Agenda Item No: 15.B



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** March 16, 2023

Staff Contact: Jennifer Budge, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to

the Dog Rules and Regulations Policy No. 2023-1 and a proposed resolution to supersede Resolution No. 2023-R-1, exempting certain parks, trails and open space areas from Carson City Municipal Code ("CCMC") 13.02.090, to allow for dog use within Mills Park.

(Jennifer Budge, jbudge@carson.org)

Staff Summary: CCMC 13.02.090 prohibits dogs in all Carson City parks except those exempted by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"). This item, if approved, would authorize an exemption for Mills Park, allowing dogs on-leash and dogs off-leash in designated areas. The Mills Park Master Plan identifies a future dog park for off-leash use and these

amendments would ensure compliance with the Master Plan.

Agenda Action: Resolution Time Requested: 10 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to approve the amendments to the Dog Rules and Regulations Policy as presented and to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-__, as presented.

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

January 5, 2023 (Item 17A): The Board approved the Dog Rules and Regulations Policy and Resolution No. 2023-R-1 with changes.

Background/Issues & Analysis

CCMC 13.02.090 currently prohibits dogs in Carson City parks unless a park has been exempted by the Board through resolution. In January, the Board approved a resolution and the Dog Use and Regulations Policy exempting certain parks within the City's park system from the prohibition to allow for dog use. As part of that approval, the Board recommended that Mills Park remain compliant with the CCMC until the Mills Park Master Plan update was completed. The Mills Park Master Plan is now complete, and includes a future dog park as part of the plan. This item, if approved, would authorize dogs to be on-leash throughout Mills Park and off-leash in designated areas (future dog park). Dogs would remain prohibited in the Carson City Railroad Association Building and Train.

Proposed amendments include:

- removal of item 2.b.ix Mills Park from Resolution 2023-R-1
- removal of item 4.2.2.j Mills Park from the Dog Rules and Regulations Policy

- addition of Mills Park (pending improvements) to item 4.5 of the Dog Rules and Regulations Policy and update Mills Park as leash-required in the Policy Attachments
- Revised Park System list and revised language for Mills Park and Ronald D. Wilson Park to clarify that off-leash areas are planned and will allow off-leash use once improvements are complete. Both parks will allow on-leash use outside of designated off-leash areas.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A: Resolution-2023-R-1 (redline)

Exhibit B: Dog Rules and Regulations Policy (redline)

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

NRS 244.146; CCMC 7.13.080, 13.02.090 and 13.02.120

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes

If yes, account name/number: General Fund, Parks Maintenance Department - 1015012

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: Additional costs will be incurred by expanding the areas where dogs are allowed, and as a result more infrastructure such as dog waste stations and signage will be required. Staff will incorporate costs as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for future consideration by the Board. It is estimated that 15 dog waste stations will need to be added to Mills Park, costing \$10,425, which includes time and materials. Further, it is estimated that once all stations are added to the park, the annual cost for maintenance of these stations will be \$4,851.08. Approval of the Resolution and Policy amendments is the next step in implementation.

Alternatives

- 1. Do not approve the amendments to the Dog Rules and Regulations Policy, modify the amendments and/or provide alternative direction to staff.
- 2. Do not approve the proposed resolution, modify the proposed resolution and/or provide alternative direction to staff.

Attachments:

FINAL DOG POLICY EXHIBITS FINAL per Nancy.pdf

Board Action Taken:		
Motion:	1) 2)	_ Aye/Nay
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(Vote Recorded By)		

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-1

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING CERTAIN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AREAS FROM THE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DOGS IN CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE ("CCMC") 13.02.090(1) AND ESTABLISHING A DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS POLICY

WHEREAS, CCMC 13.02.090(1) prohibits dogs from entering any park in Carson City, except dogs used to aid handicapped persons or dogs participating in authorized dog training classes, unless the Board of Supervisors has exempted the park or area from this code section; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") finds that it is in the best interest of Carson City to exempt certain parks and open space areas from CCMC 13.02.090(1) to allow dogs to enter with their owners; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of Carson City to establish regulations related to dog use throughout Carson City's Parks and Open Space areas, including but not limited to, identifying areas where dogs must be leashed;

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2023, the Board adopted resolution 2023-R-1 exempting certain parks and open space areas from CCMC 13.02.090(1) and adopted the Carson City Rules and Regulations Policy with an effective date of March 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, the proposed Mills Park Master Plan includes a proposed dog park that would require exempting Mills Park from CCMC 13.02.090(1) to allow dogs.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, the Carson City Board of Supervisors hereby resolves as follows:

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- 2. That all parks, trails and open space areas are exempt from the restrictions of CCMC 13.02.090 prohibiting dogs except as provided below:
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 - ii. Waterfall Trail
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 - x.ix. Governor's Field

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- 3. That all parks, trails and open space areas where dogs are allowed are subject to the rules and requirements in the Dog Policy.
- 3.4. This Resolution replaces and supersedes Resolution 2023-R-1 in its entirety.

Upon motion by	Supervisor _		, seconded by
Supervisor			, the foregoing Resolution was passed
and adopted this	_ day of		2023 by the following vote:
,	VOTE:	AYES:	
		NAYS:	
		ABSENT:	
		ABSTAIN:	
			Lori Bagwell, Mayor
ATTEST			
William Scott Hoen, Cle Carson City, Nevada	erk-Recorder		

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Carson City, Nevada

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			Lori Bagwell, Mayor
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William Scott Hoen,	Clerk-Recorder		



DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS POLICY

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Authors: Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager	Effective Date: March 1, 2023		
Jennifer Budge, Parks and Recreation Director	Revision Date: March 16, 2023		
Reviewed by: OSAC: 7/18/22; 8/16/22 PRC: 7/18/22; 8/16/22 NV Humane Society: 9/20/22 DDA: 12/20/2022 Risk: 11/17/2022	Number of pages: 16		
Department Approval: 12/21/2022 City Manager Approval: 12/21/2022 Board of Supervisors Approval: 1/5/2023	Attachments: Resolution No. 2023-R-1 Dog Rules and Regulations Map Carson City Park System List Dog Waste Receptacles Map Resolution No. 2005-R-14		
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1.0 **PURPOSE**

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<u>Service Animal/Service Animal in Training</u> - A dog or a miniature horse that is being trained as a service animal, to do work, or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability. (NRS 426.097, NRS 426.099, 28 C.F.R. § 36.104)

<u>Stray Animal</u> – Any domestic animal at large, excluding livestock, whose owner is unknown, who has no owner or no apparent home. (CCMC 7.13.10(25))

<u>Trail</u> - An off-street path, with either a paved, unpaved, or natural surface, that may be used for recreation or alternative transportation, and may be used as individually designated for various modes of travel including walking, running, riding road bikes, riding mountain bikes, horseback riding, skateboarding, electric bikes, assisted mobility devices, rollerblading and off-highway vehicles.

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<u>Wildlife</u> - Any animal found naturally in the wild state, whether indigenous to the State of Nevada or not and whether raised in captivity or not. (CCMC 7.13.010(29))

3.0 BASIS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 Responsibility of the Department
 - 3.1.1 The Department shall reasonably provide a safe and user-friendly experience for all residents and visitors through the implementation of best management practices.
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 - 3.1.4 The Department shall reasonably reduce impacts to historic and cultural sites.
 - 3.1.5 The Department and approved user groups shall be able to conduct activities, including maintenance, operations and programming, with minimal disruption to the public.
 - 3.1.6 The Department's philosophy is education first and shall reasonably educate the public, prior to enforcement when possible.
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 - 3.1.9 The Department shall reasonably provide clear and consistent signage, compliant with the Department Signage Master Plan, to assist users in making informed decisions prior to recreating within Carson City's Park System.
 - 3.1.10 The Department shall reasonably provide dog waste receptacles with disposal bags in a variety of locations throughout the Park System.
 - 3.1.11 The Department shall comply with all state and federal laws regarding public accommodations and service animals.

