

ORDINANCE #68991
Board Bill No. 75
Committee Substitute

An ordinance pertaining to dog training in public parks; regulating dog training activities, prohibiting attack training; requiring a permit for the activity; containing a penalty and emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. No dog training activity shall occur in a St. Louis Public Park without a valid permit if such training involves more than two (2) dogs. No dog training whatsoever shall involve teaching the dog to attack a person, another animal or inanimate object, or if such training involves the use of a stick, club, padded suit, or whip.

SECTION TWO. No dog training activity in a St. Louis Public Park shall occur within three hundred (300) feet of any playground, jogging trail, athletic fields, swimming pools, tennis courts and/or basketball courts. All prior existing ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE. Any person wishing to train dogs in a public park is required to obtain a valid permit from the city for the conduct of obedience or other types of training of dogs in or upon any public place in accordance with Section One of this ordinance. The Parks Department shall create the policies and procedures for issuing and revoking such permits.

SECTION FOUR. Exemption

This ordinance shall exempt properly authorized dog parks.

SECTION FIVE. Penalty clause.

Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION SIX. Emergency clause.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

Approved: October 20, 2011