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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

Planning,
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Public Health,
Housing Inspections,
Code Enforcement

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Dave Gobin, Community Development Director

From: Andrew Fangman, City Planner

Date: June 7, 2018

Re: An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 9, Subsection D of the City Code to Allow for Dogs to Be Let Off Leash in Areas of City Parks Designated for Off Leash Use by The Parks and Recreation Department

As part of the Pearls of Progress Project the City has begun construction on the community's first off-leash dog park. The dog park will be opened to public use this summer.

Current City Code requires all dogs in City parks to be kept on a leash with no exceptions. With the forthcoming opening of the dog park it is necessary to amend City Code to allow for dogs to be let off leash in designated areas. As such the following amendment to Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 9, Subsection D of the City Code is being proposed to be amended to read as follows, add language shown in bold. D. Permit any dog to be in a park unless such dog is on a leash not more than six feet (6') long, **except for in areas designated for off leash use by; and in accordance with all regulations adopted by; the Parks and Recreation Department.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed ordinance as attached.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

An Ordinance Allowing for Dogs to Be Let Off Leash in Areas of City Parks Designated for Off Leash Use by The Parks and Recreation Department

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR DOGS TO BE LET OFF LEASH IN AREAS OF CITY
PARKS DESIGNATED FOR OFF LEASH USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine this summer will open its first off-leash dog park; and

WHEREAS, current City Code requires all dogs in City parks to be kept on a leash with no exceptions; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend City Code to reflect the fact that allowing for dogs to be let off leash in specifically designated areas is the core function the soon to be opened dog park; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA:

SECTION 1.

Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 9, Subsection D of the City Code: is hereby repealed and replaced with:

D. Permit any dog to be in a park unless such dog is on a leash not more than six feet (6') long, except for in areas designated for off leash use by; and in accordance with all regulations adopted by; the Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 2. Any Ordinance or part thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after the passage, approval and publication of this ordinance, as provided by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June, 2018.

By the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa

Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

Attest:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

Publication: _____