

RESOLUTION R- 4478

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING THE PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DOGS AND PARKS.

WHEREAS, in response to several requests that the City of Kirkland provide pet owners with an off-leash recreational area, the City Council held a joint study session with the Park Board, in April 2003, to discuss dogs and parks; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed the Park Board to form a Dogs and Parks Committee, which committee was formed in May 2003, and included representatives from the Park Board, K-Dog, Lake Washington School District, Audubon Society, Juanita Bay Ranger Program, Kirkland American Little League, and citizens at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was charged with developing recommendations concerning: leash law enforcement priorities; park use policy relating to pets; and off-leash recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Committee looked at existing off-leash areas in Seattle and throughout King County to learn about size criteria, maintenance needs, infrastructure elements, enforcement, and other concerns; and

WHEREAS, because the Committee determined that City designation of a single park for off-leash use would effectively create a destination dog park, the Committee recommended off-leash areas be provided in multiple park sites; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented a list of selection criteria to the City Council in February 2004 and has continued to work to refine those criteria over the last six months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the Park Board Recommendation at its meeting on October 19, 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The Kirkland City Council hereby approves the Kirkland Park Board Recommendations Regarding Dogs and Parks, as amended and set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 16th day of November, 2004.

Signed in authentication thereof this 16th day of November, 2004.

  
MAYOR

Attest:  
  
City Clerk  
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## EXHIBIT A

### **Park Board Recommendation**

1. Include off-leash dog areas as a program element for public consideration as part of all future park master planning projects.
2. When a stewardship group steps forward to champion an off-leash area, the following criteria should be followed:
  - Conduct a Public Hearing.
  - Involve Neighborhood Associations in the public process
  - Funding for start-up costs and ongoing maintenance should be offset by user fees, donations, and volunteer stewardship.
3. Amend Kirkland Municipal Code Chapter 11.80, "Park Rules" to prohibit pets from entering, McAuliffe Park, Peter Kirk Pool, Tot Lot Park, Ohde Pea Patch and that pets are allowed in the cemetery provided they are on a leash, stay on roads and pathways and under close control.