



ORDINANCE NO. 2543-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HAWTHORN WOODS ELITE SOCCER CLUB FOR FIELD USE AT HERITAGE OAKS PARK AND BRIDLEWOODS PARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois, that the Mayor and Village Clerk be, and the same are, hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Hawthorn Woods Elite Soccer Club, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and, by this reference, made a part hereof.

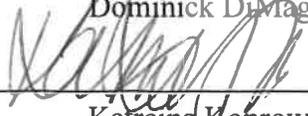
The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on February 23, 2026:

AYES: KATCUB, MICHUK, DANOR, MCCARTHY, HURST

NAYS: _____

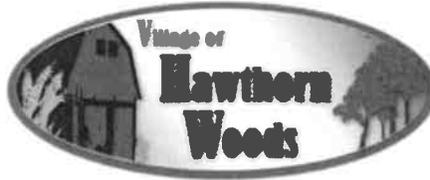
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: UTMAN

APPROVED: 
Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Katreina Koprowski, Village Clerk

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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**FIELD RENTAL AGREEMENT
HAWTHORN WOODS ELITE SOCCER CLUB –2026**

This Agreement is entered into this 23rd day of February, 2026, by and between the VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS (hereinafter referred to as “VILLAGE”), and THE HAWTHORN WOODS ELITE SOCCER CLUB (hereinafter referred to as “HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB”). This Agreement replaces and supersedes all previous writings and agreements pertaining to this Field Rental Agreement.

WHEREAS, the HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB is a not-for-profit Illinois corporation (not affiliated with the Hawthorn Woods Village government) which operates soccer programs which may benefit the residents of the VILLAGE; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE owns and operates certain parks and fields suitable for soccer; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into an agreement whereby the VILLAGE will maintain certain fields at VILLAGE Parks for HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB to practice, train and play and whereby HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB will pay field usage fees to the VILLAGE to help offset VILLAGE maintenance/labor costs.

Now, therefore, the VILLAGE and HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB agrees as follows:

1. **RECITALS:** The recitals contained herein are specifically remade, restated, and fully incorporated into the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
2. **FIELDS:** The VILLAGE will provide and maintain the assigned Heritage Oaks Park Soccer Fields and Bridlewoods Park field for non-exclusive use by HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB. HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall have priority use of soccer fields at Heritage Oaks Park. Permitted days, field location, and times will be scheduled on Attachment “A” and Attachment “B”. The VILLAGE will guarantee and reserve the use of these fields as specified in Attachment “A” and Attachment “B” for HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB.
 - Heritage Oaks Soccer Fields (East and West) from April 1, 2026 through November 8, 2026. Daily use as follows:
 - Monday through Thursday from 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
 - Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
 - Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
 - and will be further defined upon receipt of the various league schedules to allow for public use.
 - Bridlewoods Park Field 1 from April 1, 2026 through November 8, 2026. Daily use as follows:
 - Monday and Thursday from 4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

→ Field is available use Saturday from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and Sunday from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the rate of \$150.00 per individual date. HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB must first call the Parks and Recreation Department of the VILLAGE at (847) 847-3533 to request and book dates. No dates are included in this contract.

→ The field will not be utilized more than four (4) days consecutively.

- When not in use by VILLAGE, including programs, events or private rentals, VILLAGE will permit HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB use of the Heritage Oaks Park West Picnic Pavilion (closest to the soccer fields), during scheduled use as set forth in “Attachment A”. HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB agrees to provide proper supervision whenever the said Pavilion is in use in connection with HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB activities.
- For the purposes of this Agreement, permitted use shall mean that the VILLAGE will not schedule other organized sports activities or reserve fields during the permitted times. The VILLAGE will notify HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB of any intended programming use a minimum of 1 week in advance of any such intended usage.
- During any times that HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB is not scheduled to use the fields, the VILLAGE shall maintain the field schedule for other users. The VILLAGE reserves the right to allow for public use of park properties and schedule other users, programs, or events as the VILLAGE determines appropriate to promote recreation, fitness or community spirit.
- In the event the HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB needs to reschedule a makeup game or host tournaments or meets outside of the Attachment “A” schedule, the HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB must first call the Parks and Recreation Department of the VILLAGE at (847) 847-3533 to request dates and times available to make up or reschedule events. The VILLAGE will confirm or find another replacement date and charge additional fees, if tournament play impacts field usage.

