

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

Through: Douglas Faseler, City Manager
Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Ordinance on first reading of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas, amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Use Regulations, by adding a new section 74-73 establishing special rules for dog park; providing for publication of this ordinance; providing a severability clause; authorizing City staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances; and providing an effective date.

Date: January 15, 2019

On December 27, 2018, there was an incident at Barky Park (the City's dog park) located at Max Starcke Park West whereby an aggressive dog attacked a puppy causing injury to the animal. That incident brought to light that the posted dog park rules are not encapsulated as part of the City's Code of Ordinances for enforcement purposes, although aggressive dogs are addressed in Chapter 14-Animals.

The posted dog park rules were established by the Seguin Dog Park, Inc. in May of 2011 when the dog park was opened to the public as part of an Agreement for Use of Facilities with the City, but the rules were not encapsulated in our ordinances. Adding special rules for the dog park in the Code of Ordinances allows for better enforcement by Police and Animal Control of the dog park rules. This action will help keep pet owners and their dogs safer while utilizing Barky Park. Attached is the proposed ordinance with the dog park rules for Council consideration.

On January 7, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and approved the dog park rules. City staff recommends approval of an Ordinance on first reading of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas, amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Use Regulations, by adding a new section 74-73 establishing special rules for dog park; providing for publication of this ordinance; providing a severability clause; authorizing City staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances; and providing an effective date.