

Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 3372: AMENDING LMC 13.01.120 RELATING TO PARK USE REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT DOGS RUNNING LOOSE IN CITY PARKS

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: Quality of Place

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Required

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On January 25, 2018, Council approved a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance containing changes to LMC 13.01.120 specifically addressing dogs running loose.

The motion at the meeting approved the change to LMC 13.01.120 (6) removing the designation of a female dog or other animal during mating period to a requirement that all dogs and other animals are mandated to be on a leash not more than six feet (6') in length and physically controlled. Permitting such a dog to be unleashed shall be considered a violation of this chapter. This provision shall not apply to the Gerhart Gardens off-leash dog park.

At the January meeting, additional discussion occurred about possible amendments to the original motion that may come forward. Councilmember Wallis has recommended a proposed amendment to the original motion to exclude 7th Avenue Park, John Null Park, and Roy Morse Park. The exclusion does not alter LMC 13.01.110 to where animals are prohibited at all times in certain areas such as public beaches, fountains, organized athletic areas, sports fields, playgrounds, or golf courses except in areas designated as "pet areas". This section also shall not apply to dog guides, service animals, or dogs performing law enforcement activities.

After lengthy discussion, the council agreed that the Parks Board should discuss the ordinance at their next meeting and provide feedback to the council.

A motion was made by Council Member Moon, seconded by Council Member Vydra, to table consideration of Ordinance 3372 until the March 8th regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To review Ordinance 3372 and the Amendment for 3372 and make a Park and Recreation Advisory Board supported recommendation after consideration.