3. FIELD STANDARDS AND MAINTENANCE: The VILLAGE will maintain the fields to standards consistent with the Village’s Public Parks NRPA Schedule. The VILLAGE will be responsible for the costs and expenses associated with all maintenance of the park areas immediately outside the fields of play and of all the grass areas of the fields. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to, grass cutting, aeration, weed control, fertilizing, and seeding of all grass areas, including grass areas within the field of play. HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall be responsible for the costs and expenses associated with field maintenance once the season starts. Such field maintenance includes, but is not limited to, markings of the fields for play. Each party shall give written notice to the other of any deficiencies in their respective maintenance obligations and the parties shall make the best good faith efforts to resolve any disputes.

4. FIELD PLAYABILITY AND SAFETY: HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall, without any liability to the VILLAGE, cancel play or practice when field conditions are too wet or muddy for safe play or when weather conditions could impact the turf conditions and field growth at VILLAGE parks. It is anticipated that start date of play could be delayed due to extension of winter conditions delaying the playability of fields. Safety of players and play surface will remain the highest priority.

- HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB agrees to follow the VILLAGE’S safety policy that all play is to be suspended upon the sound of thunder, the surge of high winds or tornado sirens, or when the lightening detection system sounds or lightening is sighted. All individuals are mandated to seek shelter indoors and immediately suspend play or practice to ensure the safety of all youth and adults during inclement weather.

- In consideration of surrounding residents, music, use of amplified speakers, food trucks, or other entertainment on site must be approved in writing by the VILLAGE in advance of any such use. Please remember that Public Park fields may be in the rear yards of residential homes who may be utilizing their own yards and outdoor spaces for personal use. Any neighborhood complaints against HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB may result in modification of usage.

5. FIELD SECURITY DEPOSIT: A \$500.00 cash deposit will be required by April 1, 2026 if one is not already held from previous season to be used in the event that the fields are rutted, grass uprooted or fields permanently damaged by misuse of play on muddy conditions. The \$500.00 cash deposit will be drawn down to repair or replace the turf on assigned fields. This security deposit will be provided to the VILLAGE at the beginning of each playing season. At the end of the playing season, the security deposit will remain on account with the VILLAGE and carried over to the next playing season. If at the beginning of the next season the security deposit balance is less than \$500.00, an amount shall be deposited with the VILLAGE to bring the deposit total up to \$500.00.

6. EXTRAORDINARY FIELD IMPROVEMENTS: If additional field improvements are requested by HW ELITE SOCCER, the VILLAGE shall consider the request for improvements and if approved, the HW ELITE SOCCER will pay for materials and supplies needed to make the field improvements and the VILLAGE will contribute the labor and equipment to make the field improvements. If a contractor is utilized for the improvements and the VILLAGE approves such improvements, the cost will be paid by HW ELITE SOCCER.

7. ANNUAL FEES: HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB will make the following payments under the terms of this agreement:

- Heritage Oaks Park Field Rental Fee: \$8,467.00
 - Fee reflects a 5.0% increase over the 2025 season.
 - The field rental fee will be payable in two installments: The first installment of \$4,233.50 is due to the VILLAGE by June 1, 2026. The second installment of \$4,233.50 is due to the VILLAGE by September 1, 2026.
- Bridlewoods Park Field Rental Fee: \$2,500.00
 - The field rental fee will be payable in two installments: The first installment of \$1,250.00 is due to the VILLAGE by June 1, 2026. The second installment of \$1,250.00 is due to the VILLAGE by September 1, 2026.
- Pesticide Fee: \$500.00 (waived)
 - A pesticide application fee is assessed with payment due by April 1, 2026. This fee is in addition to the Field Rental Fee. This fee is waived for the 2026 season.
- The VILLAGE reserves the right to request an annual increase of the Field Rental Fees; however, any requested increase shall not exceed 5% of the previous year's payment.

8. MEETING AND SCHEDULING: The VILLAGE and HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB may schedule an annual meeting to discuss issues relating to this Agreement and any other meetings that are deemed necessary by one of the parties to this Agreement. All HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB uses of the fields shall be scheduled so that practices and games co-ordinate with the time allowed pursuant to this agreement.

- Teams may show up one hour prior to starting time each day for the purpose of preparing the fields for usage. Field rentals are non-exclusive and specifically reserved by date,

time and location, and any change in field requests must be coordinated through the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-847-3533.

- Communication will be the essential component to the success of any request to reschedule. The VILLAGE will make every effort possible to assist in rescheduling fields and avoiding conflicts. HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall communicate to the VILLAGE any tournaments or extraordinary events they may schedule that may need VILLAGE notification and additional fees.
- The VILLAGE will require permitting and prior approval of any concessions and/or food trucks.

9. INSURANCE: HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall provide on or before April 1, 2026, a Certificate of Insurance with limits not less than the following:

- Per occurrence—Bodily Injury - \$1 Million Dollars. Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined - \$1 Million Dollars.
- Aggregate—Bodily Injury - \$2 Million Dollars. Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined - \$2 Million Dollars.
- HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall also name the VILLAGE as an additional insured on any liability policy it carries. Said Certificate shall certify that HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB policies are primary in coverage as to any injury or damage caused by HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB or activities, including restaurant or food service provider that may vend out of VILLAGE park properties.

10. TRASH REMOVAL: The VILLAGE is responsible to supply and maintain one (1) fifty-five (55) gallon trash container and one (1) fifty-five (55) gallon recycled material receptacle per field and to dispose of the contents of the said containers. HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB shall be responsible to pick up loose trash, generated as a result of its use of the assigned fields, and place the trash into the designated containers.

11. TOILET FACILITIES: The VILLAGE shall be responsible to provide separate toilet facilities (permanent or portable) for both males and females at the assigned fields. The maintenance and cleaning of said toilet facilities shall be the responsibility of the VILLAGE.

12. TERM: The term of this Agreement shall be in full effect from April 1, 2026 extending to November 8, 2026. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing sixty days (60) days written notice to the other party. The VILLAGE retains severability and or modification rights should conditions prohibit play.

13. SPORTSMANSHIP: All teams must play with appropriate consideration for fairness, ethics, respect and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. This applies to members and teams of the same sport, as well as another sport sharing the field or adjacent to the field. In the case of an overlap of fields as sometimes happens, any team utilizing the fields for practice in lieu of playing a game must yield the portion of the field that is shared for the duration of the games being played. Yielding the field includes providing adequate space between play areas for both sports to be able to play safely and without interference.

Additionally, once a player is committed to a team, it is unsportsmanlike for coaches or managers of another team to solicit the player to join a different team. Any substantiated report of unsportsmanlike conduct may constitute a breach of this Agreement.

14. SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCRIMINATION: No team has the right to deny Hawthorn Woods children from an opportunity for trying out for a team or joining a team where no tryouts are necessary. In the case that tryouts are required, the child should qualify for the team, based on skill without regard to school district. All children, regardless of which school they attend or will attend, have the right to join or tryout for the team. There shall be no discrimination based on school district.

15. INTEGRATION CLAUSE: The parties agree that each are authorized to enter into this Agreement and that this Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior Agreements, writings, oral representations, notes, and communications regarding the terms of this Agreement and this Agreement expresses the full understanding of the parties.

