

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