

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 18, Animals, of the Joplin City Code by amending the definition of “at large” animal found in Section 18-1.

WHEREAS, the Joplin Park Board has endeavored to develop an off leash dog park in Parr Hill Park in the City of Joplin for use by local dog owners, and

WHEREAS, the Joplin Park Board has requested that the Joplin Health Department, Animal Control Ordinances be amended to allow for such dog park use, and

WHEREAS, the Health Board of the City of Joplin and Animal Control Staff have reviewed the off leash dog park proposal and have provided recommendations for operation of such park area, including a recommendation for minor changes to the Animal Control Ordinances of the City to allow dogs to be off leash in this area.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 18-1. Definitions. of Article I, In General, of Chapter 18 Animals of the Joplin City Code be amended by changing the definition of the term “at large ” to read as follows:

“Sec. 18-1 Definitions.

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At Large means any dog which is on or off the property of its owner or keeper and not restrained by a competent person, however, this definition shall not include a dog in a fenced area of a dog park established and operated by the Joplin Parks Department, where the dog owner is present in the fenced area of the dog park with such dog, and where the dog owner is following all other city ordinances or park rules for use of such dog park. “

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Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective from and after June 1, 2013.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 6th day of May, 2013.

Melodee Colbert-Kean, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara J. Gollhofer, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Brian W. Head, City Attorney