

ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

An ordinance creating subsection (b)(3) of Section 10-67, Running at Large, of Article III, Dogs and Cats, of Chapter 10, Animals, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code; permitting dogs on their leashes on pathways at Harold Fritz Veterans Park.

Committee	Board of Park Commissioners approved on June 18, 2024 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee considered on July 16, 2024		
Fiscal Impact:	N/A		
File Number:	24-05	First Reading:	August 14, 2024
		Second Reading:	August 14, 2024

The City of Lake Geneva Common Council does ordain as follows:

[Code 1992, § 12.03(1)(b), (5)(c); Ord. No. 01-23, § I, 6-25-2001; Ord. No. 02-39, § I, 5-28-2002; amended 9-24-2012 by Ord. No. 12-20]

(a)

Subject to the exceptions set forth below, no owner of any dog or cat in the City shall allow such dog or cat to run at large within the City limits. A dog or cat shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on such owner's premises or is controlled by a handheld leash of a fully extended length of not more than five feet. No owner of any dog or cat shall allow such dog or cat to run at large or be present in Donian Wetland Nature Preserve, ~~Harold Fritz Veterans Park~~, Dunn Field, Maple Park and Riviera Beach. Any dog or cat found within the City limits not on the owner's premises or controlled by a five-foot handheld leash shall be deemed to be running at large, and the owner of the dog or cat shall be deemed to have allowed such dog or cat to run at large. Further, no dogs shall be allowed on any municipal pier unless such dog is controlled by a five-foot handheld leash and is being loaded on or unloaded from a boat.

(b)

The prohibitions of Section **10-67(a)** shall not apply to the following:

(1)

Dogs shall be permitted off their leashes in designated dog swimming areas as established by resolution of the Common Council from time to time. Owners shall be responsible for the control of their dog at all times the dog is off its leash in the designated swim area. Dog owners and dogs shall yield to all people utilizing the ramps for their dinghies or kayaks shall and yield to watercraft accessing or exiting the lake through the designated dog swimming area.

(2)

Dogs shall be permitted off their leashes in the area known as the "Lake Geneva Dog Park," designated as such and located off of Sage Street and east of Eastview Elementary School. Owners shall be responsible for the control of their dogs at all times while their dogs are off their leashes. All dogs in the dog park shall be licensed. Dog owners shall immediately clean up all dog feces made by their pet. Users of the dog park shall also abide by all rules and regulations adopted by resolution and posted by the City Council from time to time. Each user of the park acknowledges that dogs running at large create the risks for injury, damage or even death. Therefore anyone entering or using the dog park enters and uses the dog park at his or her own risk and hereby waives any claim for injury, damage, or death resulting from his or her entry or use of the dog park.

[Added 9-28-2015 by Ord. No. 15-10]

(3)

Dogs on their leashes shall be permitted at Harold Fritz Veterans Park on the pathways only.

Approved by the City of Lake Geneva Common Council on this 14th day of August, 2024.

Council Action: **Adopted** **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: **Accept** **Veto**

Todd Krause, Mayor Date

Attest:

Vanessa Jahns, Deputy City Clerk Date