

Photography in Parks

Photography by commercial photographers is allowed on Naperville Park District property without a permit under the following conditions:

- 1) that the photography and associated activity do not, regardless of duration, unreasonably interfere with usage by other persons;
- 2) in addition, no one location within a park may be used by the photographer for more than 15 minutes for any of the photographic activities; and
- 3) in addition, no one park may be used by the photographer for more than an aggregate total of 60 minutes on any single calendar day for any of the photographic activities.

Photographers unable to meet these conditions must apply for and receive a permit from the Park District, and pay associated permit fees, prior to using or advertising the use of District property. Examples of commercial photography include, but are not limited to, wedding photography, family portraits, and any photography being done that will be used in the production of any marketing materials, public service announcements, documentaries, training films, television films or series, student films, independent films, feature films or commercial art.

In addition, drones may not be used on Park District property unless it is at a designated location where drone use is permitted, or a permit has been issued by the Park District. The designated location for drone use is Brush Hill Park. Restrictions regarding drone use can be found within the Park District's [Conduct Ordinance #641](#). The Park District may grant, upon due application, a permit to use drones subject to FAA Part 101 for special events, instruction classes, or other functions on a case by case basis.

Photographers interested in applying for a Photography Permit must submit a completed [Photography Permit Application](#) to the Main Service Desk at the Fort Hill Activity Center. A certificate of insurance naming the Naperville Park District as additionally insured may be required.

Permit Fees: \$50 per month or \$300 for an annual permit

Commercial Use of Parks

The Naperville Park District has experienced increased demand for use of park facilities for commercial purposes, including program instruction and mobile food and beverage vendors. In order to effectively manage the commercial use of public park facilities, the Naperville Park District has established a Commercial Use of Parks application process.

Commercial Use Licenses are required for individuals/organizations/businesses wishing to utilize a park facility for commercial business purposes. Commercial business purposes include any activity for gain or for which any charge is made or any commercial sale, rental, exhibition, or distribution of goods or services, including without limitation the giving of instruction or lessons for a fee, upon District Property. Examples include, but are not limited to, organized camps, classes, clinics, instruction, tours, merchandise sales, food & beverage sales, etc. The District shall not issue any Permit for an individual/organization/business to engage in any such activity that is deemed to be in conflict or in competition with District programs. Team use of parks by athletic organizations for practices and games are subject to the policies and procedures within the Naperville Park District Athletic Field/Facility Allocation & Usage Guide, and does not require submittal of an application for a Commercial Use License. If the intended use of the park is for photography, the applicant must submit a Photography Permit Application.

Individuals/organizations/businesses interested in applying for a permit must submit a completed Commercial Use of Parks License Application to the Main Service Desk at the Fort Hill Activity Center. A certificate of insurance naming the Naperville Park District as additionally insured is required. A copy of the County Health Department Permit is required for food & beverage Commercial Use applications.

License Fees*:

Instruction and Non-Food & Beverage: \$50 per month or \$300 for an annual permit

Food & Beverage Sales: \$250 per month or \$1,000 for an annual permit

*Note: Permit fees may be waived if the applicant is conducting business in support of an event/rental that has been permitted within the park (i.e. park rentals, community events, etc.)