

**CITY OF OAKWOOD
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

POLICY NO. 19

SUBJECT: DOG PARK

DATE: JULY 15, 2011

RECOMMENDED BY:



CAROL COLLINS, LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR

APPROVED BY:



NORBERT S. KLOPSCH, CITY MANAGER

POLICY: This policy stipulates the manner in which the city will operate and maintain the Oakwood Dog Park.

PURPOSE: The city of Oakwood constructed a dog park at Creager Field in the spring/summer of 2011. The park was officially opened on Friday, July 15, 2011. The park put to use the Creager Field area which was essentially unused since 1999 when the Oakwood Schools moved their field hockey program to Irving Field. The dog park includes grass areas with fencing that designates separate play space for large and small dogs. It also includes a drinking fountain, waste receptacles and some benches. This policy is established to ensure that the park is properly operated and maintained.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Leisure Services Director: The Leisure Services Director has overall responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the dog park. The Leisure Services Department will conduct routine park maintenance, including lawn mowing, fertilizing, etc.
- B. Public Works Director: The Public Works Director shall ensure that the park waste containers are emptied daily, including weekends as needed. The Public Works department will perform park maintenance tasks when said tasks exceed the capabilities of Leisure Services staff.
- C. Public Safety Director: The Public Safety Director shall see that public safety officers visit the park daily as part of their routine patrol. These daily visits shall be reported to dispatch in accordance with standard operating procedures.

GENERAL PROVISIONS: Oakwood Code Section 935.01 empowers the city manager to establish rules for Oakwood city parks. Rules will be posted at the park entrance. The rules are as follows:

- *OPEN DAILY, SUNRISE TO SUNSET.*
- *THE CITY OF OAKWOOD DOES NOT ACTIVELY SUPERVISE THIS AREA; ANYONE USING THE PARK DOES SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.*
- *THIS PARK IS FOR DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS ONLY.*

- *DOGS MUST HAVE A VALID MONTGOMERY COUNTY DOG LICENSE AND OWNER IDENTIFICATION.*
- *DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON ALL VACCINATIONS.*
- *DOGS MUST BE LEASHED WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE PARK. OWNERS MUST KEEP LEASH IN THEIR POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN PARK AREA.*
- *GATES SHALL BE FULLY CLOSED AFTER ENTERING AND EXITING.*
- *CHILDREN UNDER AGE 16 ARE NOT PERMITTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.*
- *DOGS DISPLAYING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR NOT PERMITTED IN PARK AREA.*
- *DOGS IN HEAT NOT ALLOWED IN PARK AREA.*
- *FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, PUPPIES UNDER FOUR MONTHS OLD NOT PERMITTED IN PARK.*
- *OWNERS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOG AND DISPOSE OF WASTE IN APPROPRIATE CONTAINER.*
- *NO FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS ALLOWED IN PARK AREA.*
- *NO MORE THAN THREE DOGS ALLOWED PER OWNER PER VISIT.*
- *OWNERS MUST SUPERVISE THEIR DOGS CLOSELY AND SHALL NOT LEAVE THEIR DOGS UNATTENDED.*
- *NO SPIKED OR PRONGED COLLARS BUT METAL PINCH-TYPE TRAINING COLLARS ARE PERMITTED.*
- *NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED IN PARK AREA.*
- *FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF PARK PRIVILEGES AND/OR OWNERS MAY BE CITED.*

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS: Citizen complaints regarding park operations or maintenance and the park rules shall be forwarded to and addressed by the Leisure Services Department. Complaints regarding dog and/or dog owner behavior at the park shall be forwarded to dispatch and addressed by the Public Safety Department.