16. INDEMNIFICATION : THE HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless and defend the VILLAGE, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from and against any loss, claim, damage, claim for damages or liability, including attorney's fees for injuries to all persons and any and all other damage arising out of the execution of this Agreement, HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB use or occupancy of the fields identified in this Agreement, any activity on or about the fields identified in this Agreement or due to any act or omission of HW ELITE SOCCER CLUB its agents, players, invitees or employees. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as a waiver of any defenses or immunities the VILLAGE, its elected officials, officers, agents or employees might have to any claims covered by this paragraph. This Indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

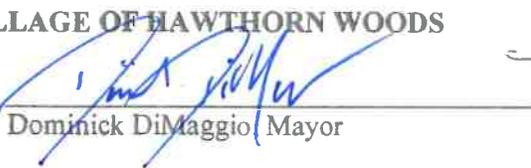
17. AGREEMENT NOT ASSIGNABLE: This Agreement is not assignable or transferable without prior written consent of the VILLAGE. Any such assignment without prior written consent of the VILLAGE shall be null and void and will have no force or effect and shall entitle the VILLAGE to immediately terminate this Agreement. Sub-letting of any fields is prohibited.

18. DEFAULT: In the event of a breach or default of this Agreement, the parties may terminate this Agreement and each party retains all rights at law or in equity including the right to specific performance. The exercise of one or more remedies shall not preclude the alternate subsequent exercise of another remedy.

19. SOCCER GOAL POLICY: The undersigned agrees to adhere to the requirements of the Village of Hawthorn Woods Park and Recreation Department Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy and the Illinois Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act, also known as Zach's Law and follows their regulations.

VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS

By: _____


Dominick DiMaggio Mayor

Attest: _____

Date: _____

2/23/06

Hawthorn Woods Elite Soccer Club (HWES)

By: _____


HWES Official

Attest: _____

Date: _____

Attachment "A"

Hawthorn Woods Elite Soccer

Location: Heritage Oaks Park
Fields: East Field; West Field
Dates: 4/1/2026 - 11/8/2026, weather depending

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8-9 am	Public Use						
9-10 am	Public Use	HW Elite	Public Use				
10-11 am	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite				
11-12 pm	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite				
12-1 pm	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite				
1-2 pm	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite				
2-3 pm	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite				
3-4 pm	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite				
4-5 pm	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite
5-6 pm	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	Public Use	HW Elite	HW Elite
6-7 pm	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	Public Use
7-8 pm	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	Public Use

Notes: Field may not be utilized more than 6 (six) days consecutively.
 Portable lights allowed on a limited basis subject to approval by the Village.
 Includes use of the soccer pavilion when not being utilized by the Village.

Attachment "B"

Hawthorn Woods Elite Soccer

Location: Bridlewoods Park
Fields: Field 1
Dates: 4/1/2026 - 11/8/2026, weather depending

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8-9 am	Public Use	LEASED	LEASED				
9-10 am	Public Use	LEASED	LEASED				
10-11 am	Public Use	LEASED	LEASED				
11-12 pm	Public Use						
12-1 pm	Public Use	Available	Available				
1-2 pm	Public Use	Available	Available				
2-3 pm	Public Use	Available	Available				
3-4 pm	Public Use	Available	Available				
4-4:30 pm	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	HW Elite	LEASED	Public Use	Public Use
4:30-5pm	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	HW Elite	LEASED	LEASED	LEASED
5-6 pm	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	HW Elite	LEASED	LEASED	LEASED
6-7 pm	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	HW Elite	LEASED	LEASED	LEASED
7-7:30 pm	HW Elite	Public Use	Public Use	HW Elite	LEASED	LEASED	LEASED
7:30-8 pm	Public Use	LEASED	LEASED				

Notes: Field may not be utilized more than 4 (four) days consecutively.
 Use is available on Saturdays and Sundays (not included in current contract); fee is \$150.00 per individual date