

Meeting Date: February 13, 2018



Agenda Item #: 7A

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Type of Item:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance First Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Council Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance Second Reading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion & Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop

SUBJECT: Resolution - Dog Park Rules – Waggin’ Trail Dog Park

BACKGROUND:

There is a growing need for urban spaces where dog owners can safely walk their dog. Waggin’ Trail Dog Park offers a confined open play space and a trail allowing dog owners to safely allow their dogs to roam leash free. Dog parks benefit both the pet owner and their pets. There are many benefits to dogs in off leash experiences for physical and mental exercise. Opportunities to maintain or develop social skills by spending time with other dogs help to guard against the development of fear and aggression problems around other dogs.

Staff introduced proposed dog park rules to the City Council on December 12, 2017. These rules were formulated by a city staff committee from different departments and used information gathered from other cities regarding rules for dog parks. With direction from Council, the rules have been formalized and are now presented for adoption.

COUNCIL DISTRICT:

City Wide

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve Resolution #897-18

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution # 897-18

Attachment 1 Dog Park Rules

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Building and maintaining an effective and efficient infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 897-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE DOG PARK RULES FOR WAGGIN' TRAIL DOG PARK; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City owns and operates the Waggin' Trail Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, the Waggin' Trail Dog Park offers a confined open play space for dog owners to safely allow their dogs to roam leash free which provides experiences for physical and mental wellness; and

WHEREAS, comments from pet owners who utilize the Waggin' Trail Dog Park have led to the formation of the dog park rules; and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations provide specific guidelines for managing usage of the Waggin' Trail Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, the dog park rules and regulations are essential to sustain the City of Orange City's investment and provide for safe and proper usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of Orange City Dog Park Rules and Regulations, attached hereto as Attachment 1, and by this reference incorporated herein, are hereby approved and adopted to govern the use, control, and management of the Waggin' Trail Dog Park.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS (Resolution No. 897-18):

First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2018

_____	Jim Mahoney	Anthony Pupello	_____
_____	Bill O'Connor	Evelyn Robinson	_____
_____	Jeff Allebach	O. William Crippen, Vice Mayor	_____
_____	Gary A. Blair, Mayor		

ATTEST:

AUTHENTICATED:

Gloria J. Thomas, CMC, City Clerk

Gary A. Blair, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William E. Reischmann, Jr., City Attorney

ATTACHMENT 1

Dog Park Rules and Regulations

All references to the word "Guardian(s)" in these Rules shall mean the owners, custodians and/or caretakers of the dog(s).

1. Enter this park at your own risk. The City of Orange City does not actively supervise the use of the dog park area; anyone using the area does so at his/her own risk. Guardians agree that by using the dog park they are assuming the full risk of any injuries, damages, or loss connected with or associated with use of the dog park. Owners (and in some cases, Guardians) are legally and financially responsible for their dogs and any injuries, damage or loss caused by them.
2. The dog park is segregated into separate areas for large dogs and small dogs. Owners are fully responsible for choosing the appropriate area for their dog. Be aware that large dogs might mistake small dogs for prey.
3. Dogs that have been declared dangerous or aggressive are prohibited.
4. All Guardians must have proof of their dog's current rabies vaccination and license. The Bordetella vaccination for your dog is also encouraged.
5. Children must be at least 6 years of age and accompanied by a parent or guardian to enter the park. Children 6-15 years old must be accompanied by an adult and must have a dog to enter the dog park area.
6. Puppies under four months old are not permitted in the park for their safety and health.
7. Limit three dogs per person per visit.
8. Dogs in heat are not allowed.
9. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of feces properly.
10. Dogs must be on a leash when entering and exiting the dog park. Guardians must carry a leash for each dog while inside the dog area and the dogs must be under voice command at all times.
11. Animals other than dogs are not allowed.
12. Leaving dogs unattended is prohibited. All Guardians must remain in the park with their dog(s) at all times.
13. Guardians shall not abandon their dog(s) in the park in accordance with Florida State Statute 828.13.

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14. If your dog is annoying, barking persistently or provoking other dogs or persons, then you and your dog must leave the premises.
15. Mounting can initiate a potentially harmful situation. The Guardian of any dog displaying mounting behavior must immediately leash and remove the dog from the situation.
16. Guardians must stop dogs from digging and must immediately fill all holes caused by the dog.
17. Guardians must use caution when bringing dog toys to the park since fights could erupt.
18. No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed in the park.
19. The City of Orange City has the authority to close the park or sections of the park for any reason including maintenance, mowing, weather related problems, special events, or for the public's safety and/or health.
20. Use of the park for dog shows, classes, club meets, or other events shall require a facility rental agreement and/or a special event permit.
21. Violation of the rules may result in suspension of the Guardian and/or the dog from the dog park and even trespassing charges being filed. The decision on whether to suspend or file trespassing charges shall be at the sole discretion of the City's personnel.