ORDINANCE NO. 2015-001 AN ORDINANCE OF THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT PROHIBITING PET WASTE ON PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY

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

Section I. Statement of Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in all Isla Vista Recreation and Park District parks and open space, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

Section 2. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. **Owner/Keeper** any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet, or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. **Person** any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. **Pet -** a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. **Pet solid waste** waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. **Proper disposal** placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

Section 3. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any Isla Vista Recreation and Park District park or open space.

Section 4. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

Section 5. Punishment.

Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of hundred dollars (\$100) or the maximum allowed by law at the time of violation. Any citation issued for violation of this ordinance may be processed as an infraction.

Section 6. Enforcement:

Any uniformed District employee, District park ranger, 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, District staff shall have the authority to deny use of District parks, facilities and programs to individuals and groups who violate this ordinance.

Section 7. Removal of Violators.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the maximum allowed by law at the time of violation. Repeat violations will result in the violator being directed to leave the park and remain out of all District parks for a period of 48 hours. Further violations of the provisions of this ordinance may result in the violator being directed to remain out of all District parks for a period of up to one year. Refusal to leave or returning to District parks within the time prescribed, is a violation of this ordinance and may be subject to arrest. This section is not intended to replace or supersede Section 148 of the California Penal Code.

Section 8. Effective date:

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

On motion by Director Rodriguez, seconded by Director Dela Cruz the foregoing Ordinance No. 2015-001 was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District at a regular meeting on the 12th day of February 2015 to be effective 30 days after passage by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SOUTAR, RODRIGUEZ, LEBELL, DELA CRUZ

Jul.

NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Chairperson, Board of Directors

ATTEST

Rodney Gould General Manager