

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

Amend Chapter 19, Article II of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to enforcement of dog park rules.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Community Services

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Parks and Recreation opened the Mickey's Convenience Stores Dog Park in June of 2015. The dog park is governed by a set of rules put together by staff utilizing research of other municipalities and how they govern their dog parks. Parks and Recreation has received complaints regarding violators of the rules governing the dog park.

In consultation with the Police Department, staff was apprised of the need to amend the ordinance to allow the Police Department to have the authority to enforce rules of the park via ordinance. Legal also advised that the ordinance needed to be amended to provide for an exception for dogs to be allowed off leash within the dog park.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

The attached ordinance adds dog park to the list of parks as outlined by ordinance, provides an exception for dogs to be off leash within the dog park, and makes it a violation for any visitor to the dog park to disregard / violate any signage posted in a park by city officials.

The proposed amendments to the ordinance will allow for the Police Department to enforce the rules of the park when calls are received by the department concerning violations at the dog park. The amendment also revises the ordinance by adding dog park to the list of parks as defined by city ordinance.

Staff is recommending that City Council amend the ordinance as presented to add dog park to the list of parks, allow for a provision to allow dogs off leash within confines of the dog park, and make it a violation to disregard official signage posted in a park.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is anticipated by this amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council approve amending Chapter 19, Article II of the code of ordinances.