

ORDINANCE NO.4786

AN ORDINANCE to amend subsections 10.03 (K) and 20.22 (Z) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of La Crosse relating to Animals in City Parks, Athletic Fields and Trails and Prohibited Areas for Animals.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Subsection 10.03(K) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(K) ANIMALS IN CITY PARKS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND TRAILS~~RUNNING AT LARGE~~. ~~No Domestic or domesticated animals shall be allowed in parks as designated below Riverside Park at any time. No domestic or domesticated animal shall be allowed in any other parks except as designated below:~~

- 1) Leashed dogs on a leash of not more than eight (8) ~~six (6)~~ feet shall be allowed in all City parks provided that such dogs remain on sidewalks or designated walkways or trail.
- 2) ~~Said dogs must display current rabies tag and current dog registration tags.~~
- 2) Dogs will be allowed on the golf course when the course is closed to golfing, and dogs are restricted from using the groomed ski trails.
- 3) All domestic or domesticated animals must display current registration tags, and dogs must display current rabies tag.
- 4) Owner/Caretaker of any such ~~dog~~ domestic or domesticated animal must have a shovel, scoop, bag or other item for removal of fecal matter on such premise, remove and deposit the fecal matter in a waste container. Failure to do so will result in a citation and fine.
- 5) Visually-impaired, hearing-impaired, or mobility -impaired persons for the reason that the person is being led by a dog specially trained or being specially trained shall have open access to all park property.
- 6) Dogs used by or under the auspices of the City of La Crosse Police or Fire Department or County Sheriff's Department or any City Police or Fire Department or County Sheriff's Department or any Federal or State agency shall have open access to all park property.
- 7) Unleashed dogs are only allowed in areas designated by the Board of Park Commissioners as "dog parks" as long as that dog is under the voice control of the owner/caretaker at all times. Any incident of aggressive animal behavior shall result in banning the animal from the dog park.
- 8) Complaints about dogs running loose, owner/caretakers not picking up fecal matter, aggressive dog behavior or any other issue related to this ordinance shall be handled and prosecuted under the administration authority of the Coulee Region Humane Society or other agency contracted with the City of La Crosse.

SECTION II: Subsection 20.22 (Z) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(Z) PROHIBITED AREAS FOR ANIMALS.

Any person owning, keeping or in charge of any animal shall not permit such animal to be on an athletic playing field including (Fields for Kids), golf course during the golf season, any school grounds, except for school-sponsored and authorized purposes, beaches or cemeteries in the City of La Crosse at any time. The provisions of this section shall not apply to ~~seeing-eye dogs specially trained for visually-impaired, hearing-impaired or mobility-impaired persons~~dogs used and accompanied by a blind person.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage publication.

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Timothy Kabat, Mayor

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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

Passed: 12/12/13  
Approved:  
Published: 12/21/13

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

This ordinance is approved notwithstanding the failure of the Mayor to affix his signature thereto by virtue of the provisions of sec. 62.09(8), Wis. Stats.

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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk