

**ORDINANCE NO. C-8-2024**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, "PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE III "RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 19-51, "ANIMALS PROHIBITED," FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOWING DOGS IN PIONEER PARK AND THE CITY'S DOG PARK, AND ADDING AN EXCEPTION FOR SERVICE ANIMALS.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

**Section 1 of Ordinance. Ordinance Amendment.**

The Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 19, "Parks and Recreation," Article III, "Rules and Regulations," Section 19-51 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 19-51. Animals prohibited.**

No person shall take any animal into any city park, except as follows:

- (1) For city authorized activities;
- (2) A service animal, as defined by Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, subject to the requirements of subsection (4)a. – d. of this section unless excepted from such compliance by law;
- (3) A person may bring a dog into the William Grace City Dog Park, subject to compliance with all established rules and regulations applicable to the William Grace City Dog Park; or
- (4) A person may bring a dog into the Founders Sports Park or Pioneer Park, provided:
  - a. The dog is licensed and vaccinated;
  - b. The dog is attached to a leash that is no more than fifteen (15) feet in length and of such material that the leash is capable of restraining, and does restrain the type and size of dog to which it is attached;
  - c. That such leash is continuously held by a person who is reasonably able to and does restrain and prohibit the dog from being out of that person's physical control; and

d. That the person in control of the dog complies with section 6-37 of this Code.

**Section 2 of Ordinance. Repealer.**

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the City Code in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect, and the Farmington Hills Ordinance Code shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as specified above.

**Section 3 of Ordinance. Savings.**

The amendments of the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances set forth in this ordinance do not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendments of the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances set forth in this ordinance.

**Section 4 of Ordinance. Severability.**

If any section, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated, and such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

**Section 5 of Ordinance. Effective Date.**

The provisions of this ordinance are ordered to take effect twenty-one (21) days after enactment.

**Section 6 of Ordinance. Date and Publication.**

This ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a meeting called and held on October 14, 2024, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Ayes: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

Absent: KNOL

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND    )

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a meeting held on October 14, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office.

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Carly Lindahl, City Clerk  
City of Farmington Hills

INTRODUCED: September 23, 2024

ADOPTED: October 14, 2024

EFFECTIVE: November 4, 2024

PUBLISHED: October 20, 2024