

CITY OF SEGUIN

ORDINANCE NO.

STATE OF TEXAS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 74, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II, USE REGULATIONS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 74-73, SPECIAL RULES FOR DOG PARK; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE THIS ORDINANCE FOR SUBMISSION AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City Dog Park is used by a wide number of individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Dog Park has posted rules; however, there is no mechanism for enforcement of those rules; and

WHEREAS, there have been instances where aggressive dogs, not controlled by their owners, have injured other animals; and

WHEREAS, adding the Dog Park rules to the City Code allows for better enforcement by city staff as the rules would be subject to established penalties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas:

Section 1. Chapter 74, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Use Regulations, of the Seguin Code of Ordinances is amended by the addition of a new Section 74-73 to read as follows:

Sec. 74-73. Special Rules for Dog Park

- (a) All persons using the dog park are presumed to have consented to compliance with all conditions and regulations in this section and all other applicable regulations regarding animals within the city limits.
- (b) All persons using the dog park do so at their own risk.
- (c) Persons using the park are responsible for any damage to property, other persons, or other dogs caused by the person or the dog that accompanied the person to the park
- (d) All dogs must wear a collar and display current identification and vaccination tags as required by Section 14-75 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (e) Only dogs are allowed in the dog park. Other animals are prohibited.
- (f) Dogs must be leashed until they are into the leash free area.
- (g) All dogs must be under visual and voice control at all times.
- (h) Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
- (i) Users shall remove solid waste and fill any holes your dog makes.
- (j) Maximum of 2 dogs per handler.
- (k) Only dogs under 25lbs in small dog area.
- (l) Park hours are from sunrise to sundown.
- (n) The following are not allowed in the dog park
 - (1) Dogs in heat.
 - (2) Dogs under 6 months of age.

- (3) Skateboards, bicycles, and rollerblades.
- (4) Motorized vehicles except for people with disabilities.
- (5) Alcohol, glass containers, and human food.
- (o) Any dog that becomes aggressive shall be immediately leashed and removed from the park.
- (p) Any dog that has been determined to be dangerous, aggressive, or bitten other dogs or persons shall not be permitted to enter the dog park.

SECTION 2. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 4. City staff is authorized to prepare this Ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective upon ten (10) days following passage on second reading.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on the 15th day of January, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on the 5th day of February, 2019.

DON KEIL
Mayor

ATTEST:

Naomi Manski
City Secretary