

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-001**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
ESTABLISHING OFF-LEASH AREAS FOR DOGS  
(As approved March 8, 2018)**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Short Title**

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Dog Leash Ordinance."

**Section 2. Definitions**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall govern unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"IVRPD" means the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District.

"Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

**Section 3. Off-Leash Areas and Hours Established**

(a) Except as otherwise set forth in **Section 3(b)**, designated off-leash parks are as follows: Camino Pescadero, Little Acorn, Perfect, Peoples, Trigo-Pasado, Greek, Tipi Village, and Sueno Orchard. All designated areas are off-leash between the hours of sunrise and sunset only. No person shall permit their dog to be off leash at any park between the hours of sunset to sunrise.

(b) Exception to Section 3(a):

- (i) Persons attending an activity, meeting, or other event that has received a permit from IVRPD management that expressly allows dogs to be off-leash are exempt during the permitted hours. Dogs shall be leashed immediately following the conclusion of the event hours as defined in the Park Rental Agreement. IVRPD has the unilateral right to revoke the permit if it determines the permit guidelines have been violated and the park rental deposit may be retained by IVRPD at its sole discretion.

**Section 4. Signage for Off Leash Areas Established**

(1) IVRPD shall post and maintain clearly readable signs in visible locations on or near the off-leash areas which include:

- (a) Off-leash hours of operation
- (b) Rules and regulations of the off-leash area
- (c) Statement limiting the liability of IVRPD, such as;

“Use of this park is at your own risk. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for the actions and behavior of their dogs and are liable for damages or injury inflicted by their dogs. IVRPD assumes no liability or responsibility for damage or injuries in the park. Park users assume all risk associated with use of the park and waive liability of IVRPD for any injury or damage caused by dogs or humans while accessing or using the off-leash park.”

- (d) Consequences or penalties for violation of the ordinance.
- (e) Contact information for the IVRPD and the Isla Vista Foot Patrol.
- (f) Established Rules for the Off-Leash Area.

## **Section 5. Establish Rules for Off-Leash Areas**

1. All of the rules in IVRPD Ordinance 2017-001 apply to the use of any designated off-leash area.
2. Dogs must be under the voice control of their caretaker.
3. Leaving dogs unattended is prohibited. Owner/caretaker must be with dogs.
4. No more than 3 dogs per responsible adult (caretaker) allowed per visit.
5. Owners must carry a six-foot leash at all times, one for each dog.
6. Young children must be closely supervised.
7. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
8. Dogs with a known history of dangerous behavior are prohibited.
9. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled or removed.
10. Dogs must be leashed until they are in the posted off-leash area & upon leaving the posted off-leash area, using a six-foot leash.
11. Park users & dog owners assume all risk related to park use.
12. The park is open to all park users.
13. Puppies less than 4 months of age are prohibited.
14. Dogs in heat are prohibited.
15. Compliance with off-leash park rules will be monitored with the assistance of local volunteers, Isla Vista Foot Patrol and IVRPD staff. (See Section 7. Enforcement)
16. Each dog must wear a collar with identification and valid license attached at all times while in an off-leash area.
17. Dogs must have current vaccinations.

## **Section 6. Penalty.**

Violation of this Ordinance is an infraction with a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or the maximum allowed by law at the time of the violation.

## **Section 7. Removal of Violators.**

When it reasonably appears that a person has violated this ordinance on multiple occasions, or that the violation is particularly egregious in the determination of the IVRPD General Manager, or any other person authorized to enforce this ordinance, said person may be directed to leave the park and to remain out of all IVRPD parks for a period of 48 hours. A subsequent violation of this ordinance may result in said person being directed to remain out of all IVRPD parks for a period of up to one year. Refusal to leave, or returning to IVRPD parks within the time prescribed is a violation of this ordinance and the violator may be subject to arrest. This section is not intended to replace or supersede Section 148 of the California Penal Code.

## **Section 8. Enforcement.**

The IVRPD Park Ranger, any peace officer, including but not limited to members of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and University of California Campus Police, shall have the authority to enforce this Ordinance. Furthermore, at the direction of the General Manager, IVRPD staff shall have the authority to deny use of IVRPD parks, facilities and programs to individuals or groups who violate this ordinance.

**Section 9. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The Board of Directors of IVRPD hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

**Section 10. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance will be effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption or publication, whichever date occurs last.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2018

  
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Jacob Lebell, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Rodney Gould, General Manager/Interim Clerk

I, Rodney Gould, Interim Board Clerk of IVRPD, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2017-001 relating to the leash laws in Off-Leash Areas was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the IVRPD Board of Directors Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Lebell, Lopez, Soutar, Eusterbrock

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Torres