

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 3.24.110(A) AND 6.12.010(A) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW DOGS OFF-LEASH IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PARK AREAS.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance, within 60 days, that will amend Chapter 3.24.110(A) and 6.12.010(A) of the Pasadena Municipal Code and any related sections to provide that persons may allow dogs off-leash in the designated public park areas and to establish certain regulations for the use of those areas.

BACKGROUND

The Master Plan for Viña Vieja Park was developed with a great deal of community input. During the development of the Master Plan for this park the community expressed a strong desire that this park contain an off-leash dog area. This feature was included in the park's design and a portion of the off-leash area has been funded by a donation in honor of Alice Frost Kennedy. Currently, the Pasadena Municipal Code does not permit dogs to run loose in public parks. As such there is a need to amend the Code to allow dogs to run loose in a public park in an off-leash area designated for that purpose and otherwise conform to regulations established for the use of those areas.

The purpose of these amendments is to protect the safety of all park users, ensure that public property is not unnecessarily damaged and amend the park's hours of operation per the adopted park master plan. The proposed amendments include language that requires the removal and disposal of dog feces; prohibits the harassment of dogs by humans; provides for the immediate removal of dogs showing aggression toward persons or other dogs (and permanent banishment for repeat offenses); and prohibits the use of the park from dusk until dawn. In addition to these codified rules, staff has

developed administrative rules, many of which are already codified, to provide direction to users of the off-leash area.


FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed amendments to the Pasadena Municipal Code would not result in the need for additional appropriations.


Respectfully Submitted,


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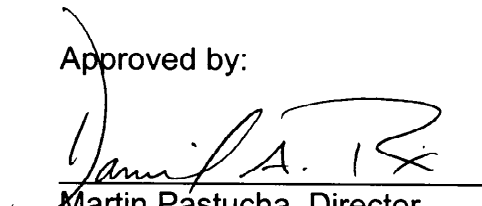
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