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BY: Mayor Greg Lincoln

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Ordinance No. 1548

CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC DOG PARKS.

SECTION 1. DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following shall constitute the minimum rules and regulations that shall be required for all public dog parks owned or operated by the City of Connellsville. Persons shall be responsible for any dog(s) in his or her custody or that he or she may bring to, permits to enter, or controls at any dog park, regardless of whether he or she is the owner of such dog(s).

1. All dogs must wear an ID tag with proof of current vaccinations as well as owner's name and telephone number. Vaccination requirements shall be as determined by the City.
2. An owner/handler shall have in his/her possession proof of a valid dog license for dog(s).
3. Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog(s) with leash readily available.
4. Owners and all other participants use the park at their own risk.
5. Owners are required to clean up after their dog(s).
6. Dog(s) must be leashed when entering or leaving the dog park.
7. Users must close all gates as you enter and exit off leash area.
8. No child under the age of 12 is allowed in the park. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
9. Dogs that are vicious, dangerous, aggressive in behavior, have a communicable disease, or in heat are not allowed in the dog park.

10. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed immediately from the park.
Please be courteous of our neighbors and if your dog continuously barks, please remove them.
11. Maximum of 2 dogs per handler.
12. Dog collars must be worn at all times. No pinch, choke or spike collars are allowed in the park.
13. Users must stop dogs from digging, owners must fill hole(s) made by their dogs.
14. Equipment in the dog park is for dogs only (not persons, including children).
15. No strollers, bikes, skateboards, roller blades, etc. inside the dog park.
16. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, glass containers or food are allowed in the park.
17. The park is open from sunrise to sunset.
18. No puppies under 4 months are permitted in the dog park.

SECTION 2. ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

- A) Use of any dog park shall be at the sole risk of the user. Users of any dog park assume all risks for injuries and are liable for damages or claims caused by their dog(s) or related in any way to their use of any dog park.
- B) Users of any dog park are notified of the risks of using a dog park to themselves, other persons, and dogs, including, without limitation, exposure to diseases, infections, parasites, and other illnesses; bites, lacerations, abrasions, cuts, and other injuries; death; and economic damages and injuries. These risks relate to the condition of the equipment, other users of any dog park, and other persons and dogs in any dog park.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

- A) Rules and regulations will be enforced under PA State Dog Law Statutes 3 P.S. § 459-101-1205; 3 P.S. § 501, 531-532, 550-551; 34 Pa.C.S.A. § 2381-2386; 34 Pa.C.S.A. § 2928, 2941-2945.
- B) Users shall be required to follow all other laws and regulations that may be applicable to dogs in any dog park.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT.

- A) The City of Connellsville Police Department, and its officers, and any other person authorized by resolution of City Council, shall enforce this ordinance.

- B) Any user who fails to comply with the above rules and regulations may receive a ticket for the amount of \$25.00. In lieu of such ticket, at the discretion of the person enforcing this ordinance, or upon failure to pay such ticket, in full, within 10 days of the date of issuance, any user who fails to comply with the above rules and regulations shall be subject to summons or citation up to \$1,000.00.
- C) Any user who fails to comply with the above rules and regulations shall be subject to suspension of park privileges.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance, it being the intent of the City of Connellsville that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

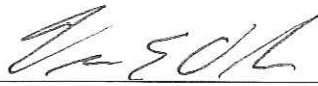
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective ten days from the date of enactment by City Council.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE:

Attest:



City Clerk

BY: 

Mayor and President of Council