



COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

PARK, RECREATION AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jack Flynn, Chair

Meeting called by: Jack Flynn, Chair Date: 10-01-20 Time: 5:30PM

Committee Members

Present: Flynn, Chair Fahey Anane Love Johnson

Invitees/Speakers

Council Members

Present: Frederick and Kimbrough

City Personnel

Present: Danielle Gillespie, John-Raphael Pichardo

Minutes

Agenda Item (s):

ORDINANCE 18.91.20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I (DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE) OF CHAPTER 115 (ANIMALS) OF PART II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING DOGS ON FOLEY FIELD IN HOFFMAN PARK DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR

Questions and Discussion

- Chair Jack Flynn called the meeting to order.
- Council member Sonia Frederick provided justification for the Ordinance.
- Ordinance 18.91.20 was amended;
ORDINANCE 18.91.20 (As Amended 10/01/2020)

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The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Section 115-2 (Regulations) of Article I (Dogs Running at Large) of Chapter 115 (Animals) of Part II of the Code of the City of Albany is amended to read as follow:

§115-2 Regulations.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the City of Albany by Article 7 of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law, it shall be unlawful for any owner of, or any person harboring, any dog in the City of Albany to permit or allow such dog to:

- A. Run at large. All dogs are to be restrained by an adequate collar and leash, except that within the parks in the City of Albany, not including Hoffman Park, all dogs shall be so restrained or under the control of its owner or responsible person over 12 years of age. For the purposes of this section, "control" shall mean within sight of the owner and subject to immediate restraint. Any female dog in heat shall be confined to the premises of the owner or person harboring such dog during this period.
- B. Engage in howling or barking for a period of 10 minutes, or howls or barks intermittently for 1/2 hour or more regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property.
- C. Cause damage or destruction to property or commit a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.
- D. Chase or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as reasonably to cause intimidation or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury.
- E. Habitually chase or bark at motor vehicles.
- F. Be within 25 feet of a playground or any area containing playground equipment.
- G. Be at any City of Albany special event or festival or special event held in a City park.
- H. Be in Foley Field at Hoffman Park during the months of August through November of each calendar year so as to accommodate the youth sports season.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after enactment.

- Council member Flynn, Love and Fahey asked a question in which Council member Frederick and Johnson answered.
- Council Member Love made a motion to move Ordinance 18.91.20R out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment

Adjourn:

Council Member Love asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded by Council member Flynn, and passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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