



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

February 12, 2018

The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

SECOND READING: Adoption of a Park Improvement Ordinance for Peers Park Dog Off-leash Exercise Area (FIRST READING: January 29, 2018 PASSED: 9-0)

This was first heard by the City Council on January 29, 2018 and was passed 9-0. It is now before you for the second reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Peers Park Ordinance (PDF)

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk

NOT YET APPROVED

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Ordinance of The Council Of The City Of Palo Alto Approving And
Adopting a Plan for Construction of a Dog Off-Leash Exercise Area at
Peers Park

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council finds and declares that:

(a) Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto and Section 22.08.005 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code require that, before any substantial building, construction, reconstruction or development is commenced or approved, upon or with respect to any land held by the City for park purposes, the Council shall first cause to be prepared and by ordinance approve and adopt a plan therefor.

(b) Peers Park (the "Park") is dedicated to park purposes.

(c) The City intends to authorize construction of a dog off-leash exercise area at the Park. The area intended as the location of the dog off-leash exercise area is in an undeveloped section of the Park (See Exhibit "A.") The design is attached as Exhibit "B".

(d) The Plan of improvements shall comprise, as follows:

- (1) The Project will result in the construction of a dog off-leash area that is approximately 0.72 acres. The existing substrate, turf and mulch, would continue to serve as the substrate. Perimeter fencing, several seating areas, waste disposal containers, and a water fountain are also part of the design.
- (2) Access to the dog off-leash area would be gained from the existing pathways in the Park. Double entry gates will aid in control of unleashed dogs that might run into the park.
- (3) The location of the dog off-leash area was selected due to the Park's existing trees, which will provide shade, as well as the proximity to the train tracks, which help negate the noise issue.
- (4) The Project will not impact any trees.

(e) The Project described above and as otherwise depicted in the attached exhibit, is consistent with park, playground, recreation, and conservation purposes.

(f) The Council desires to approve the Plan for the Project described above and as depicted in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. The Council hereby approves the Plan for construction of a dog off-leash area at Peers Park, and hereby adopts the Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as part of the official plan for the construction a dog off-leash area at Peers Park.

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SECTION 3. The City Council finds that this ordinance falls under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption found in Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15303 (construction of new small facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 15061(b)(3)

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Senior Deputy City Attorney

City Manager

Director of Community Services

Director of Administrative Services

Peers Park Dog Off-Leash Exercise Area- Exhibit A



