

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LARGO CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 17, PARKS AND RECREATION, BY AMENDING SECTION 17-17, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, TO EXCLUDE DOGS AND OTHER PETS FROM THE GEORGE C. MCGOUGH NATURE PARK EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY CITY POLICY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF LARGO CITY COMMISSION HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That section 17-17 of the Largo City Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17-17. Domestic animals.

- (a) Dogs and other pets will be excluded from any place where food and drinks are sold.
- (b) All dogs shall at all times be restrained and on adequate leashes not greater than six feet in length.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having custody or control of any dog on city property upon occurrence to fail to remove immediately the dog's excrement therefrom.
- (d) In compliance with regulations of the state, all pets are excluded from all swimming areas and beaches, except as specifically approved by the recreation, parks and arts department and health officials.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to Seeing Eye and guide dogs used by blind persons, to dogs used by police officers for law enforcement or tracking purposes, or to dogs while being trained in a city-authorized dog training program.
- (f) Dogs and other pets are excluded from the George C. McGough Nature Park, except as specifically approved by City policy.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded.

Section 4. That it is the intention of the City Commission that each provision of this ordinance be considered severable, and, if any section, subsection, sentence, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

Diane Bruner, City Clerk

Louis ("Woody") L. Brown, Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Alan S. Zimmet, City Attorney