



## AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** February 22, 2022

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2022-XXX – Off-Leash Fenced-in Dog Parks: Hold a second reading and adopt an ordinance amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos, and making findings that the projects are exempt pursuant to CEQA

**Prepared by:** Donna Legge, Recreation & Community Services Director

**Approved by:** Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Amendment Resolution
2. Ordinance No. 2022 - XXX: amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos, and making findings pursuant to CEQA

**Initiated by:**  
City Council

**Previous Council Consideration:**

February 12, 2019; November 10, 2020; February 9, 2021; February 23, 2021; September 21, 2021, October 26, 2021, January 11, 2022, and February 8, 2022.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Upon adoption of Resolution no XXX (Attachment 1), the Park Improvement CIP for Fiscal Year 2021-22 will be increased by \$100,000. The funds will be allocated from the City's Park in Lieu Funds. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.

Improvements will come forward as part of the normal budget process. The ongoing maintenance of \$16,000 for two off-leash dog parks will be included in the FY 2022-2023 operational budget.

Future budgets will include designs for the permanent off-leash dog parks and will be in addition to the costs identified in this report.

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**Reviewed By:**

City Manager

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City Attorney

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Finance Director

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**Environmental Review:**

The City Council finds the adoption of this ordinance (Project) to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and 15305 (Minor Alterations to Land Use Restrictions), because the off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated location within the City authorized by this ordinance are not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact upon the existing environment, will involve the use of an existing recreational facility, and will not significantly alter existing facilities or existing land use restrictions. The City Council also finds that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the availability of the foregoing categorical exemptions applies to the Project authorized by this ordinance. The City Manager or designee is hereby directed to prepare and file a notice of exemption in connection with this ordinance, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.

**Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:**

- Does Council want to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-XXX: amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos, and making findings pursuant to CEQA?

**Summary:**

- In accordance with LAMC 5.08.010, dogs are prohibited to be off-leash in Los Altos parks
- Establishment of off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos requires an amendment to Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 as proposed in Attachment 2 to this report, and making findings pursuant to CEQA
- A Budget Amendment is required to allocate Park in Lieu Funds to the project

**Staff Recommendation:**

Hold a second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-XXX amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos and making findings that the projects are exempt pursuant to CEQA.

Adopt Resolution No. XXX, increasing the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 from Park in Lieu Funds.

**Purpose**

The proposed Ordinance change will allow dog owners to have their dogs off-leash in designated fenced-in areas.



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The development of the proposed dog parks would be funded through Park in Lieu Funds.

**Background**

At its regular meeting of February 8, 2022, Council introduced, as read by title only, and waived further reading, of the ordinance with Council amendments, amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos, at Hillview and McKenzie Park and making findings that the projects are exempt pursuant to CEQA.

Council affirmed the location of a fenced dog park at the Hillview Soccer Field and directed staff to proceed with the phased implementation approach as outlined in the staff report.

Council authorized the increase of the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 for implementation of the dog parks.

Council directed staff to proceed with the first phase of the implementation of a fenced in dog park at McKenzie Park per the staff report and to continue to look at alternative locations, including non-park land, that might accommodate a fenced in dog park should the first phase of the McKenzie dog park prove to be unsuccessful.

**Recommendation**

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Adopt Resolution No. XXX, increasing the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 from Park in Lieu Funds.