

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AMENDING ARTICLE II SECTION 247 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT THE PRESENCE OF NONSERVICE DOGS AT BLOCK 131 LOT 16 AKA PAULINE BOYKIN PLAYGROUND AT THE CORNER OF EAGLE STREET AND SOUTH AVENUE

WHEREAS, the parcel known as Block 131 Lot 16 is an approximately half acre parcel owned by the City of Bridgeton which was repurposed as playground, named after former City Councilwoman Pauline Boykin and made available to serve the families with children in the Southeast Gateway Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned fenced in parcel has playground apparatus and picnic tables and routinely hosts families with small children in the neighborhood seeking a safe space for recreation; and

WHEREAS, residents have reported various incidences where dog owners allow their dogs to run around the playground raising concerns about biting and attacks in addition to finding dog waste in the areas where children play; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Pauline Boykin Playground located at the corner of Eagle Street and South Avenue remains a safe recreation space for families and small children it is necessary and desirable to prohibit the presence of dogs on or in Block 131 Lot 16; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2 permits a municipality to adopt ordinances not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it deems necessary and proper for the protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that Chapter 247, Article II be amended and supplemented as follows:

A. Section 247-3 shall be amended to add subsection V. as follows:

With the exception of Service Dogs which must be leashed and under control of the person with a disability at all times, no person shall allow nonservice-related dogs, whether leashed or unleashed, to enter or otherwise remain at or on Block 131 Lot 16 also known as the Pauline Boykin Playground.

B. Section 247-19 shall be added and shall read as follows:

§ 247-19. Violations


A first violation of Section 247-3(V) shall not require a court appearance unless a not guilty plea is entered. The fine for a first offense absent a court appearance shall be \$50. Subsequent violations of Section 247-3(V) can, at the discretion of the enforcing agency, require a court appearance.

Fines for second or subsequent offenses of Section 247-3(V) shall be punished as provided in Section 1-17 (A).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that signage be installed or erected at Block 131 Lot 16 alerting the public to the prohibition of dogs at or on the aforementioned parcel.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 17th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

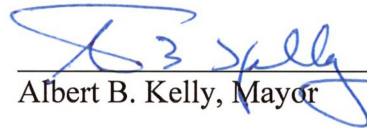


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