

ORDINANCE NO. 89-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1064 TO ADD SECTION 1064.012 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO INCLUDE RULES FOR THE DOG PARK AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, City Council, on November 8, 2021, passed Ordinance No. 86-21 to amend the Special Use Permit for Veterans Memorial Park to add a dog park; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Recreation Coordinator and Safety-Service Director and to further the health, safety and welfare of the community, Council deems it necessary to amend Park Rules and Regulations as set forth in Chapter 1064 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Avon and adopt rules for the City's dog park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1 - That Chapter 1064 of the Avon Codified Ordinances shall be amended to add new Section 1064.012 as follows:

1064.012 RULES FOR DOG PARK AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

(a) All rules and regulations set forth in Section 1064.01(b), (c), (d), and (e) of the Codified Ordinances shall apply to the Dog Park at Veterans Memorial Park;

(b) The following are additional rules and regulations to be adhered to specifically at the Dog Park located at Veterans Memorial Park:

- 1) The City does not supervise use of off-leash areas, and anyone using this area does so at his or her own risk.
- 2) Dog owners are responsible for any injury or damage caused by their dog, per state law.
- 3) Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by parent/guardian at all times. It is highly recommended that children younger than 12 stay outside of the fenced areas for their own protection.
- 4) Only two dogs per person allowed.
- 5) Dogs must be healthy, fully immunized, dewormed, licensed as set forth in Section 618.08, and wearing ID tags as set forth in Section 618.095.
- 6) Dogs must always be supervised and within sight and voice control of their handler. Owners of dogs using the fenced area must always remain within the fenced area.
- 7) Female dogs in heat and non-neutered male dogs are prohibited.
- 8) Muzzles, spikes or prong collars are NOT permitted on dogs in the fenced area.
- 9) Dogs must be removed by their owners immediately at the first sign of aggressive behavior toward people or other dogs.
- 10) Animals other than dogs are NOT permitted.
- 11) No food, smoking, treats or toys items are allowed inside the fenced area.

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- 12) Dogs must be at least 4 months old to enter. No dogs larger than 25 pounds are permitted in the small dog area.
- 13) Dogs that are classified as potential nuisance dogs, dangerous dogs or vicious dogs are prohibited as set forth in Section 618.19.
- 14) Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the fenced area. Owners must have a leash visible at all times.
- 15) Dog waste must be picked up immediately by the owner/handler and placed in the trash cans.

Failure to comply with the posted rules and regulations may result in expulsion from the park in addition to the penalties set forth in Section 1064.99 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 2 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3 - That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to provide park rules for the safety, health and welfare of the City; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

William D. Logan, Acting Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

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