

**AN ORDINANCE**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add Private Dog Park as a Special Exception in the GC (General Commercial Zoning District and add a new section of the UDO setting use standards for private dog parks.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.**

Table [3.1.1](#). Permitted, Special Exception and Prohibited Uses found in Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended to add Private Dog Park as special exception use in GC (General Commercial) zoning districts:

Use Category	H I S T	R E S T	R E S T	R E T	R E T	S R 1	S R 2	S R 3	S R 4	R F 1	R F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M C	H I C	T M I C	N E H S	
<b>Commercial</b>																								
Private Dog Park													P	P					<b>S E</b>					

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 3, Article 2. of the Unified Development Ordinance, Additional Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, is hereby amended by creating a new Section 3.2.78 to read as follows:

**“ Section 3.2.78 Private Dog Park**

Private Dog Park shall comply with the standards listed below:

- A. A dog park shall be no less than ½ acre.
- B. A dog park shall not be located within 200 feet of a residence, a school playground or designated children’s play area, or of an athletic field or court, or near a sensitive wildlife habitat area as determined by an environmental protection agency operating in the area.
- C. A dog park shall have a source of drinking water for humans and dogs.
- D. A dog park shall be located on well drained land to prevent soil erosion and shall sit at least 50 feet from surface waters that drain into any river or creek; the surface shall allow for drainage away from the site in a manner that mitigates waste management issues.
- E. A dog park shall provide some form of desirable shade but not too heavily shaded to limit grass growth or prevent the ground from drying.”

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of May, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor