

ORDINANCE NO. O-3204-20

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 4,
CHAPTER 35 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE
TO ALLOW DOGS IN SPECIFIED PARKS UNDER IMPOSED
CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, On September 12, 2018, the Recreation and Parks Commission created a Sub-Committee to conduct analysis of dogs in parks; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Commission considered the Sub-Committee's report on November 13, 2019 and recommended that the City Council consider changing the Municipal Code to end the prohibition of dogs in certain parks; and

WHEREAS, Staff returned to the City Council with these recommendations on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the current municipal code disallows dog owners and their families to enjoy and experience the park spaces in the City of Redondo Beach with their dogs; and

WHEREAS, with this change in law, the Council seeks to encourage the positive aspects of dog ownership including increased exercise, improved mental states, and the enjoyment of outdoor areas; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the municipal code ensures that the responsibility to maintain control of the dog, exercise hygienic practices, and obtain a license to own the dog lie squarely with dog owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 4, Chapter 35, Section 4-35.07(a) of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“4-35.07 Dogs in Parks and Parkettes

(a) Dogs are hereby permitted in the following Redondo Beach parks and parkettes pursuant to the regulations set forth in subsection (b) of this Section:

Andrews Park
Czuleger Park
Dale Page Park
Dominguez Park
Franklin Park
Lilenthal Park
Perry Allison Park
Vincent Park
Redondo Beach Bikepath Parkette

Flagler/Ripley Parkette
General Eaton A Parkette
Greene Parkette
Gregg Parkette
Huntington Parkette
La Paz Parkette
Massena Parkette
Matthews Parkette
McNeill/Jaycee Parkette

Rivera Parkette
Townsend Parkette

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 4, Chapter 35, Section 4-35.07(b) of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) Regulations Governing Dogs in Parks

(1) The person who has charge, care, custody or control of any dogs in a City park or parkette shall:

- A. Ensure that the dog or dogs are currently licensed and vaccinated and must be able to provide proof of licensing upon request by any City official.
- B. At all times restrain the dog or dogs by a substantial chain or leash that does not exceed six (6) feet in length.
- C. Remain with the dog or dogs at all times
- D. Clean-up and properly dispose of any and all dog waste.
- E. Restrict dog(s) from playgrounds, monuments, memorials, sports fields, sports courts, heritage sites, wildlife areas, natural habitat areas, construction zones, historic structures and water features.

(2) The person who has charge, care, custody or control of any dogs in a City park or parkette shall not:

- A. Tie or restrain any dogs to any structure, or otherwise relinquish in any way immediate control of the dog or dogs and their leash.
- B. Allow dog(s) to interfere, bother, harass other users, animals or wildlife.
- C. Bring more than four (4) dogs to any City park or parkette at one time.
- D. Bring any dogs into public facilities including public restrooms.
- E. Conduct training, obedience or related programming or business.
- F. Knowingly enter any park or parkette with any dog or dogs with known communicable disease.

(3) Liability. The person who has charge, care, custody or control of any dogs in a City park or parkette shall be and is solely liable for any and all injuries and or damage caused by the dog or dogs.

Use of the dog exercise area by any dog shall constitute implied consent of the dog's owner to all of the conditions stated in this section and shall constitute a waiver of liability to the City and an agreement and undertaking to protect, indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless for any injury or damage caused by such dog during any time that the dog is using the facility.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 4, Chapter 35, Section 4-35.07 subsection (c) is hereby added to the Redondo Beach Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

(c) Exceptions

(1) The regulations outlined in in Section (a) above shall not apply to the following:

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- A. Dogs under the control of a competent person in a posted fenced "dog exercise area" in a City park or portion of a City park approved and designated for that purpose by the City Council.
- B. Dogs on any public sidewalk adjacent to the perimeter of a park.
- C. Dogs traveling directly and without delay on the designated path from either the north or south parking lots at Dominguez Park to and from the dog exercise area remaining exclusively on the dirt path, neither person nor dog encroaching on any grassy area of the park while restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six (6') feet in length and is in the charge, care, custody or control of a competent person.
- D. Dogs traveling directly and without delay on the designated pathways to or from the City bike paths or the Hermosa Beach Strand, remaining exclusively on any paved or hardscaped surface while the dog is restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six (6') feet in length and is in the charge, care, custody or control of a competent person. Neither a person accompanied by a dog nor a dog shall encroach on any grassy area of the park.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF CODE. Title 4, Chapter 35, Section 4-35.07 subsection (d) is hereby added to the Redondo Beach Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

(d) Regulations Governing Dog Exercise Areas.

(1) The following regulations and limitations shall apply to all dog exercise areas:

- A. As a condition of admission to such dog exercise areas, the owner of such dog is required to clean all dog feces from the designated exercise area.
- B. Any dog over the age of four (4) months shall have been vaccinated for rabies and legally licensed prior to use of the designated exercise area.
- C. Female dogs in heat are not permitted to use the facilities.
- D. Professional dog trainers may not use the facilities in the conduct of their business.
- E. There shall be no smoking in the exercise area.
- F. The owner of any dog using the designated exercise area must have in his or her possession at all times that the dog is in the exercise area a leash for such dog, which shall be worn by the dog when traveling on the designated path or sidewalks through the park to and from the dog exercise area.
- G. Children under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
- H. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior must be leashed and removed from the exercise area immediately.

- (2) Use of the dog exercise area by any dog shall constitute implied consent of the dog's owner to all of the conditions stated in this section and shall constitute a waiver of liability to the City and an agreement and undertaking to protect, indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless for any injury or damage caused by such dog during any time that the dog is using the facility."

SECTION 5. Any provisions of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code, or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent herewith, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be published by one insertion in the official newspaper of said city, and same shall go into effect and be in full force and operation from and after thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2020.

William C. Brand, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael W. Webb, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 3204-20 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 18th day of August, 2020, and approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 1st day of September, 2020, and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk