

RESOLUTION NO. 19-11

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM
TO ALLOW DOGS IN SELECTED CITY PARKS**

WHEREAS, current City ordinance does not allow dogs in City parks unless otherwise posted, such as the gated dog run area at Rendezvous Park, at Deer Crest on City property between Lundstrom Park and 1500 North, behind the flood control impoundment at the end of Mountain Road at Dry Canyon, and on-leash on all City trails; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the ordinance, City staff and citizens have observed dogs in parks and having had many requests for "dog-friendly" parks; and

WHEREAS, City staff have researched other municipalities which have had similar experiences and conducted pilot programs to raise awareness, change behavior, and improve park and trail cleanliness; and

WHEREAS, public outreach has been conducted by the City in various formats to gather opinions and comments regarding the matter.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOGAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, that the One-Year Pilot Program to allow dogs in selected City parks be approved. A detailed description of the program is included with this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE LOGAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, THIS 5 DAY OF March, 2019.



Jeannie F. Simmonds, Chairman
Logan Municipal Council

ATTEST:



Teresa Harris, City Recorder



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**CITY OF LOGAN
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**REVISED PROPOSAL FOR A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM
TO ALLOW DOGS IN SELECTED CITY PARKS**

February 19, 2019

Introduction

On January 22, 2019, the City of Logan held a public meeting to gather input regarding a City proposal to conduct a 12-month pilot program that allows dogs off-leash at selected park locations. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate whether these sites should be designated off-leash after the pilot program.

Currently, dogs are prohibited in City parks and must be on-leash when using a City trail, unless posted otherwise. Dogs are permitted off-leash within the gated dog run area at Rendezvous Park, at Deer Crest between Lundstrom Park and 1500 North, and behind the flood control impoundment at the end of Mountain Road at Dry Canyon.

The City has received numerous responses from the public both in favor and against the proposal. Since the Jan. 22 meeting, the City has reduced the number of sites for the pilot program to eight locations.

The Proposal

The City proposal is to conduct a 12-month pilot program selecting seven locations as off-leash sites. These sites include:

Jens Johansen Park, 850 East 100 North
Jones Neighborhood Park, 400 West 625 North
Kilowatt Park, 331 South 300 West
Logan Meadows Park, 350 South 600 West
Pioneer Parkway, 165 East Poplar Avenue
Ray Hugie Hydro Park, Northside of US 89 at Canyon Road
Logan Service Center East Lawn Area, 810 West 600 North

The pilot program sites include four parks that have playgrounds, one pavilion, and all sites are either in proximity or connected to a City trail.

With regards to the Rendezvous Park West Pond Area proposal, dogs are only permitted off-leash in the area designated in the proposal. Dogs are not permitted off-leash on the Logan River Trail. The trail is posted as an on-leash only trail, consistent with the rest of the City's trail system rules.

The pilot program also involves three monitoring periods (spring, summer, and fall) to assist City staff in determining the success of the program and whether the program should become permanent. The monitoring periods will also include public input during the pilot program. The monitoring and public input will be measured against anticipated outcomes:

- Reduction of dog waste from parks and trails
- Dog waste properly bagged and disposed in provided City trash cans
- Dogs have a current license
- Dogs shall not harass others
- Dogs shall not be unattended
- Dogs must be under voice control
- Dogs shall not be a nuisance

A final report will be provided to the City Council in April 2020.

Upon Approval

Upon Council approval of the pilot program, the City will:

- Launch a public awareness campaign
- Order and install quick-response or QR codes on Pilot Program site signs
- Order and install bag dispensers and place trash cans

After March 5

After March 5, the City will:

- Organize, promote, conduct staff and volunteer clean-up efforts
- Produce public information business cards with a QR code
- Design QR code so reader can receive City's web page containing the Pilot Program info
- Remove and dispose dog droppings from City trails and parks (March 18 – 23)
- Provide flyers and t-shirts for volunteers during clean-up effort
- Post signs at Pilot Program sites and during clean-up
- Raise awareness and encourage responsible park patronage
- Conduct monitoring periods during pilot program

By April 15

It is anticipated the pilot program sites will be operational by April 15th. This will allow time for the equipment needed to be delivered and installed by the City.

The Pilot Program is projected to conclude on April 15, 2020. A final report of the Pilot Program will be issued to the City Council in May 2020.