An ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 to require adherence to the Department of Recreation and Parks’ Off-Leash Dog Park Rules and Regulations, to establish designated dog exercise and training areas at the Griffith Park Dog Park and Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park, and to prohibit unlicensed dogs in City dog parks.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles currently has nine off-leash dog parks, each with its own set of rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to clarify any confusion amongst the public and ensure efficient and effective enforcement of the rules and regulations at the off-leash dog parks, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners adopted a set of standard rules and regulations to apply at all off-leash dog parks in the City; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an ordinance to legally recognize the existing Griffith Park and Whitnall Park off-leash dog exercise areas is necessary to allow for enforcement of the rules and regulation in those areas.

NOW THEREFORE,

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection G of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

Every person shall comply with rules promulgated by the Board for the use of golf courses, tennis courts, and dog parks, which rules shall be conspicuously posted at each golf course, tennis court, and dog park.

Sec. 2. Paragraph (d) of Subdivision 2 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

(d) Licensed dogs or cats when led by a leash not more than six (6) feet long, or when confined within the interior of a vehicle, or licensed dogs under the control of a competent person in designated dog exercise and training areas at:

(i) City parks or portions of City parks approved and designated as dog exercise and training areas by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and approved by the City Council by ordinance;

(ii) Laurel Canyon Park from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. until park closing every day of the week;
(iii) Silver Lake Recreation Center, provided, however, that no dogs, whether or not led by a leash, shall be permitted or allowed in any part of the Silver Lake Recreation Center other than the fenced area designated as a dog exercise and training area, except as permitted or allowed by Paragraph (c) hereof;

(iv) A portion of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area consisting of approximately 10 acres and located on Victory Boulevard near White Oak Avenue, which shall be open at sunrise and closed at sunset every day of the week;

(v) A portion of Runyon Canyon Park consisting of approximately 90 acres located within the area 825 feet north of the Fuller Street entrance, 450 feet east of the Vista Street entrance and 1,850 feet south of the Mulholland Drive entrance. The boundaries of the off-leash dog exercise area described in this subparagraph shall be appropriately designated within the park. A separate portion of Runyon Canyon Park consisting of approximately 21,000 square feet located between the Fuller Street and Vista Street entrances and enclosed by a fence shall be designated a “no dogs or cats allowed” area and no dogs or cats shall be permitted or allowed inside the designated fenced area whether on or off leash;

(vi) A portion of Barrington Park consisting of 1.4 acres as designated on the site plan contained in Council File No. 02-0094 which shall be appropriately designated within the park and enclosed by fencing as indicated on the site plan. No dogs, whether on or off leash, shall be permitted or allowed in any area of Barrington Park other than the fenced area designated as an off-leash dog exercise area, except as provided by Paragraph (c) hereof;

(vii) An enclosed portion of Knoll Hill consisting of approximately three acres as designated on Knoll Hill by the Harbor Department;

(viii) An enclosed area consisting of approximately .84 acres, bounded by the Westminster Senior Center parking lot on the west, Main Street on the east, Westminster Avenue on the south and Clubhouse Avenue on the north, which shall be opened at sunrise and closed at sunset every day of the week;

(ix) A designated fenced area consisting of approximately .86 acres in Hermon Park;

(x) A designated area consisting of approximately 1.6 acres at Griffith Park and located at the north end of the John Ferraro Soccer Field on North Zoo Drive;
(xi) A designated area consisting of approximately 3 acres at Whitnall Park on Whitnall Highway in North Hollywood, including a 50,000 square foot area for large dogs and a 22,500 square foot area for small dogs.

The exception to Subdivision 2 contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through October 31, and no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days.
Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of OCT 29 2008.

KAREN E. KALFAYAN, City Clerk

By [Signature]

Deputy

Approved NOV 05 2008

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By [Signature]

ADRIENNE KORASANEE
Deputy City Attorney

Date 9·16·08

File No. 07-1738
DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, MARIA C. RICO, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 180332 – Amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on October 29, 2008, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on November 6, 2008 I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Hall of Records of the County of Los Angeles.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on November 6, 2008 and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 6th day of November 2008 at Los Angeles, California.

Maria C. Rico, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: December 16, 2008

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