

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.12.010 CONCERNING  
DOGS OFF LEASH IN CITY PARKS

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTION 6.12.010 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN CITY PARKS

## PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE

The general rule is that dogs are prohibited from running at large in public places, public streets, alleys or unenclosed lots or premises. The purpose of this amendment is to permit dogs to be off leash in a designated off-leash dog park, and while participating in a city-permitted exhibition, bench show or dog obedience training program in a city park.

## REASON WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

The city council directed that the "running at large" ordinance be changed, which requires an amendment of the municipal code.

## PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

Dog obedience training programs, the Pasadena Humane Society, the City's Public Health Department, and individual dog trainers who want to use city parks will be impacted by this ordinance.

## POLICY CHANGE

This amendment would be a policy change in the sense that at the present time, Section 6.12.010 does not require that dog trainers obtain permits to teach obedience in a city park.

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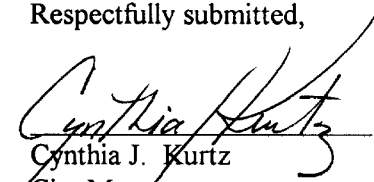
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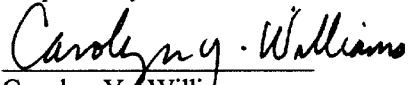
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This amendment will have no fiscal impact on the general fund.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cynthia J. Kurtz  
City Manager

Prepared by:

  
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Asst. City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING  
SECTION 6.12.010 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED  
TO DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN CITY PARKS

**SECTION 1.** Section 6.12.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended to  
read as follows:

**“ 6.12.010     Running at large prohibited.**

A. No person owning, having an interest in, harboring or having charge,  
care, control, custody or possession of any dog shall cause or permit  
such dog to be in or upon any public street, alley or other public place  
or in or upon any unenclosed lot or premises, unless such dog is securely  
confined by a strong cord, chain or leash, not exceeding 6 feet, securely  
and continuously held by a competent person owning, having an interest  
in, harboring or having charge, care, control, custody or possession of  
such dog, or unless such dog is confined within an automobile.

**B. This section shall not apply to any city council designated  
off-leash dog park, to dogs participating in an exhibition, bench  
show or dog obedience training program in a city park and for which  
the city has issued a permit for said exhibition, bench show or**

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**training program. 'Dog obedience training program' shall mean  
an organized plan or system of instruction consisting of interaction  
between a dog and its trainer towards the goal of conditioning the dog  
to obey the commands of the trainer."**

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication.

Signed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Bill Bogaard  
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of  
the City of Pasadena at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Published:

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Jane Rodriguez  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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