

Date June 13, 2011

APPROVAL OF RULES FOR DOG PARKS

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Board is an advisory board to the Des Moines City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 74-26(a) of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines the Park and Recreation Board may prescribe necessary rules and regulations for the conduct, supervision and control of City playgrounds, recreation centers and special facilities, which rules and regulations must be reported to and approved by the City Council in order to be put into effect; and

WHEREAS, the first designated park facility for designated dog off-leash areas ("dog park") is expected to be completed this summer at Ewing Park; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 24, 2011, the Park and Recreation Board voted unanimously to approve Rules for conduct at City designated dog off-leash areas, a copy of which are attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the attached Rules for City designated dog off-leash areas are hereby approved and take effect immediately.

(Council Communication No. 11- 363 )

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Ann DiDonato*  
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 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor

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 City Clerk

**All City of Des Moines Park Rules Also Apply  
In Addition To The Following**

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**Dog Park Facility Rules**

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to sunset daily

Annual permit is required to be worn by dog owners or handlers and visible at all times while inside the facility.

Vicious dogs must remain on a leash in the dog park as per ordinance 18-55 (a) (6)

Handlers must pick-up and dispose of their dog's waste.

Dog handlers must be no less than 16 years of age.

Children under the age of 10 are not allowed within the facility and those ages 10 to 15 must be accompanied by a person age 18 or older.

Handlers are allowed to supervise a maximum of two dogs.

Dogs weighing more than 20 pounds are not allowed in the small dog area of the facility.

Dogs weighing less than 20 pounds are allowed in all areas of the facility.

Pinch, choke, and spike collars must be removed prior to entering the facility.

Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the facility.

Dogs must be kept on a leash until entering and upon exiting the facility.

Handlers should be in the actual physical presence of dogs at all times.

Use of the facility is at the owner's/handler's own risk.

Owners are responsible and liable for any damage caused by their dogs while visiting the facility.

Human food is not allowed in the facility.

**Requirements to Purchase a City of Des Moines Dog Park Permit**

Current dog license from the City of Des Moines or their home jurisdiction.

Current dog rabies vaccination certification.

Dog must be no less than four months old.

Permits and tags pertain to specific dogs, not the dog park and therefore cannot be transferred to other dogs or dog owners.

Note: Any dog exhibiting aggressive or unruly behavior in any City of Des Moines dog park facility, as determined by the City of Des Moines, will have its permit revoked without refund.