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ADMINISTRATIVE RULE NAME:

PRK-1.22 Dog Off Leash Area Rules [Proposed]

POLICY CATEGORY: **Park Use**
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1. Purpose

Since 1995, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has operated dog off-leash areas throughout its portfolio. This policy provides rules related to the hours of use of these areas.

The goal of dog off-leash areas (DOLA) is to:

- Provide DOLAs that are healthy, fun places for dogs to play.
- Promote compliance with leash laws by providing areas where dogs can roam without a leash.
- Encourage responsible use of parks and DOLAs with common-sense regulations.
- Balance park uses in parks with constrained space.

2. Rules

The City Administrator hereby implements the following rules to ensure the positive use of dog off-leash areas and promote the safety of park visitors:

A. Requirements for use of dog off-leash areas

1. A person bringing a dog to an off-leash area must:
    (a) Keep their dog under control at all times by maintaining unobstructed sight of the dog and ensuring it remains responsive to voice commands;
    (b) Carry a leash at all times while in the designated off-leash area;
    (c) Promptly leash the dog when requested by any Park Officer;
    (d) Leash the dog when outside the designated off-leash area;
    (e) Not bring more than three (3) dogs to an off-leash area;
    (f) Promptly stop the dog from digging;
    (g) Follow all other applicable animal rules in City Code Title 20.

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B. Socialization and behavior of dogs

1. A person must promptly remove their dog from the dog off-leash area for the day if the dog:
    (a) Menaces another person; or,
    (b) Injures another dog; or,
    (c) Injures another person; or,
    (d) Displays behavior that constitutes the dog as a public nuisance, as defined under ORS 609.095.
2. For the purposes of this section, “menaces” has the meaning in ORS 609.035: lunging, growling, snarling or other behavior by a dog that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person’s safety.

C. Areas designed for small dogs

1. In fenced off-leash areas marked by a sign as designed for small dogs only, a person must not bring a dog 19 inches in height or taller into the area.

D. Dog off-leash area locations and hours

1. A person may allow a dog off-leash within the designated signed or fenced dog off-leash area within the following parks, during the hours listed:
    (a) Arbor Lodge Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm
    (b) Alberta Park – Open during park hours
    (c) Argay Park – Open during park hours
    (d) Brentwood Park – Open during park hours
    (e) Cathedral Park – Open during park hours
    (f) Cherry Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm
    (g) Chimney Park – Open during park hours
    (h) Couch Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm
    (i) Council Crest Park – Open during park hours
    (j) Creston Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm
    (k) Cully Park — Open during park hours
    (l) East Holiday Park – Open during park hours
    (m) Fernhill Park – Open during park hours
    (n) Frazer Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm
    (o) Gabriel Park North Summer Off-Leash Area – Open during park hours; closed seasonally during winter as marked by sign
    (p) Gabriel Park South Winter Off-Leash Area – Open during park hours; closed seasonally when marked by sign
    (q) Grant Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm and when field is in use for permitted sports
    (r) Hillsdale Park – Open during park hours, except closed on school days from 8am-4pm
    (s) Irving Park - Open during park hours
    (t) Laurelhurst Park -Open during park hours
    (u) Lents Park - Open during park hours
    (v) Luuwit View Park- Open during park hours
    (w) Lynchwood Park - Open during park hours
    (x) Mt Tabor Park – Open 7am-9pm
    (y) Normandale Park – Open during park hours

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(z) Overlook Park – Open during park hours
(aa) Parklane Park – Open during park hours
(bb) Portland International Raceway Broadacre Gate – Open during park hours
(cc) Sacajawea Park - Open during park hours
(dd) Sellwood Riverfront Park - Open during park hours
(ee) Sewallcrest Park - Open during park hours, except when field is in use for permitted sports
(ff) The Fields – Open during park hours
(gg) Wallace Park - Open during park hours
(hh) Willamette Park - Open during park hours
(ii) Wilshire Park - Open during park hours
(jj) Woodstock Park - Open during park hours

E. Closures

1. PP&R may close dog off-leash areas at any time for maintenance or to protect the health of dogs and visitors.

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