



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Dog Park (Reopening Rules & Regulations)

COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE ONLINE

Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the Council Meetings will be held online and is planned to be cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed to www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84120492830?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84120492830?pwd=ZTgyeUUvZWJTT2ZvTmFqcU1kd0RDUT09)

pwd=ZTgyeUUvZWJTT2ZvTmFqcU1kd0RDUT09

Passcode: 736144

Resident participation:

Join By phone: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 841 2049 2830

Password (if needed): 736144

In advance the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

Monday, August 24, 2020

8:00 PM

Work Session Packet - Dog Park (Reopening Rules & Regulations)

Dog Park (Reopening Rules & Regulations)

Suggested Action:

Agenda

- Introductions
- Council Discussion
- Questions and Answers
- Other Items

[Proposed Dog Park Rules 824.pdf](#)

[Dog Park Outline.pdf](#)

[Email, S. Pope, 07/13/2020.pdf](#)

Proposed Dog Park Rules

Persons who choose to use the Dog Park as a condition of use agree to the following rules:

Hours of Operation: Dawn until Dusk

1. Use of the dog park is done at your own risk.
2. Owners or handlers must maintain control of their dog(s) and are responsible for damage or injury inflicted by their dog(s.)
3. All children must be supervised. Children under 8 years of age are strongly discouraged from using the park.
4. Users must have a valid dog park permit tag visible, while using the dog park.
5. Owners or handlers must remain inside, with leash, within view and voice control of their dog(s) at all times. (No pinch collars are permitted)
6. Dogs must be current on Rabies and Distemper vaccines and be deemed healthy by a licensed veterinary.
7. Dogs that are in heat may not enter the dog park.
8. Sick, injured, or dogs with fresh wounds are not permitted to enter the dog park.
9. Owners of unaltered dogs (not spayed or neutered) should disclose to the other owners who are present at the dog park.
10. Any dog showing aggressiveness towards people or other dogs must be leashed and immediately removed from the dog park. (Other excessive barking or other noise should be humanely stopped by the owner)
11. No more than 2 dogs per handler are allowed in the dog park at once.
12. Puppies under 4 months old are prohibited.
13. Owners must clean up and dispose of feces and any trash (discarded or destroyed toys) deposited by their dogs.
14. Owners must stop their dogs from digging holes in the park and immediately fill any holes dug.
15. Dogs must be leashed before leaving the dog park.
16. The dog park exercise area is for the use and enjoyment of dogs and their owners. Recreational use by others is not permitted.
17. No smoking or eating while in the dog park.
18. No glass containers are permitted within the dog park.
19. Professional dog trainers may not use this facility in the conduct of their business.
20. Violators of rules for use of the park are subject to removal from the park, suspension or revocation of dog park permit(s), and issuance of municipal infractions.

The City of Greenbelt is not responsible for injuries to dogs, their owners/handlers, or others that use the Dog Park. This area is for dogs and their handlers/owners only. The City is also not responsible for loss or theft of or damage to personal property. Users of the dog park are responsible for all damages made to City property.

Animal Control number - (301)-474-6124

Police non-emergency number - (301) 474-7200

Greenbelt Dog Park

The park will be open to all Residents of Greenbelt and Non-Residents.

Fees

- Dog park permit fee for residents should be \$10~
- Dog park permit fee for non-residents should be \$15~

When and if Animal Control is available to issue County License, there will be a fee applied to each Dog Park Permit for those without a County License. These fees will be collected and submitted to the Prince George's Animal Service Department.

- Fee for a county license for altered dogs is \$10.00
- Fee for a county license for unaltered dogs is \$25.00

Monies collected from fees will go into the Greenbelt Dog Park and Greenbelt Animal Control Funds. The funds will cover any needs of the dog park such as dog tags, dog waste bags, dog park equipment, padlocks, any future water structures, and administration fees. Dog Park Permits will be annual and the above fee will be collected each year.

Dog Park Permit

- Permit will only be issued once all documents have been verified
- Permit will have to be renewed annually to verify vaccines and county license
- One application per dog

To obtain a permit you will need proof of vaccinations, proof of county license, and fee payment. For a county license dog owners will need proof of rabies vaccine and spay/neutered certificate. All dog park licenses will be registered through Animal Control at the Animal Shelter. Animal Control will be responsible for collecting fees and keeping a record of all applications. Applications must be submitted in person to verify medical records. Appointments and walk-ins will be allowed during regular shelter hours to apply for a permit.

Controlled Access to Dog Park

- Combination Padlock will be added to inner gates both the smaller and larger areas of the dog park.
- The combination will be given to every registered pet owner on the day of registration
- Combination to secure access will be changed and announced to license holders when deemed necessary by staff
- Each registered dog will be given a dog tag that must be worn at all times while visiting the dog park

At the time of registration, an email will be needed to communicate with all dog owners about information regarding dog park events, new combination code, and any other important news. A combination padlock will be installed to the dog park entrances. The lock will be similar as to the lock

used at the Animal Shelter. The padlock is reversible, which can be locked from opposite sides without any difficulties for those exiting the dog park.

Age Requirement

- All children must be supervised by an adult over the age of 18
- Children under the age of 8 will be strongly discouraged at the dog park

Bonita Anderson

From: Silke Pope
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Council; Nicole Ard; Gordon Pracht; Terri Hruby
Cc: Bonita Anderson
Subject: Dog park rules and regulations

Hello All

I have a few possible additions to the propose Rules and Regs proposal.

2. Owners are responsible for all damages to City property and injuries inflicted, by their dogs, to other animals and people.

3. Children under the age of 12 should either not be allowed or discouraged to come to the dog park. I am not sure if other parks have this in their rules but it can get dangerous if children are not closely watched and approach re active dogs. Children 12 - 16 must be under adult supervision.

4. Please add how to obtain an annual dog park license, all proof that is needed, vaccinations, resident, non-resident and fee structure

5. Dogs must be unleashed immediately after entering the Dog park, but handlers should have their leash in their possession at all times.

7 and 9 could be one item

These are just a few ideas, maybe we could send this document to Chris White, she is quite the expert on Dogs and maybe has some valuable input before we vote on this.

I also would need to know what the fee structure will be. I don't think we have discussed this in detail. We agreed on offering a resident, and non-resident fee, as we do with other recreational activities.

It seems that this is a bigger issue.

Thank you
Silke Pope