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CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 18, 2020

L.1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 4, CHAPTER 35 (PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE RULES PERTAINING TO DOGS IN PARKS

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY 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. FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.

PROCEDURES:

- A. Open Public Hearing, take testimony; and**
- B. Close Public Hearing; and**
- C. Introduce for first reading by title only Ordinance No. 3204-20**

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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From: Joan Irvine [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:03 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: 8/18/20 Public Hearing Agenda Item L1



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08/18/20

RE: Public Hearing Agenda Item L1: 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

TO: Mayor, City Council, City Staff, and Redondo Beach Residents

FROM: Joan Irvine, District 1

In my perspective, all this Ordinance does is give dog owners other places for their dogs to defecate and urinate and destroy the beauty of the parks as evidenced by what dog owners have done to the existing dog park and on the Esplanade.

But I know it will pass. Therefore, I have a few clarifying questions/suggestions (in bold). Please note that these comments are from me personally and do not represent Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, a 501 c (3).

1. 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: **C. (not) Bring more than four (4) dogs to any City park or parkette at one time.**

- **The total number of dogs allowed in the parks should be limited; perhaps based on size of park.**
- **DOES THIS REFER TO PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKERS, TOO????**
- **What we see on the Esplanade is that professional dog walkers will meet up and walk the dogs together, so there is a pack of dogs; sometimes over 12 dogs. Therefore, people who are afraid of dogs or don't like dogs are forced off the sidewalk since the dogs take up the entire sidewalk.**

2. 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: E. (not) Conduct training, obedience or related programming or business.

- **DOES THIS REFER TO PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKERS, TOO????**
- **If this is the case, I'd like this Code be extended to the Esplanade.**

Executive Summary

Adherence to the regulations pertaining to dogs in parks will largely be a matter of personal responsibility by those handling dogs in certain City parks. Typically, in order for City Code Enforcement or Police personnel to address a violation of any Code regulations for City parks they must be able to witness the activity in real time. A dog handler who does not have a dog on a leash or who fails to clean up after a dog will likely have exited the park prior to the timing of a responding City enforcement personnel. City Community Services and Public Works personnel do not provide enforcement. However, Community Services will engage the community through an education campaign about allowing dogs in certain parks, the rules for that policy, and to encourage good behavior by all users to help keep the parks safe and clean.

- **I would suggest that verbiage be added that City Community Services (or the appropriate department) do consistent random checks to verify that dog have licenses and the required vaccinations and this is extended to the Esplanade. Also, determine and publish the fine for not being in compliance with ordinances. Also, if dog owners receive several code violations then the dogs are removed from their homes.**

I will address fines further in an email to N5 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Joan Irvine

Khatirah Nazif

Subject: FW: Comments for 8-18-2020 Agenda Item L.1.

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Please add the following to blue folder items for tonight's agenda item L.1.

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Mayor and Council:

Opening up any parks in Redondo Beach to allow dogs needs far more careful consideration.

1. Dogs carry a wide variety of diseases in their feces and even play a key role in the transmission of plague that has just recently come back in California.
2. Dogs are not allowed on beaches for many of the same reasons they must not be allowed in parks that are frequented by unsuspecting families and children.
3. Dog urine is not possible to clean up, it remains for people to come in contact with for hours or even days.
4. Dog feces even when it is "picked up" leaves much behind, even trace amounts are hazardous.
5. The "bad actors" that do not pick up their dogs feces at all remain prevalent even if only a minority.
6. Dog feces (even trace amounts) is a carrier for multiple diseases that negatively impact people.
7. Dog feces are one of the most common carriers of the following diseases: Whipworms, Hookworms, Roundworms, Tapeworms, Parvo, Corona, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Cryptosporidiosis, Campylobacteriosis.
8. Dog waste is an environmental pollutant. In 1991, it was labeled a non-point source pollutant by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), placing it in the same category as herbicides and insecticides; oil, grease and toxic chemicals; and acid drainage from abandoned mines.
9. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pet droppings contribute to diseases animals pass to humans, called zoonoses. When infected dog feces is

deposited on turf, the eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in your soil for years.

10. Children are most susceptible, since they often play in the dirt and grass, and put things in their mouths or eyes.
11. Plague bacteria are most often transmitted by fleas that have acquired it from infected squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents. Dogs and cats may also carry plague-infected fleas. Health officials believe the South Lake Tahoe resident recently infected may have been bitten by an infected flea while walking a dog. Don't increase this transmission into our parks.

Taking care of a dog is a responsibility that many of us learned at some time in our life. Because of greatly increased contact opportunities, taking care of a dog in a densely populated city such as Redondo Beach is a HUGE responsibility, that unfortunately some people do not live up to and fall short of in protecting the community as a whole.

Look for example to the constant negative impact to the Esplanade, this is not what we want for our public parks.

If Redondo Beach had more park space to utilize for dogs without widespread human contact this could be a different consideration. That is not the case, Redondo Beach is park starved as it is.

Ask yourself the simple question of how many cases of disease transmission to our families and children is acceptable, calling something "low risk" is not an answer, it's a weak and convenient political sidestep.

If you live alone in the country things are different, in a high density city such as Redondo Beach you cannot allow everything that some may want due to the negative impact on everyone else. That is unfortunately the situation at hand for this agenda item.

The Redondo Beach Planning Commission recently voted in recommending to City Council to *not* allow any kind of dog kennel facilities within the city, the clear determination was that it was just not a good fit for the city, mainly due to our high density and close interactive proximity with everything.

Allowing dogs into our precious parks that are intended for the safe use by our families and children is just not a good fit for our city.

I wish it were different,

Rolf Strutzenberg, Redondo Beach