



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

SUBJECT: Discussion on amending the city code prohibiting pets in parks -
Commissioner Shrouder

RECOMMENDATION:

- Commissioner Shrouder is requesting a discussion on amending the City Code to allow leashed pets in passive parks.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

- Chapter 12 Parks and Recreation Article III Section 12-44 (g) (1) states No animals or pets of any kind are permitted in city parks, except that dogs shall be permitted in areas specifically designated for dog use by the posting of a sign. Dogs shall not be allowed to run loose, but shall at all times be restrained or kept on a leash of not more than six (6) feet in length. Chapter 5 Article II Section 5-18 states No person owning or having possession of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the dog to run, go, or in any other manner be in or upon any public park or recreational area, whether such dog be at large or restrained in any manner by the owner.

ANALYSIS:

- To allow leashed animals in passive parks the city code would need amended.

ALTERNATIVES:

- N/A

ATTACHMENTS/BACKUP:

1. Chapter 12 Parks and Recreation Article III Section 12-44 (g) (1)
2. Chapter 5 Animals and Fowl Article II Section 5-18