

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** November 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Revisions to the Code of Ordinances

PRESENTER: Vickie Loftice, Managing Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Staff will review proposed revisions to Chapter 62 of the Parks and Recreation Department's Code of Ordinances and the rules and regulations applicable to Parks. The proposed amendments include the following:

Sec. 62-2 – Alcoholic beverages

1. Allowance for alcoholic beverages at city sponsored events with approval of the City Manager.

Sec. 62-11- Prohibited activities

- 1. Prohibits commercial or business activities within a park or city owned property without a permit.
- 2. Prohibits riding or leading a horse within any park or trail owned by the city.
- 3. Provides for the use of hybrid bicycles on the trails.
- 4. Prohibits leaping or jumping from a bridge or structure into water or onto the ground below.
- 5. Prohibits non-sponsored organized activities in a city park, athletic field or facility without a permit.

Sec. 62-13- Dog parks

- Provides for the establishment of rules and regulations of dog parks by the city manager or the city manager's designee. (see attachment of Dog Park Rules)
- 2. Provides penalty clause for violating dog park rules and regulations of up to \$500.



Rules and regulations of the dog park have been in place since the park opened and they are available online and prominently displayed on site. Given the complaints regarding dogs that bark excessively and people in the park after posted hours, we have added a section to the Code of Ordinances related to the dog park while also allowing staff to revise the rules and regulations as needed.

The revised rules and regulations include a requirement that owners, if requested by an animal services officer, provide proof of current vaccinations and registration information. The rules also provide a provision to address excessive barking, and a penalty clause for people in the park after hours.

Staff reviewed the recommended revisions with the Park Board on August 6. The Park Board recommended forwarding the revisions to City Council for input and consideration.

Following the work session, this item will be placed on a subsequent City Council regular meeting agenda for Council's consideration.