
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 2ND, 2018

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2018-605 amending the Dog Park Rules in the Joplin City Code of Ordinances

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ATTACHMENT: Council Bill No. 2018-605; copy of Dog Park Rules

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill looks to amend Chapter 86, Article VII, Section 86-252 of Joplin City Code to state under rules, "Director of Parks and Recreation has the authority to review and revise dog park rules as needed".

DISCUSSION:

In 2013, the City of Joplin established our first dog park at Parr Hill Park. The purpose was to allow dogs and their owners a green space in which to run freely without a leash. The "off-leash park area" requires owners to register their dog(s) with the Parks and Recreation Department. With this membership, owners must submit up-to-date vaccinations and the proper documentation to attend the park. With the new dog park, a set of rules were developed that each member is required to follow. We review rules on a yearly basis and at times there are rules that either need to be modified, added and/or deleted. Currently, if we need to make changes to the rules we have to come before, the City Council and have them amended each time. To make this more efficient we would like to add the following section to the rules, "Director of Parks and Recreation has the authority to review and revise dog park rules as needed".

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.