



Park and Recreation Department

Proposed Amendments to SDMC63.0102, Use of Public Parks and Beaches Regulated – Dog Off-Leash Areas and Dogs in Public Parks, Plazas, Beaches, and Beach Areas

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The Fifteen Locations of Dog Off-Leash Areas within The City of San Diego



All current Dog Off-Leash Areas are north of Highway 94 and west of Interstate 15.



Acres of Each Dog Off-Leash Area in The City of San Diego

Balboa Park-			
Grape Street	4.85 acres	Dog Beach	38.63 Acres
Morley Field	2.47 acres	Fiesta Island	381.91 Acres
Nate's Point	2.44 acres		
Cadman	1.17 Acres		
Capehart	0.44 Acres		
Doyle	0.54 Acres		
Dusty Rhodes	3.47 Acres		
Kearny Mesa	1.28 Acres		
Maddox	0.63 Acres		
Nobel	0.56 Acres		
Rancho Bernardo	1.32 Acres		
Rancho Penasquitos	0.56 Acres		
<u>Torrey Highlands</u>	<u>0.73 Acres</u>		
Total	20.46 Acres		



Resolutions & Ordinances that Established the Department's Dog Off-Leash Areas (DOLA)

May 30, 1972-Ordinance No. 10843. Established Fiesta Island and Dog Beach as Off-Leash Areas.

April 12, 1999-Resolution 291472. Established the following existing twenty-four hour Leash-Free areas for dogs shall remain Leash-Free ; Dog Beach, Fiesta Island, Morley Field and Nate's Point.

Resolution 291472 also defined boundaries and time restrictions for Grape Street Park and implemented a limit restriction; (1) person using the Leash-Free area may have a maximum of two dogs off-leash at the same time, and must retain voice command at all times.

April 26, 1999-Ordinance No. 18642 Amended Chapter VI, Article 3, Division 1 of the San Diego Municipal Code by Amending Section 63.0102 relating to regulating the use of Public Parks and Beaches.



Resolutions & Ordinances That Established the Department's Dog Off-Leash Areas (DOLA)

January 9, 2001, Resolution No. R294435 Approved the creation and establishment of the Off-Leash Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee was established to begin a new process of selecting Off-Leash Areas and identify criteria that could apply to all park land for siting Off-Leash Areas.

June 11, 2002, City Council established one year trial Off-Leash Areas at Doyle Community Park, by Resolution No. R-296657, Torrey Highlands Maintenance Assessment District by Resolution No. R-296658, Kearny Mesa Community Park, by Resolution No. R-296660, Cabrillo Heights Neighborhood Park, by Resolution No. R-296661; and Dusty Rhodes Neighborhood Park by Resolution No. R-296659




Resolutions & Ordinances That Established the Department's Dog Off-Leash Areas (DOLA)

June 11, 2002 City Council designated Off-Leash Areas at Grape Street Park by Resolution No. R-296666; Maddox Neighborhood Park by Resolution No. R-296663; and Cadman Park by Resolution No. R-296664

November 23, 2004 City Council adopted Resolution R-299884 declaring that permanent Off-Leash Areas are designated (where one-year trails have successfully concluded) at: Doyle Community Park, Dusty Rhodes Neighborhood Park, and Torrey Highlands Park (Maintenance Assessment District)




DOLASigns Will Become Consistent With Advisories and Enforceable Regulations Posted


THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COMMUNITY PARK
DOG OFF-LEASH AREA
ADVISORY

Implied Consent. The presence of a dog in a designated dog off-leash area or dog training area shall constitute implied consent of the person either owning or controlling the dog to the regulations imposed by the Park and Recreation Director.

Liability and Indemnification. The presence of a dog in a designated dog off-leash area or dog training area shall constitute a waiver of liability, on behalf of the person either owning or controlling the dog, to the City of San Diego, as well as an agreement and undertaking to protect, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of San Diego for any injury or damage caused by the dog.


THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COMMUNITY PARK
DOG OFF-LEASH AREA
MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS

1. LEASH dog while entering and leaving the Off-Leash Area.
2. Current Dog License Required. It is unlawful for a dog owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog, or both, to have a dog within a designated off-leash area or dog training area without a current and valid dog license as required by San Diego County Code Section 62.620 Dog Supervision.
3. It is unlawful for an owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog, or both, to abandon or otherwise leave any off-leash dog unattended or unsupervised within any designated dog off-leash area or dog training area at any time.
4. Female Dogs in Estrus. It is unlawful for a dog owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog, or both, to have a female dog in estrus (heat cycle) within a dog off-leash area or dog training area.
5. It is unlawful in the event of a dog bite that results in injury requiring medical care to a person or another dog, the owner(s) or person(s), or both, with custody, care, charge, control or possession of the dog, at the time of the injury, to fail to provide his or her full name, correct dog license information, telephone number, mailing address, and driver's license number.
6. Three Dog Limit. With the exception of Fiesta Island, and Grape Street, it is unlawful for an owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog, or both, to have more than three (3) dogs within a designated dog off-leash area or dog training area at anytime. Six (6) dogs per person are allowed at Fiesta Island, and two (2) dogs per person are allowed at Grape Street.
7. Owners must clean up after their pets.



Dog Off-Leash Area Rules and Regulations Posted



Fiesta Island, Dog Beach and Dusty Rhodes were designated by City Council Resolution R-296665 on June 11, 2002 as areas that are allowed to have dog training within the Dog Off-Leash Areas.



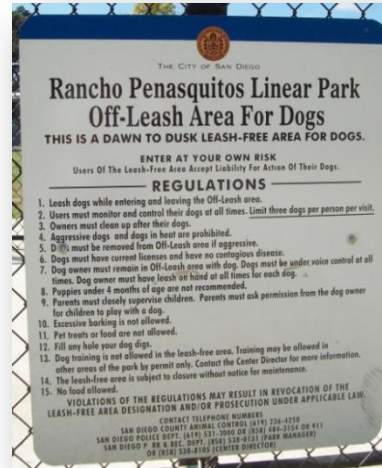
Five Dog Off-Leash Areas Currently Have Posted Limits



Dusty Rhodes
3.47 Acres, Limit 3



Grape Street
4.85 Acres, Limit 2



Rancho Penasquitos Linear
0.56 Acres, Limit 3



Maddox
0.63 Acres, Limit 3



Rancho Bernardo
1.32 Acres, Limit 3

Each of these sites currently have designated limits on the amount of dogs ranging from two (2) to three (3) per handler.



City of San Diego Limits for Dogs Per Household



There is a six (6) dog limit within the City of San Diego.

Based on documents retrieved from the City Clerk's Office, the legislative history is quite clear that the City Council intended to adopt the old language of the County Code and not any subsequent amendments.



Commercial Permits for Dog Walker Businesses

The Stakeholders were advised that the Department is pursuing a fee to address commercial permits for dog walker/pet sitter businesses.



Regulation of Dogs in the County of San Diego Parks



Currently there are no Dog Off-Leash Areas within the County's Park System.

Domestic pets are allowed in many County Parks, with certain exceptions and restrictions. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and must be attended at all times.



The County of San Diego Consists of Eighteen (18) Incorporated Cities. Of These Cities;

Dog Limits per Household

- Nine (9) cities have dog limits of four (4) or less.
- Four (4) cities have limits based on zoning parcel size.
- Four (4) cities reference County Code (6)
- One (1) city has a dog limit of five (5)

There are thirty-seven (37) Public Dog Off-Leash Areas

- Three (3) cities have multiple (four max) full time designated DOLA.
- Two (2) cities have multiple shared use (times) areas.
- Eight (8) cities have a single DOLA.
- Four (4) cities do not have any DOLA.
- One (1) City, The City of San Diego has fifteen (15) DOLA



Park and Recreation Staff Report

Questions?