

ORDINANCE NO. 553-AC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES AMENDING CHAPTER 4, "ANIMAL CONTROL", SECTION 4-15, "PERMITTING ANIMALS TO RUN AT LARGE", BY ADDING SECTION 4-15.1 "RULES TO OBSERVE WITHIN THE NEEDLES DOG PARK"

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mr. Del Little, Animal Control Officer Deanna Johnson, and other members of the community began discussions to create a City of Needles ("City") Dog Park ("Dog Park"); and

WHEREAS, at the January 22, 2013 City Council meeting Mr. Little reviewed the plan for the proposed Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, a "Needles Dog Park Committee" was established to oversee the Dog Park and members of the "Friends of the Needles Dog Park" will volunteer their time to help maintain the Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, at the January 22, 2013 City Council meeting, the City Council officially designated 0.25 acres located at the east corner of Duke Watkins Park (across the street from the Days Inn & Suites and near the Dog Shelter) as the Needles Dog Park location; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Commission approved the proposed rules to observe within the Needles Dog Park at their May 8, 2013 meeting

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that this activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section §§ 15060 (c)(2), the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment

SECTION 2. The City Council HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that facts do exist to approve an amendment to the Needles Municipal Code ("Needles Code").

SECTION 3. The City Council HEREBY APPROVES Ordinance 553-AC amending the Needles Code as follows:

Sec. 4-15.1 Rules to Observe within Needles Dog Park

- (a) It is unlawful for any person having charge, custody or control of a dog not to restrain the dog by a leash, not to exceed six feet, except when the dog is within the enclosed boundary of the Needles Dog Park. Persons using the Dog Park facility must follow these rules and any other posted rules posted by the City.

RULES TO OBSERVE WITHIN NEEDLES DOG PARK

- Keep all gates to the Dog Park closed!
- Dog Park owners, holders, and users (collectively, "Dog Park Users") agree to hold the City and its various departments, employees, volunteers and agents harmless from any and all liability, claims, and/or damages for personal injury, property damage or injury to their pet(s).
- Dog Park Users agree to abide by the Dog Park rules and any future amendments thereto.
- Dog Park Users use the Dog Park AT THEIR OWN RISK and assume all risk of injury to themselves, any minor accompanying them and users assume all risk of injury and damage to their personal property.
- Only dogs are permitted and no more than three (3) dogs per Dog Park User.
- No dog with a history of biting either a human or other dogs shall be permitted.
- All dogs must be fully vaccinated and licensed, in compliance with State, County and City requirements, and must wear a collar with current tags. Spiked collars are not permitted.
- Dogs must always be attended by, under the control of, and in the view of an adult over 18 years.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times unless in the designated off-leash enclosed area.
- Dog Park Users must have the leash on their person at all times.
- Dog Park Users are responsible for their dog's behavior and are legally responsible for injuries caused by their dog.
- Dog Park Users must pick up after their dog and dispose of waste in the containers provided.
- Dog Park Users must fill any holes made by their dogs.
- No one under the age of 18 years shall be permitted in the Dog Park unless under adult supervision.
- No female dogs in heat are permitted.
- Rough play and aggressive dogs are not allowed. In the event a dog displays aggressive behavior, the dog shall immediately be placed on a leash and removed.
- No human or dog food allowed; however, dog treats are allowed.
- Never give treats to a dog without the Dog Park User's permission.
- No alcohol or tobacco products permitted.
- Only "throw" toys are allowed.
- Do not brush or otherwise groom dogs inside the Dog Park.

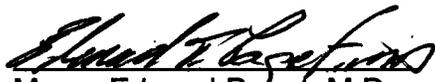
SECTION 4. This action shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after this decision by the City Council as provided by the Needles City Code.

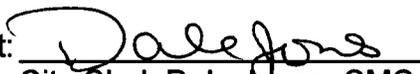
SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Needles, California, approve an amendment to the City Code.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 28th day of May, 2013, by the following roll call vote:

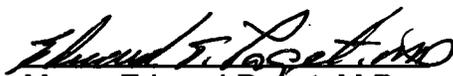
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NOES: NONE
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ABSTAIN: NONE


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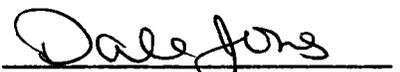
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 11th day of June, 2013.

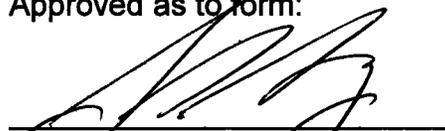
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Approved as to form:


City Attorney John Pinkney