



ORDINANCE NO. 2024-543

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE
ADDING SECTION 6.04.035 TO CHAPTER 6.04 OF TITLE 6 OF THE BLUE LAKE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT DOG LEASH REGULATIONS AND DETERMINING
THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Lake, California (“City”) is a municipal corporation, duly organized under the constitution and laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its broad police powers, the City may provide regulations to prevent dogs from being in the City unsecured by kennel, fencing, leash, or any other containment measure so to roam free; and

WHEREAS, by way of this Ordinance No. 2024-543, the City Council desires to add Section 6.04.035 to Chapter 6.04 of Title 6 of Blue Lake Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the “General Rule”, which states that a project is exempt from CEQA where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the staff report, supporting documents, public comment, and all appropriate information that has been submitted with this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of the Ordinance have occurred.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are each incorporated by reference and adopted as findings by the City Council.

SECTION 2. CEQA. Adoption of this Ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the “General Rule”, which states that a project is exempt from CEQA where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment. The City Council hereby directs staff to prepare, execute, and file with the Humboldt County Clerk a notice of exemption within five (5) working days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Findings.

- A.** Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution authorizes the City to enact and enforce ordinances regulating conditions that may be public nuisances or health hazards, or that promote social, economic, or aesthetic considerations;

- B. It is in the public interest for the City to take appropriate actions to protect citizens and their property from conditions that threaten public health, safety, and welfare; and
- C. It is in the public interest to make sure dogs are secured within the City to reduce instances of dog attacks and property damage by, among other things, imposing penalties on persons responsible for allowing dogs within their control to be unsecured within the City.

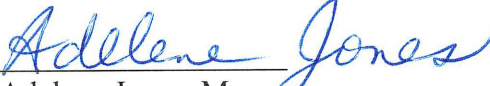
SECTION 4. Municipal Code Amendment. Section 6.04.035 is hereby added to Chapter 6.04 of Title 6--Animals--of the Blue Lake Municipal Code in the form and substance set forth in **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Without modifying the substance, following approval of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall cause the Blue Lake Municipal Code amendments to be consistent in form and style with Title 6 of the Blue Lake Municipal Code.

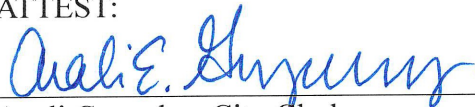
SECTION 5. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance is thirty (30) days after its adoption by the City Council.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, such invalidity has no effect on the other provisions or applications of the Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this extent, the provisions of this resolution are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any portion thereof.

INTRODUCED and FIRST READING CONDUCTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake, California, on this 23rd day of January, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Jones, Mackay, Scafani, Edgar
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Shull
ABSTAIN: 0


Adelene Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anali Gonzalez, City Clerk

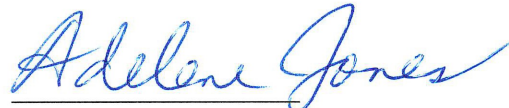
SECOND READING CONDUCTED, PASSED, and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake, California, on this 27th day of February 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Jones, Shull, Mackay, Edgar, Scafani

NAYS: 0

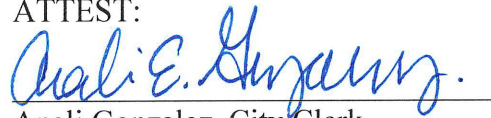
ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0



Adelene Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Exhibit “A”

Title 6 Animals

Chapter 6.04 Dog Licensing and Regulations

6.04.035 Dogs Must be Secured By Leash.

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner of, or person in charge of or in control of, any dog to suffer or permit a dog to be in the City unless such dog is securely enclosed in a pen, a fenced yard, or other enclosure, or securely tethered, or on a leash.

B. No person having the control or care of any dog shall suffer or permit such dog to enter or remain in a public park or recreation area unless it is led by a leash of suitable strength not more than six feet in length. However, nothing in this section shall prevent a dog from being used without a leash to lawfully hunt wild birds or game or to herd, guard, gather, or otherwise work domestic animals or fowls in or upon a public place or premises so long as such dog is under the charge and control of a person competent to keep such dog under effective charge and control and so long as such dog does not wrongfully harm or damage or threaten to harm or damage any person or public or private property. In addition, nothing in this chapter shall prevent a dog from running without a leash in any area designated as a dog run or park by the City so long as such dog is under the charge and control of a person competent to keep such dog under effective charge and control and so long as such dog does not wrongfully harm or damage or threaten to harm or damage any person or public or private property.

C. This section shall not apply to any official Law Enforcement Dogs on patrol.