

ORDINANCE NO. 19-07-321

**AN ORDINANCE DEFINING PARK CODE THAT ADDRESSES VACANCIES ON THE
PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Frankfort Square Park District is organized and operates in accordance with the Illinois Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/1 et seq. (“Park Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Frankfort Square Park District is governed by an elected Board of Park Commissioners and from time to time, a duly elected individual is unable to complete his/her elected term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Park Code sets forth direction as to how board members are empowered to fill Park Board vacancies as follows:

(70 ILCS 1205/2-25) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-25)

Sec. 2-25. Vacancies. Whenever any member of the governing board of any park district (i) dies, (ii) resigns, (iii) becomes under legal disability, (iv) ceases to be a legal voter in the district, (v) is convicted of any infamous crime, (vi) refuses or neglects to take his or her oath of office, (vii) neglects to perform the duties of his or her office or attend meetings of the board for the length of time as the board fixes by ordinance, or (viii) for any other reason specified by law, that office may be declared vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the board. Any person so appointed shall hold his or her office until the next regular election for this office, at which a member shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, subject to the following conditions:

(1) If the vacancy occurs with less than 28 months remaining in the term, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold his or her office until the expiration of the term for which he or she has been appointed, and no election to fill the vacancy shall be held.

(2) If the vacancy occurs with more than 28 months left in the term, but less than 123 days before the next regularly scheduled election for this office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold his or her office until the second regularly scheduled election for the office following the appointment, at which a member shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

(Source: P.A. 97-131, eff. 7-14-11.)

WHEREAS, the Frankfort Square Park Board of Commissioners is required to fill vacancies on the Board in accordance with Section 2-25 of the Park Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands and believes that a full Park Board of seven members is essential to good governance and that a quorum is required to transact critical business of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District that:

Section 1. Invitations to fill future vacancies of the Park Board will be promoted in its publications and on its website.

Section 2. Every Park Board vacancy is unique, and elected representatives of the Frankfort Square Park Board of Commissioners, in compliance with the established Park Code, shall fill vacancies in accordance with the Park Code in a manner that is as expeditious and transparent at possible.

Section 2. The above “Whereas” recitals are incorporated into and made part of this Ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolutions, and regulations in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Adopted this 18th day of July, 2019.

Ken Blackburn
President of the Board of Commissioners

Jim Randall
Secretary