3.1.11.1 Department staff may:

- 3.1.11.1.1 Ask a person accompanied by an animal:
 - (a) If the animal is a service animal or service animal in training; and
 - (b) What tasks the animal is trained to perform or is being trained to perform.
 - (c) Ask a person to remove a service animal or service animal in training if the animal:
 - (1) Is out of control and the person accompanying the animal fails to take effective action to control it; or
 - (2) Poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.
- 3.1.11.1.2 A service animal may not be presumed dangerous by reason of the fact it is not muzzled.

3.2 Responsibility of dog owners

- 3.2.1 Dog owners shall be stewards of Carson City's public lands; protecting parks, trails, open space and the watershed from preventable contamination related to dog waste. It is the responsibility of dog owners to pick up after their dog and properly dispose of the dog's waste. (CCMC 7.13.080(3))
- 3.2.2 Dog owners have a duty to restrain their dog, maintain voice command/control and keep their dog within sight distance; Owners shall ensure that other Park System users shall be provided the opportunity to recreate in a safe and reasonable manner without fear of conflict from owners or their dogs.
- 3.2.3 Dog owners shall recreate in public spaces only when their dogs are healthy. Unhealthy dogs are to remain at home to not expose other animals to Parvovirus, Kennel Cough, and other contagious conditions.
- 3.2.4 Dog owners shall not fraudulently misrepresent an animal as a service animal or service animal in training. (NRS 426.805)
- 3.2.5 Dog owners shall not allow their dog to chase, harass or disturb people, wildlife, livestock or other animals.

4.0 POLICY FOR DOGS IN CARSON CITY'S PARK SYSTEM

- 4.1 Pursuant to CCMC 13.02.090, dogs are prohibited in all parks unless the park has been exempted by the Board of Supervisors.
- 4.2 The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-R-1 on January 5, 2023, exempting all the parks, trails and open space areas, except the following locations, pursuant to CCMC 13.02.090:
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 - c) Fulstone Wetlands
 - d) Washoe Wetlands
 - e) Parks as identified on Attachments A and B
 - f) Trailheads as identified on Attachments A and B
- 4.4 Dogs in areas designated as off-leash must be under voice command/control and within sight of the owner at all times.
- 4.5 The following areas are designated for unrestrained/off-leash use:
 - a) Fenced dog parks (Sonoma and Fuji Parks)
 - b) Long Ranch Park
 - c) Mayor's Park
 - d) Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park (pending improvements)
 - eld) Capital City Gun Club
 - Open Space as identified on Attachments A and B
 - Trails as identified on Attachments A and B
- 4.6 The parks, trails and open space areas that are exempt from CCMC 13.02.090 pursuant to Resolution No.2023-R-1 are subject to the rules set forth in this policy, CCMC and NRS.

- 4.7 Dogs ages 3 months or older are required to be licensed and healthy, including current vaccinations. A license tag must be visible and always attached to the dog's collar or harness. (CCMC 7.13.050(1) (2))
- 4.8 Dogs are required to be restrained/on a leash at all times, except in designated areas and as identified in Attachments A and B. (CCMC 13.02.090(1)(2) and CCMC 13.02.120)
- 4.9 Dog owners must carry one physical leash for each dog under his or her control at all times. An e-collar is not considered a leash.

5.0 Powers of the Department

5.1 Director

- 5.1.1 The Director may authorize temporary dog use restrictions within the Park System and/or for health/safety reasons. This may include, but is not limited to implementation of leash requirements, including seasonal or temporary closures. Restrictions may be enacted for environmental concerns, nesting habitat, grazing operations and protection of City resources (natural, cultural, historic). Examples may include, but are not limited to, protections for sheep/goat grazing, ranching activities at Silver Saddle Ranch, nesting season along the Linear Ditch Trail or portions of the Carson River corridor, wetland enhancement projects, restoration, fire rehabilitation areas and fuels management. (CCMC 13.02.060, 13.05.040)
- 5.1.2 The Director may authorize dog classes (dog training, dog obedience, rattlesnake avoidance etc.), dog adoption events, dog shows, and other pet outreach and education programs or similar activities in cooperation with community partners at certain locations within the Park System. (CCMC 13.02.090)

5.2 Park Rangers

- 5.2.1 Park Rangers, as a unit of specialized law enforcement established pursuant to NRS 280.125, are authorized by the Board of Supervisors to prepare, sign and serve citations by Resolution No. 2005-R-14, within the field of enforcement in which he/she works.
- 5.2.2 Park Rangers are authorized to serve misdemeanor criminal citations related to CCMC Title 7 Animals (sections pertaining to parks) and Title 13 Parks and Recreation.

