



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### April 7, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss/consider the Residents' Petition submitted per Town Code requesting the use of the ballfield as a dog park and refer the matter to Parks and Recreation Commission for recommendation.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss/consider the petition and refer the matter to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) for analysis and recommendation, including alternative locations.

#### **DISCUSSION**

On March 29, 2021, a residents' petition was submitted to the Town for the Council's consideration. Pursuant to Fairfax Municipal Code Section 2.08.090 (C), if the Council is presented with a petition signed by 25 residents urging consideration of an issue, the issue shall be placed on the Council's agenda for discussion. The petition has the required 25 signatures and is on file with the Town Clerk.

The petition states in its entirety:

"We, the undersigned are advocating for chains to be removed from the Fairfax baseball field so that people and dogs can enjoy the park on the more than 300 days I is closed. Dogs wouldn't be allowed near the infield and a zero tolerance policy will be in effect for dog waste and litter. No one will be allowed on the park without at least 2 bags and everyone is expected to clean up any mess they see, be it their dogs or someone elses'."

If the Council is amenable to the concept after taking public comment and discussing the matter, the recommended next step would be to send the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission ("PARC") for analysis and recommendation, including alternative locations.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

n/a