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BARRY C. SAMUEL, DIRECTOR

April 11, 2002

Agenda: May 7, 2002

Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Dear Members of the Board:

This is to submit to your Board a proposed ordinance to make changes to the County Code §10.04.100 Dogs and Cats, to allow off-leash dogs in special areas of parks (dog parks) designated and posted by the Parks Director. The proposed ordinance also amends County Code §10.04.120 to update the existing reference to "seeing-eye dogs" and allow for service animals for persons with disabilities in County parks.

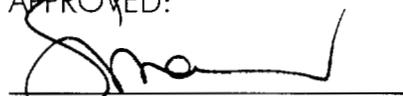
IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board approve in concept the attached proposed ordinance amending §10.04.100 and §10.04.120 and direct that the proposed ordinance and amendment be returned to your Board on May 21, 2002, for final adoption.

Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel
Director

APPROVED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

BCS/cms

Attachments

Distribution: CAO • County Counsel • RDA • Auditor • Planning • Parks

The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is to provide safe, well designed and maintained parks and a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for our diverse community

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ORDINANCE NO. ____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.04.100 OF
THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE TO ALLOW OFF-LEASH DOGS IN
SPECIAL AREAS OF PARKS AS DESIGNATED AND POSTED
BY THE PARK DIRECTOR, AND AMENDING SECTION 10.04.120 TO ALLOW
FOR SERVICE ANIMALS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (IN
ADDITION TO SEEINGEYE DOGS) IN COUNTY PARKS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 10.04.100 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10.04.100 Dogs and cats.

A. Dogs shall be licensed in accordance with the animal ordinance. A person may bring and maintain in any park, exclusive of golf courses, a dog or cat, if such dog or cat is kept on a leash or chain not to exceed six feet in length and under immediate control of its owner or custodian, or upon written permission of the director when required for authorized park programs, or when dogs are in special areas of parks designated and posted by the Park Director as dog exercise and training areas (dog parks) and so long as the regulations of the Park Director with respect to the use of such areas are followed.

B. Any person owning or having control of any dog or cat which defecates upon property owned or managed by the department of parks, open space and cultural services must immediately remove and dispose of the feces.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the director has the authority to prohibit dogs and cats in any park or part thereof after submitting the proposal to the parks commission for review and recommendation. (Ord. 4429 § 2, 1996; prior code § 8.60.040(h); Ord. 2954, 7/15/80)

SECTION II

Section 10.04.120 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.04.120 Service animals for persons with disabilities.

Sections 10.04.090, 10.04.100 and 10.04.110 do not apply to service animals used to assist persons with disabilities, such as guide dogs, hearing dogs, assistance dogs, seizure alert dogs or social/therapy dogs ; provided, that such service animals shall remain under the immediate control of such persons with disabilities. (Prior code § 8.60.040(j): Ord. 2954, 7/15/80)

SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day after the date of final passage.

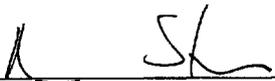
PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2002, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

- AYES:** SUPERVISORS
- NOES:** SUPERVISORS
- ABSENT:** SUPERVISORS
- ABSTAIN:** SUPERVISORS

 Chairperson of the
 Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
 Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Assistant County Counsel

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SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect on the 3 1st day after the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2002, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

- AYES: SUPERVISORS
- NOES: SUPERVISORS
- ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
- ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Assistant County Counsel