

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**

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COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE RULES  
GOVERNING THE ALLOWANCE OF ANIMALS IN CITY PARKS**

**Adopted by the  
City Council  
of the  
City of Columbia, Illinois  
this 19th day of December, 2022**

**Published in pamphlet form by  
authority of the City Council  
of the City of Columbia,  
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**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council previously adopted Chapter 12.32 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code (“Municipal Code”), thereby regulating and establishing rules for the use of City parks; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 12.32.080 of the Municipal Code governs the allowance of animals in City parks, and specifically prohibits dogs on the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park walking trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board (“Board”), upon consideration of the current prohibition of dogs on the Bolm-Schuhkraft walking trail and other rules for the allowance of animals in City parks, has endorsed and recommended certain amendments to said rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the recommendations of the Board and found the changes to City park rules to be in the best interest of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

**Section 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

**Section 2.** Municipal Code Section 12.32.080 “ANIMALS” shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Section 12.32.080 ANIMALS**

1. No person shall ride, lead, walk or otherwise bring any horse, mule, donkey or other animal intended for riding into any park.
2. Dogs are permitted at all City park facilities and City-approved special events, including the City facilities or areas of City property reserved for those events, except for events that prohibit dogs specifically or animals in general.
3. No owner or person having control of any animal shall cause or permit such animal to be on any City property without being leashed, except in connection

with City-sponsored activities, programs, or events where it is specifically allowed by the City that animals may be unleashed.

4. Where required, no leash shall be longer than eight (8) feet, and retractable leashes shall not be extended more than eight (8) feet.
5. The owner or person having control of any animal shall immediately remove and dispose of, off City property or in designated receptacles, any feces or other solid bodily waste deposited by his/her animal on park property.
6. Any animal found on City property in violation of this Section may be apprehended, turned over to police, removed to an animal shelter, public pound or other place provided for that purpose. Police will be given possession of the animal(s) or the animal(s) will be turned over to the applicable county's animal control service.
7. The provisions of Subsections (1) through (6) above, shall not apply to service animals, as provided in the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Illinois Accessibility Code

**Section 3.** The City Council hereby directs the Director of Public Works to replace all existing conflicting signage with signs of the type and design recommended by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garner, Khoury, and Lawlor.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

  
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BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF MONROE )

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, Andrew Hitzemann, certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

I further certify that on the 19th day of December 2022, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Columbia, Illinois passed and approved Ordinance No. 3633, entitled:

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which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 3633, including the ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared and a copy of such ordinance will be posted in the Columbia City Hall, commencing on the 20th day of December 2022, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Columbia, Illinois this 19th day of December 2022.

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS    )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF MONROE )

**CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY**

I, Andrew Hitzemann, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting City Clerk of the City of Columbia, Illinois and as such I am the keeper of the books, records, files and corporate seal of said City.

I do further certify that Ordinance No. 3633, entitled:

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to which this certificate is attached, is a true, perfect, complete and correct copy of said ordinance as adopted at a regular meeting of the Columbia, Illinois City Council held on the 19th day of December 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and delivered this certificate for the uses and purposes hereinabove set forth this 19th day of December 2022.

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)