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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR VILLAGE DOG PARKS**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Chatham (hereinafter “Village”) is an Illinois Municipal Corporation existing and operating under the Illinois Municipal Code and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 94 of the Village Code sets forth the rules and regulations pertaining to Village Parks; and,

WHEREAS, the Village recently created a dog park in its park and wishes to provide for rules and recommendations governing conduct at said dog park; and,

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village believe it is in the best interest of the Village to amend its Code to provide for the Rules and Recommendations for Village Dog Parks as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Amendment to Village Code. Section 94.11 is hereby added to the Village Code as follows (added; ~~deleted~~):

94.11 Rules and Regulations for Village Dog Parks

(A) The following rules and regulations shall govern the use of Village dog parks:

1. The dog park shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
2. It is recommended that small dogs use the small dog area, and large dogs use the large dog area.
3. Use at your own risk. Owners are responsible and liable for the actions and behavior of their dogs at all times.

4. It is recommended that dogs be accompanied by an individual of 14 years of age or older.
5. It is recommended that children be supervised by a parent or guardian.
6. Users are limited to three dogs per visit.
7. Dog owners must be in the park at all times.
8. Dogs should remain leashed while walking between the parking lot and the dog runs.
9. Dog owners must keep their leash in hand at all times.
10. Please do not bring dog food or people food into the park. Small dog treats are acceptable since that's what one uses to train a dog
11. Owner must clean up dog feces. Seal waste in the provided plastic bags before disposing in designated receptacles
12. No animals other than dogs are allowed in this area
13. Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated. Proof of a current rabies vaccination and license required upon request of a police or animal control officer. Tags may serve as proof.
14. Aggressive dogs are not allowed. If your dog becomes unruly or plays rough, leash it and leave immediately.
15. Female dogs in heat and puppies under four months old are prohibited.
16. Sick dogs and dogs with parasites (worms, fleas, or ticks) are prohibited.
17. Failure to abide by the park rules may result in loss of privileges and owners may be ticketed up to \$500.
18. All other Park policies apply.

Section 3. Severability. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repeal and Savings Clause. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, action, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Chatham prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

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~~Monday~~ **APPROVED** by the President of the Village of Chatham, Illinois this 26th day of April, 2022.



 Dave Kimsey, Village President

Attest:


 Dan Holden, Village Clerk