

**CITY OF SHERWOOD
ORDINANCE 2005-015**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 OF THE SHERWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING A PROVISION TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING DOGS FROM THE CITY'S SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City has recently expended large amounts of its capital funds on improvements to various outdoor athletic facilities, including the installation of new synthetic turf fields at the Sherwood High School and at Sunset Park which are owned and/or operated by the City and there is a noticeable increase in the use of said facilities by city residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, the City Council has been informed that certain residents and others have allowed, permitted or suffered their dogs to urinate and defecate on the new synthetic turf fields and said use of the turf fields is inconsistent with the intended use of those facilities as the locale for sports events;

WHEREAS, as a result of said improper use of the facilities, the Council believes it in the best interest of the City to prohibit dogs from the City's synthetic turf fields.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF SHERWOOD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section - 6.04.040 - is hereby added to the Sherwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

6.04.040. Dogs Prohibited from certain public facilities.


(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring or otherwise reasonably believed to be in possession of a dog to cause, permit, suffer or allow such dog to be at-large on or about the following public facilities:

1. the synthetic turf field at the Sherwood High School; and
2. the synthetic turf fields at Sunset Park.

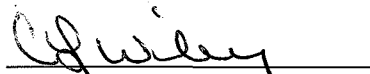
(b) As used in the foregoing subsection, "dog" means all members of the domesticated canine (*canine familiaris*) three (3) months of age or older and "at large" means unrestrained or not otherwise under the control (through the use of a lead or line not more than 6 feet (6') in length) of the owner or other person acting for the owner or who is a person having possession of the dog.

Section 2. In order that these provisions be implemented quickly so the City will have an effective enforcement device for dogs on the synthetic turf fields in the City, the Council hereby declares an emergency to exist and this ordinance is and shall be effective from and after its passage by the Council.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.


Keith S. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


C.L. Wiley, City Recorder

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