

**ORDINANCE NO. 15 - 23**

By: Jessica Saad

**An ordinance to Amend 618.15, Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property**

**Whereas,** Dog waste is an increasing issue in certain athletic fields in the city; and

**Whereas,** There are not currently code provisions to restrict dogs from athletic fields in certain areas in the City, including the Schneider Park Athletic Fields; and

**Whereas,** It is the desire and intent of the administration to post signage restricting dogs from the athletic fields at Schneider Park; and

**Whereas,** Schneider Park features an extensive trail network which is open and welcome to dogs on leash, as well as an upcoming dog park for dogs off leash;

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

**Section 1**

That 618.15 Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property, is hereby amended as follows:

**618.15 DOGS ON CITY PARK AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTY.**

(a) No person shall permit any domestic or companion animal upon any part of Jeffrey Park or Commonwealth Park, **or upon any part of a City-controlled park or recreational property where signage is posted prohibiting the same**, except a service animal accompanying a person with a disability. For the purpose of this section, "service animal" is defined as any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

(b) Whoever violates subsection (a) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

**Section 2.**

That this ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Troy Markham, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt McPeak, Clerk of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Mayor Ben Kessler

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading: