

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE**

ORDINANCE 18-2525 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A DOG PARK”

was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bergenfield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Executive Council Chambers, Bergenfield Municipal Center, 198 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

A clear and concise statement is to establish the rules and regulations for a dog park as set forth in the ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance may be obtained without cost between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Borough Clerk, 198 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey.

Marie Quinones, RMC
Borough Clerk

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FOR A DOG PARK"**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bergenfield ("Borough") has determined that the establishment of a dog park in the Borough would benefit the dog owners in the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bergenfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Section _____ shall be added to the Borough Code, establishing rules and regulations for a dog park. This section shall read as follows:

§ _____ Dog Parks.

- A. The Dog Park shall be open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.
- B. All dogs shall be required to wear a licensed tag and be current with vaccinations, i.e., rabies.
- C. Any person owning or keeping a dog which has been determined to be a vicious and/or aggressive dog shall be prohibited from the dog park.
- D. Any person owning or in charge of any dog is prohibited from causing, suffering or allowing the dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance in the designated dog park area.
- E. Any person owning or in charge of any dog shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces deposited by said dog by the sanitary method approved by the local health authority.
- F. Any person owning or in charge of any dog who violates or fails or refuses to comply with Section _____ of this article, shall be fined a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense.
- G. Puppies must be at least four (4) months old.
- H. Owners may not leave their dog unattended or allowed out of sight.

- I. Children under ten (10) years of age are not permitted in the dog park with a dog unless accompanied by an adult;
 - J. Dogs in heat are not allowed in the park.
 - K. Unattended dogs will be impounded.
 - L. Owners are responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
 - M. All dog bites must be reported to the Health Department. Any dog that bites any person or shows aggression towards another dog will not be permitted in the dog park.
 - N. No spiked, pronged or choke collars are allowed.
 - O. The dog park may close for maintenance without prior notice.
 - P. A sign shall be visible listing all the rules and regulations of the dog park together with a phone number to contact for emergencies and to report any attendants that are not following the rules of the dog park.
 - Q. Owners with their dogs may enter Veterans Memorial Park to access the dog park with their dog leashed at all times while outside the perimeter of the park and until entry into the dog park.
2. There are no other changes to this Chapter of the Borough Code of the Borough of Bergenfield.
 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
 4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.
 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Approved: _____
Norman Schmelz, Mayor

Attest: _____
Corey Gallo
Borough Administrator

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