

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 19-26 DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 19-31 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Killeen seeks to regulate the parks under its control in the interest of health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, park rules help ensure that all guests are able to enjoy the city's parks;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I.** That Chapter 19, Article II is hereby amended as follows:

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**ARTICLE II. PARK RULES**

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**Sec. 19-26. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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*Park* shall mean a park, playground, baseball field, beach, hike and bike trail, dog park or recreation center within the city, if owned or used by the city.

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**Sec. 19-31. Recreational activities.**

It shall be unlawful for any person in a park to:

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(8) (a) Bring, take, carry, or transport any animal to any public event, any sporting field such as, but not limited to, baseball, softball or soccer field, recreational centers, city sponsored outdoor concerts, or any organized sporting or recreational event that is held on a playing field. It is not a defense that the animal was restrained by a leash, chain, rope, cage, or any other means.

(b) Paragraph (a) above shall not apply to dogs or any other animals that are used as assistance animals.

(c) Animals are allowed in city parks that do not have a sporting or recreational field if the animal is under the complete control of the owner or caretaker by means of a leash, cord, chain, or other means.

(d) The restrictions of this subsection shall not apply to dogs within the fenced area of a dog park.

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(14) Disregard any official signage posted in a park by city officials.

**SECTION II:** That all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION III:** That should any section or part of any section or paragraph of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

**SECTION IV:** That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Killeen, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

**SECTION V:** That this ordinance shall be effective upon publication according to law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Killeen, Texas, on this the 24th day of January, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Government Code, § 551.001 *et. seq.*

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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