

Ordinance No. 00361

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AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, amending Chapter 8.76 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, Section 8.76.330, relating to Pets in City Park Facilities.

WHEREAS, with the incorporation of the City of Lakewood, a number of enforcement responsibilities became the purview of the City; and,

WHEREAS, included in that scope of enforcement responsibility is animal control; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is currently without the benefit of what is commonly known as a "scoop" law throughout the City.

WHEREAS, the Parks Code does address this issue, but leaves the remaining public areas of the City without protection.

WHEREAS, by adding a new code Section, Animal Waste/Owner Responsibility (06.02.086), and amending Section 8.76.330(C) of the Lakewood Municipal Code, the City of Lakewood can enforce the removal of animal waste from all public areas.

WHEREAS, for these reasons, it is appropriate for the City of Lakewood to take steps to provide for suitable regulations to address this issue accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. That Section 8.76.330 of the Lakewood Municipal Code be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.76.330 Pets in City park facilities.

A. Dogs, pets, or domestic animals are not permitted on any designated swimming beach, picnic area, play areas or any other park area in any City park or in any building, except in those areas specifically identified with signs posted indicating that dogs, pets, or domestic animals are permitted. It is provided, however, that this section shall not apply to guide dogs to assist persons with visual or hearing impairment.

B. In those permissible areas, dogs or other pets or domestic animals must be kept on a leash no greater than eight feet in length, and shall be kept under control at all times.

C. Any person whose dog or other pet is in any park area shall be responsible for the conduct of the animal and for removing feces deposited by such animal from the park area: in compliance with LMC 6.02.086. (Ord. 126 ? 1 (part), 1997.)

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 3. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the ordinance summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 1st day of November, 2004.

Attest:

Douglas R. Richardson, Mayor

Alice M. Bush, CMC/AE, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney