

**VILLAGE OF ROSCOE, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION §5-1 OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND PARK HOURS FOR CHICORY RIDGE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Roscoe, Illinois (the “Village”) is a duly organized and validly existing municipal corporation created in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Roscoe owns and maintains Chicory Ridge Park as a public recreational facility for the benefit of its residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Section §5-1 of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances currently establishes specific operating hours for all Village parks - including hours for Chicory Ridge Park - as 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to align the operating hours of Chicory Ridge Park with natural daylight conditions by establishing its hours of operation as the time between “Sunrise to Sunset”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board desires to amend Section 5-1 of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances to reflect this change; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** That Section §5-1 of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**“Sec. 5-1. – Park hours.**

- a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise established in this code, or by other lawful order, Parks owned and operated by the Village of Roscoe shall be generally open to the public between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. on every day of the week.
- b) *Chicory Ridge Park.* Chicory Ridge Park shall be generally open to the public between the hours of Sunrise to Sunset, as defined and calculated for any given day by the U.S. Naval Observatory, and conventionally referred to the times when the upper edge of the disk of the Sun is on the horizon.”

**Section 2:** That Section §1-3 – Definitions of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to *add* the following definition:

***Sunrise and sunset.*** The times when the upper edge of the disk of the Sun is on the horizon. For computational purposes, sunrise or sunset is defined to occur when the geometric zenith distance of center of the Sun is 90.8333 degrees. That is, the center of the Sun is geometrically 50 arcminutes below a horizontal plane. For an observer at sea level with a level, unobstructed horizon, under average atmospheric conditions, the upper limb of the Sun will then appear to be tangent to the horizon. The 50-arcminute geometric depression of the Sun's center used for the computations is obtained by adding the average apparent radius of the Sun (16 arcminutes) to the average amount of atmospheric refraction at the horizon (34 arcminutes).

**Section 3.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

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PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON:				
NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee William Babcock				
Trustee John Broda				
Trustee Dayne Mead				
Trustee Justin Plock				
Trustee Michael Sima				
Trustee Michael Wright				
President Carol A. Gustafson				

**APPROVED JUNE 04, 2025:**

**ATTEST:**

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK