

RESOLUTION 2020- 01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CITY'S PROPERTY AT CITY PARK FOR THE USE OF A DOG PARK

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to allocate property at the City Park for utilization of a dog park; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashland City along with the Cheatham County Dog Park Pack wish to apply for grants for construction of a dog park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE authorizes town employees to work with the Cheatham County Dog Park Pack in order to apply for and manage this grant application.

We, the undersigned City Council members, meeting in Regular Session on this 11th day of February, 2020 move the adoption of the above Resolution.

Councilmember  moved to adopt the Resolution.

Councilmember  seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor 6 Voting Against 0

Attest:


Steve Allen, Mayor


City Recorder Kellie Reed, CMC, CMFO

**Cheatham County Animal Awareness Foundation
d/b/a Cheatham County Dog Park Pack
P.O. Box 361
Pegram, TN 37143-0361**



Facebook: Cheatham County Dog Park Pack

February 18, 2020

RE: Letter of Commitment Request from the Town in Support of Dog Park Project.

Dear Town of Ashland City:

Intent

Cheatham County Dog Park Pack ("CCDPP") is a group of citizens that are part of the Cheatham County Animal Awareness Foundation, Inc. (a 501c3 organization) dedicated to creating an enclosed off-leash dog park in the Ashland City, TN. We are committed to working with the Town of Ashland City and the Parks & Recreation Department to identify and improve a town owned parcel of land into a public access, community dog park.

Funding

With the Town's five-year minimum commitment to use the identified land at City Park for the development of a Town Dog Park, CCDPP as a 501c3 non-profit, will pursue fundraising and public/private grants to support the cost and installation of the groundwork, fencing, signage, sanitation stations, benches, and water fountain needs of the site. We plan to involve dog owners and the community in a variety of ways through outreach on social media, and at private and public locations and events.

The design and creation of the dog park will be under the direction of the town Parks & Recreation Department to include town park improvement standards along with the use of third party and volunteer labor where appropriate. Upon completion of the dog park, the town Parks & Recreation Department will maintain the improvements as they do all other town parks, along with regular mowing and trash pick-up. CCDPP will actively promote the park's use, cleanup events, and fundraise to support future improvements.

Strategy

We have outlined an initial plan with the Parks Director, allowing the park to have two sections. One for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. The entire area will be enclosed with a six-foot high chain link fence and double gate safety design to prevent unintended escapes. The interior sections can be separated by four-foot high chain link fencing.

All town Parks & Recreation Department rules apply to the dog park and additional Dog Park Rules will be posted, which may include:

Dog Park Rules

1. All individuals in the off-leash area are responsible for their own conduct and enter at their own risk.
2. Owner/handlers are responsible for the actions of their animals.
3. Each handler using the park is responsible for reading the rules of the dog park on first entering it.
4. No handler may bring more than two (2) dogs into the park at one time.
5. A handler must be sixteen (16) years of age or older.
6. A child between ten (10) and sixteen (16) years may enter the park only with a responsible adult.
7. A child under ten (10) may not be brought into the park in any case.
8. Each dog brought into the park must be wearing, or the handler must carry, current vaccination and registration tags, which may be inspected by an animal control authority or other law enforcement authority upon request.
9. Dogs are to be brought to the park on leashes and released inside the dog park, and put under the control of the leash again as they exit the dog park. No spike, choke, or prong collars are allowed on dogs in the park.
10. No female dog in heat or sick dog may be brought into the dog park.

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11. Human food, toys, and glass containers are not permitted in the dog park.
12. Handlers are to remain in the park fencing, maintain visual contact with their dogs in the park, and shall have verbal control of their dogs in the park at all times.
13. A handler will immediately leash and remove a dog that becomes aggressive, regardless of whether the dog has a history of bites or has been designated as a dangerous or vicious dog under state or other applicable law.
14. In no event may a dog that has been designated as dangerous or vicious be brought into the park. Criminal penalties apply to bringing a dangerous or vicious dog into this park.
15. Dog bites will be reported immediately to the local police or animal control officer at [phone number and email address]. All animal bites of other dogs or people shall be reported to local police and the animal control authority by anyone involved or witnessing the bite.
16. Handlers shall control excessive barking.
17. The handler is responsible for any waste or destruction caused by their dog, which includes the responsibility of filling in any holes the dog digs while in the park and picking up any poop.

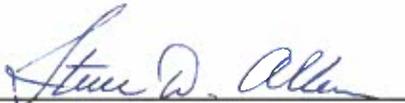
With the Town's commitment to the project as outlined above, CCDPP will being the pursuit of grants and donations. We greatly appreciate the Town and Park Department support with this project and look forward to working together to bring it to reality in the very near future.

Sincerely,

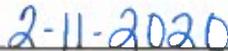
Amanda LP Melton,
CCDPP Project Leader

Robert Jenner,
CCAAF Board Treasurer

Town of Ashland City agreement to support the Dog Park development project at City Park as outlined above.



Mayor of Ashland City, TN



Date