

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Sommers

Sec'd by Ald. Burr

Date of Adoption: 07-15-14

Index No: 207-14

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Johnson				X
Ald. Ramkissoo	X			
Ald. Sommers	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues				X
TOTAL	7			2

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Middletown has authorized the construction of a dog park to be located at the City-owned Maple Hill Park and to be supervised by the City's Recreation and Parks Department, and

Whereas, the City's Recreation and Parks Department has proposed certain guidelines for the use of the new dog park, and those guidelines are attached to this resolution, and

Whereas, the Common Council wants to approve and adopt those guidelines for the operation of the new dog park.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown as follows:

Section 1. Section 161-7, Chapter 161: Animals of the Code of the City of Middletown is amended by repealing the existing Section 161-7 and replacing it with the following:

Section 161-7 City Parks

A. No dogs shall be permitted in any park owned by the City of Middletown, except in areas specifically designated for such use by the Department of Recreation and Parks, or as otherwise set forth in Section 161-7 B, below.

B. There is established hereby a specific dog park area in the City-owned Maple Hill Park, which is to be supervised by the City's Recreation and Parks

Department. The following guidelines, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Common Council, are hereby adopted governing the use of the dog park:

City of Middletown Recreation & Parks Department Dog Park Guidelines

- Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to Dusk (Hours of operation are subject to change at the discretion of the Superintendent of Recreation & Parks as deemed necessary)
- Park Users and Dog Owners assume all risks related to park use
- The off-leash dog park does not permit children ten (10) years of age and under or dogs under four (4) months old
- Children from 11 years of age to 17 years of age must be under adult supervision at all times
- Area A – Small dogs (30 lbs or less)
- Area B – All dogs
- Maximum of three (3) dogs per adult
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered
- Dogs must be licensed by the City of Middletown and up-to-date with vaccinations
- A current license tag must be visible on each dog's collar
- Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the off-leash park area
- Dogs are permitted to be off-leash in the designated fenced area only and the gates must remain closed
- Owners/responsible parties must carry a leash and maintain control over their dogs at all times while in the park
- Owners/responsible parties must clean up after their dogs and dispose of dog waste in an appropriate container
- Dogs are prohibited from digging. Any holes created must be filled in by owner before leaving the park
- No dog treats, human foods or drinks are permitted in the off-leash park
- No animals other than dogs are permitted within the off-leash park area
- Dog are not permitted on benches
- Aggressive and/or threatening dogs are not permitted in the off-leash park unless muzzled and leashed at all times
- Aggressive behavior, dog bites to person or dogs and/or other such incidents must be reported to the Recreation & Parks Department office at 845-346-4180 Monday-Friday during the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM or 343-3151 on evenings and weekends.
- All other Recreation & Parks rules and regulations, as well as, all City of Middletown ordinances apply.

C. A violation of any provision of this Section 161-7 shall constitute an offense within the meaning of the Penal Law of the State of New York and shall be punishable as provided in Section 161-8 C.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.