

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION  
18-4-2 OF THE MARICOPA CITY CODE REGARDING PETS  
AT PARKS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF  
MARICOPA AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2006, the Mayor and City Council approved Ordinance 6-14 to add Chapter 18 “Park Rules and Regulations of the City of Maricopa” to the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2013, the Mayor and City Council approved Ordinance 13-16 to amend the Short Form Rules contained in Chapter 18 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2017, the Mayor and City Council approved Ordinance 17-04 to amend Chapter 18 of the Maricopa City Code regarding pets within city parks and providing for severability and the effective date thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa believe, after consultation with its staff, that amending Section 18-4-2 of the Maricopa City Code regarding the rules and regulations within City Parks pertaining to pets would be in the best interest of the City of Maricopa.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Section 18-4-2 of the Maricopa City Code be amended to include the addition of subsections (I)-(T):

**Sec. 18-4-2 Pets**

- (I) It is unlawful for any person to allow a domesticated pet under their care to leave feces on the ground within any City Park and depart the area without cleaning it up and disposing of it in a sanitary manner.
- (J) Users of parks must keep their dogs securely leashed at all times. Users of dog parks and off-leash areas must keep their dogs securely leashed at all times prior to entering and exiting the designated off-leash areas and securing the entrance gates.
- (K) Dogs in parks including, but not limited to, the dog parks and off-leash areas, must be accompanied by their owner or authorized custodian at all times. It is unlawful for owners or custodians to leave their dogs unattended in any portion of a City park.
- (L) Dog owners or custodians must keep their dogs under voice control and within line of sight at all times while they are inside the dog parks or off-leash areas.

- (M) Dog owners or custodians are required to leash their dogs and remove them from the dog parks or off-leash areas immediately following any indication of aggressive behavior.
- (N) It is unlawful for persons to groom dogs within any portion of a City Park including, but not limited to, dog parks or off-leash areas.
- (O) All dogs in any are of a City Park must be at least four months old and be currently vaccinated against Rabies, Bordetella, Parvo, and Distemper.
- (P) Children eleven (11) years of age and younger are at all times prohibited within the boundaries of all designated off-leash areas and dog parks owned and/or operated by the City of Maricopa.
- (Q) Dogs inside the dog parks or off-leash areas must be spayed or neutered.
- (R) It is unlawful to smoke, consume alcohol, or eat inside the dog parks or off-leash areas.
- (S) Dog owners or custodians are responsible for the conduct of their animals at all times.
- (T) Dog owners, dog custodians, and all other visitors to the City Parks including, but not limited to, the dog parks or off-leash areas, assume all risks related to their visit and use of the areas.


**SECTION 2.** To the extent of any conflict between other City Ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling; provided, however, that this Ordinance is not intended to amend or repeal any existing City Ordinance, Resolution or regulation except as expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption by the City Council for the City of Maricopa.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

APPROVED:

  
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Christian Price  
Mayor