



Dog Regulations in Capitola

Capitola Municipal
Code Sections 6.14.200
and 6.14.320

Preview: Staff Recommendation

Either:

- Take no further action, or
- Identify potential changes to dog regulations and/or direct staff to return at a noticed future City Council meeting

Dog Regulations in Capitola



- Overview of presentation:
 - Where are dogs permitted
 - Current Regulations
 - Capitola Beach
 - Capitola Wharf
 - Park Regulations
 - Staff Recommendations
 - Discussion

Dogs Allowed On-Leash



**6.14.320 Leash Law Requirements
(Six Feet in Length) – default law for all
public places**

Hihn Park
Park at Rispin Mansion



**Areas Specifically Permitted On-Leash
in Code (6.14.200):**

Monterey Avenue Park
Noble Gulch Park
Peery Park
Soquel Creek Park
Jade Street Park (except for lawn and
tennis court areas)
Esplanade Park (except for lawn area)

Current Regulations where dogs are not permitted:

- CMC 6.14.200 – Dogs in Public Places
 - Not Permitted
 - **On any beach** within the city of Capitola;
 - **Capitola Wharf**
 - Any location that is **posted** with signage prohibiting dogs
(e.g. **Cortez Park**)

Let's talk about Capitola Beach





Capitola Beach Regulations

- Currently dogs are **not allowed** on beach
 - Background:
 - Municipal Beach with approximately 400 yards of shoreline. Main beach, Hooper's Beach, and low-tide to NB State Beach
 - High Season (May – October) Lifeguards on the beach
 - Consistent with SC Main Beach – dogs not allowed
 - PD does receive complaints and has issued citations
 - Nearby beaches allow dog on leash (NB State Beach and Moran Lake)
 - May require a Coastal Commission review

Next, Capitola Wharf

Capitola Wharf Regulations

- **Currently Dogs are not allowed on the Wharf**
 - Municipal Wharf with high concentration of people
 - Current wharf plan includes fishing activities and food vendors
 - Concerns for a dog waste plan and wildlife concerns
 - Consistent with Santa Cruz – Dogs are not permitted on SC Wharf

Next – City Parks





City Park Regulations

Capitola City Parks:

- Ozzy Dog Park – On- and off-leash
- Soquel Creek Park – Allowed on-leash
- Jade Street Park* - Allowed on-leash
- Esplanade Park* - Allowed on-leash
- Monterey Avenue Park - Allowed on-leash
- Noble Gulch Park - Allowed on-leash
- Perry Park - Allowed on-leash
- Hihn Park (leash law applies)
- Park at Rispin Mansion (leash law applies)
- Cortez Park (Posted)
- Capitola Beach
- Capitola Wharf

* Specific language in Ordinance about restrictions to lawn areas and tennis courts

Monterey Avenue Park

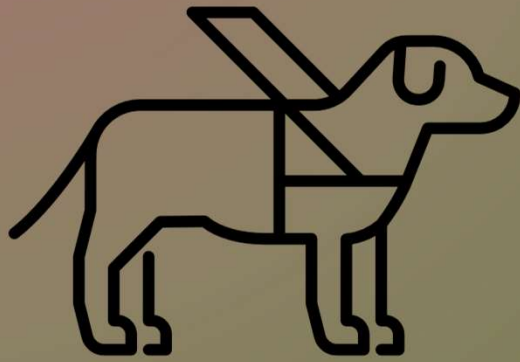


- Monterey Avenue Park and Jade Street Park have been discussed as possible dog park locations.
- Recent discussion about dogs at Monterey Avenue Park
- Challenges included competing interests from organized sports programs, youth activities, and opposition from Soquel Unified School District

Noble Gulch Park

- Currently allowed on-leash
- Possible Location in Upper Park for off leash dog park
- Would Require a Municipal Code amendment
- Budget for fence, water station, etc...





Considerations

- Clear and Identifiable boundaries where dogs are allowed
- Clear rules that are consistent with other parks
- Public outreach to seek input from impacted area

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