5.3 Animal Services

- 5.3.1 Animal Services officers are authorized to enforce this policy using the powers granted pursuant to CCMC 7.13.020.
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- 5.3.3 Animal Services officers may request review of any of any alleged violation of CCMC to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution through a misdemeanor criminal complaint.



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 - (a) If the animal is a service animal or service animal in training; and
 - (b) What tasks the animal is trained to perform or is being trained to perform.
 - (c) Ask a person to remove a service animal or service animal in training if the animal:
 - (1) Is out of control and the person accompanying the animal fails to take effective action to control it; or
 - (2) Poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.
- 3.1.11.1.2 A service animal may not be presumed dangerous by reason of the fact it is not muzzled.

3.2 Responsibility of dog owners

- 3.2.1 Dog owners shall be stewards of Carson City's public lands; protecting parks, trails, open space and the watershed from preventable contamination related to dog waste. It is the responsibility of dog owners to pick up after their dog and properly dispose of the dog's waste. (CCMC 7.13.080(3))
- 3.2.2 Dog owners have a duty to restrain their dog, maintain voice command/control and keep their dog within sight distance; Owners shall ensure that other Park System users shall be provided the opportunity to recreate in a safe and reasonable manner without fear of conflict from owners or their dogs.
- 3.2.3 Dog owners shall recreate in public spaces only when their dogs are healthy. Unhealthy dogs are to remain at home to not expose other animals to Parvovirus, Kennel Cough, and other contagious conditions.
- 3.2.4 Dog owners shall not fraudulently misrepresent an animal as a service animal or service animal in training. (NRS 426.805)
- 3.2.5 Dog owners shall not allow their dog to chase, harass or disturb people, wildlife, livestock or other animals.

4.0 POLICY FOR DOGS IN CARSON CITY'S PARK SYSTEM

- 4.1 Pursuant to CCMC 13.02.090, dogs are prohibited in all parks unless the park has been exempted by the Board of Supervisors.
- 4.2 The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-R-1 on January 5, 2023, exempting all the parks, trails and open space areas, except the following locations, pursuant to CCMC 13.02.090:
 - 4.2.1 Dogs (except service animals) remain prohibited in the following areas of the Park System consistent with CCMC 13.02.090:
 - 4.2.1.1 Dogs remain prohibited on these trails:
 - a) North Kings Loop Trail
 - b) Waterfall Trail

- 4.2.2 Dogs (except service animals) remain prohibited at cemeteries, specialty parks, sports complexes, buildings, agricultural pastures and facilities including:
 - a) Aquatics Facility
 - b) Bob Crowell Multipurpose Athletic Center (MAC)
 - c) Buzzy's Ranch pasture
 - d) Carriage Square Park
 - e) Carson City Railroad Association Building and Train
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 - g) Community Center
 - h) Foreman-Robert's House
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 - k) JohnD Winters Centennial Park (includes Eagle Valley Golf Course)
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 - m) Pioneer Cemetery
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- q) Tom Miggs Archery Range
- r) Wungnema House
- 4.3 Dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in the following areas:
 - a) Buzzy's Ranch Trail
 - b) Foothill Trail (first 500 ft per Carson Tahoe Health)
 - c) Fulstone Wetlands
 - d) Washoe Wetlands
 - e) Parks as identified on Attachments A and B
 - f) Trailheads as identified on Attachments A and B
- 4.4 Dogs in areas designated as off-leash must be under voice command/control and within sight of the owner at all times.
- 4.5 The following areas are designated for unrestrained/off-leash use:
 - a) Fenced dog parks
 - b) Long Ranch Park
 - c) Mayor's Park
 - d) Capital City Gun Club
 - e) Open Space as identified on Attachments A and B
 - f) Trails as identified on Attachments A and B
- 4.6 The parks, trails and open space areas that are exempt from CCMC 13.02.090 pursuant to Resolution No.2023-R-1 are subject to the rules set forth in this policy, CCMC and NRS.

