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Res. No. 44 - 22 - 23. By Alderperson Ackley. August 1, 2022.

A RESOLUTION improving pet-friendly access to public spaces.

WHEREAS, since its creation in 2020, the Pet Friendly Task Force ("Task Force") has sought to make the City of Sheboygan more accessible and friendlier to pets and pet-owners; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force undertook a community-wide survey to identify ways in which the City can become more pet friendly; and

WHEREAS, one of the areas of improvement identified in the survey was a need for more opportunities for residents to spend time in public spaces with their pets and to better identify spaces where pets are and are not allowed; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force applied for grant funding to help finance changes to help the City become more pet friendly; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a \$20,000 "Better Cities for Pets" grant from Mars Petcare to increase opportunities for residents to spend time outside with their pets; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force, in partnership with Parks Superintendent Joe Kerlin, has identified several public spaces where the City does not currently allow pets but could without adverse impact to the residents or facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City accepts the \$20,000 "Better Cities for Pets" grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Finance Director shall deposit the grant funds into account 101.260000 (General Fund Deferred Revenue).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the City Attorney, shall amend the Park Rules and any applicable ordinances to allow for leashed pets at Evergreen Park, Jaycee Park, Jaycee Park to Mill Road along the Pigeon River Corridor, and Southshore Beach from Indiana Ave. to Clara Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Department of Public Works shall post signage communicating whether and where leashed pets are allowed at the above-named public spaces.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Department of Public Works shall develop a plan to transition areas within historically underutilized parks, such as Moose Park, Kiwanis Park, Cleveland Park, and the old social security building lot on 9th and Center Ave, into fenced, off-leash "dog parks" and shall present this plan to Council within eight (8) months for approval, and implementation will proceed when project has approved funding.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dated _____ 20____. _____, City Clerk

Approved _____ 20____. _____, Mayor