

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

Troy Markham, President of Council

Attest: _____
Matt McPeck, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____, 2023

Mayor Ben Kessler

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Third Reading: