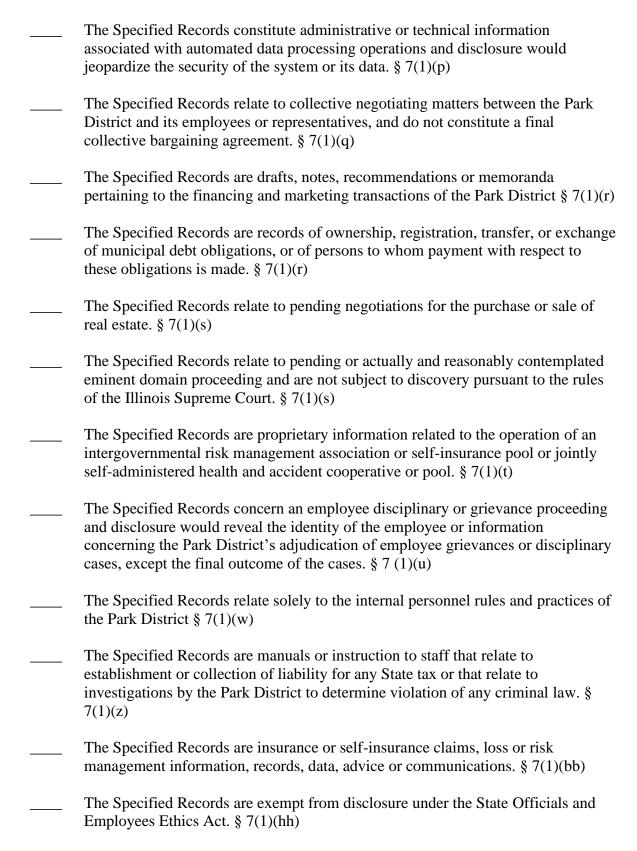
## WORTH PARK DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

# DECISION OF AFFIRMING ON APPEAL (in whole or in part) DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

Date	:
То:	
	, I, the President of the Worth Park District, received your ce of Appeal from the Director's decision ("Your Appeal") denying your request for the ection, copying or certification of certain public records ("Your Request").
I.	Denial Affirmed Your Appeal is hereby denied and the decision of the Director is hereby Affirmed as to the following public records (the "Specified Records"):
II.	Justification of Denial Your request is being denied with respect to the Specified Records because the Specified Records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 <i>et seq.</i> , for the following reason or reasons (§ references are to the corresponding sections of the FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/1 <i>et seq.</i> sections of the Act):
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	Your Request is unduly burdensome because you have repeatedly requested the Specified Public Records, which have previously been provided to you on § 3(f)







		The Specified Records are information that would disclose or might lead to the disclosure of secret or confidential information, codes, algorithms, programs, or private keys intended to be used to create electronic or digital signatures under the Electronic Commerce Security Act. § 7(1)(ii)
III.	Pursual you hav suit in t	of Right to Judicial Review nt to Section 11 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 <i>et seq.</i> , we the right to file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief from this denial by filing the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. The Park District cannot advise or ent you in this matter. You should consult your own legal counsel.
Date	ed:	
WO:	RTH PA	ARK DISTRICT
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