



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2025

PRESENTER: Theresa Johnson, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Prospective Dog Park Locations (TJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Council hear a presentation from staff regarding prospective dog park locations in the City of Kerman, with possible direction to staff.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On February 18, 2025, resident Scott Bishop spoke during the Public Comment portion of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission meeting to express his interest in and need for a dog park in the City of Kerman. During the March 26, 2025, City Council meeting, he addressed the City Council during Public Comment to express the same request. The City Council had already initiated this agenda item at the February 26, 2025, meeting.

Since the February meeting, staff have been working with City Engineer Jesus Gonzalez to identify possible locations for future dog parks. Three locations were identified, two of which are developed City properties, and the third location is currently undeveloped and in a lease agreement with Generations Dairy. All locations are zoned as parks, and animals are permitted in these areas.

Location # 1 – retention basin located on South Vineland Avenue, north of California Avenue

Location # 2 – retention basin located on the corner of South 6th Street and West Sunset Avenue

Location #3 – property located on South Siskiyou Avenue, next to the VFW Building

The developed locations are accessible through pedestrian gates; however, additional modifications will be needed to turn these locations into dog parks. These modifications would include minor fence alterations, the installation of trash receptacles, dog waste stations, benches, and an accessible, pet-friendly drinking fountain, as well as signage. The estimated cost for each location is \$10,000 - \$15,000

The undeveloped location would require additional modifications, including grading, the installation of irrigation, turf, fencing, and amenities such as trash receptacles, dog waste stations, benches, an accessible, pet-friendly drinking fountain, and signage. The City is also in its third year of a lease agreement with Generations Dairy, which farms this property for alfalfa that is harvested and delivered to their dairy, located 2 miles south of town. The city would need to amend the existing lease to carve out a portion for the development of a dog park. The estimated cost for this location is \$50,000 to \$100,000, plus the loss of lease revenue.

The addition of a new park would impact Parks Maintenance staff in both the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments. However, with the two existing locations, the impact on staff is minimal, as these locations are already part of the landscape rotation, and the litter removal would be incorporated into the existing park maintenance rotation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated fiscal impact ranges from \$5,000 to \$100,000, based on the council's direction, from the unallocated general reserve funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Prospective Dog Park Locations Map