

ORDINANCE NO. 2911

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Puyallup, Washington, amending Puyallup Municipal Code 9.20.040, relating to on-leash requirements for dogs in City parks, and making it unlawful for an owner to allow the owner's animal to be in the non-spectator portion of a City owned athletic field, with limited exceptions.

WHEREAS, the Parks Department receives complaints every year about animal waste on athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Board voted unanimously to recommend that the City prohibit animals inside the fenced or play area of athletic fields, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS the Parks Department staff concurs with the Board's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the City has created an off-leash area where dog owners can let their dogs run free without risk of contamination or interference with the use of athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Parks and Recreation Board recommendation is reasonable, consistent with practices in other communities, and is in the best interest of the health and safety of users of City-owned parks and facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, hereby ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** As set forth below, the Puyallup Municipal Code 9.20.040 is amended as follows:

**9.20.040 Animal Restrictions**

(1) It is unlawful for an owner to allow or permit any the owner's animal to run at large in any park, or enter any lake, pond, fountain, or stream therein. All dogs must be on a leash at all times, except when in those areas specifically designated by the director as off-leash areas.

(2) It is unlawful for an owner to allow the owner's animal to enter or remain on a City owned athletic field, except that an owner may allow the owner's animal to enter or remain on spectator or City designated areas. The Director shall have authority to designate spectator areas and areas where owners may allow pets to enter and remain.

(3) The restrictions herein do not apply to police dogs, or service animals, as defined below.

(4) For purposes of this section, an "owner" is any person or other entity which controls or possesses an animal. The phrase "controls or possesses" shall include possession, harboring, keeping, controlling, having an interest in, responsibility for, or having custody of an animal.

(5) "Service animal" means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items, as defined by 28 C.F.R. § 36.104, as amended.

(6) "Police dog" means a dog used by a public safety official that is specially trained for law enforcement or detection work and under the control of a dog handler, as defined by RCW 4.24.410, as amended.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

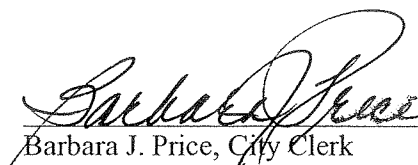
**Section 3.** Publication. A summary of this ordinance shall be published as required by law.

**Section 4.** Effective date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective five days after publication as required by law.

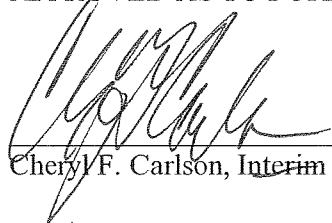
Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

  
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Donald E. Malloy, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Barbara J. Price, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Cheryl F. Carlson, Interim City Attorney

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Effective: July 22, 2008