- 4.7 Dogs ages 3 months or older are required to be licensed and healthy, including current vaccinations. A license tag must be visible and always attached to the dog's collar or harness. (CCMC 7.13.050(1) (2))
- 4.8 Dogs are required to be restrained/on a leash at all times, except in designated areas and as identified in Attachments A and B. (CCMC 13.02.090(1)(2) and CCMC 13.02.120)
- 4.9 Dog owners must carry one physical leash for each dog under his or her control at all times. An e-collar is not considered a leash.

5.0 Powers of the Department

5.1 Director

- 5.1.1 The Director may authorize temporary dog use restrictions within the Park System and/or for health/safety reasons. This may include, but is not limited to implementation of leash requirements, including seasonal or temporary closures. Restrictions may be enacted for environmental concerns, nesting habitat, grazing operations and protection of City resources (natural, cultural, historic). Examples may include, but are not limited to, protections for sheep/goat grazing, ranching activities at Silver Saddle Ranch, nesting season along the Linear Ditch Trail or portions of the Carson River corridor, wetland enhancement projects, restoration, fire rehabilitation areas and fuels management. (CCMC 13.02.060, 13.05.040)
- 5.1.2 The Director may authorize dog classes (dog training, dog obedience, rattlesnake avoidance etc.), dog adoption events, dog shows, and other pet outreach and education programs or similar activities in cooperation with community partners at certain locations within the Park System. (CCMC 13.02.090)

5.2 Park Rangers

- 5.2.1 Park Rangers, as a unit of specialized law enforcement established pursuant to NRS 280.125, are authorized by the Board of Supervisors to prepare, sign and serve citations by Resolution No. 2005-R-14, within the field of enforcement in which he/she works.
- 5.2.2 Park Rangers are authorized to serve misdemeanor criminal citations related to CCMC Title 7 Animals (sections pertaining to parks) and Title 13 Parks and Recreation.

5.3 Animal Services

- 5.3.1 Animal Services officers are authorized to enforce this policy using the powers granted pursuant to CCMC 7.13.020.
- 5.3.2 Animal Services officers are authorized to issue administrative citations with fines pursuant to any ordinance as may be adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
- 5.3.3 Animal Services officers may request review of any of any alleged violation of CCMC to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution through a misdemeanor criminal complaint.



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Buzzy's Ranch pasture		DOGS PROHIBITED
Carson City Railroad Association Building and Train		DOGS PROHIBITED
Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park		DOGS PROHIBITED
Community Center		DOGS PROHIBITED
Foreman-Robert's House		DOGS PROHIBITED
Lone Mountain Cemetery		DOGS PROHIBITED
Governor's Field		DOGS PROHIBITED
JohnD Winters Centennial Park (includes Eagle Valley Golf Course)		DOGS PROHIBITED
Pete Livermore Sports Complex		DOGS PROHIBITED
Pioneer Cemetery		DOGS PROHIBITED
Pony Express Airpark		DOGS PROHIBITED
Rifle and Pistol Range		DOGS PROHIBITED
Silver Saddle Ranch – pastures and Red House building only		DOGS PROHIBITED
Tom Miggs Archery Range		DOGS PROHIBITED
Wungnema House		DOGS PROHIBITED

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Name	Key	Dog Use
PARKS		
Blackwell's Pond Park		On-Leash
Carriage Square Park		DOGS PROHIBITED
Capital City Gun Club		Off-Leash

Empire Ranch Estates Park	On-Leash
Fuji Park/Fairgrounds	On-Leash
Fuji Park - Dog Park	Off-Leash
Fulstone Park	On-Leash
Greenbelt Park	On-Leash
Hidden Meadows Park	On-Leash
John Mankins Park	On-Leash
Korean War Veteran's Memorial Park	On-Leash
Long Ranch Park	Off-Leash
Mayor's Park	Off-Leash
Mills Park	On-LeashDOGS PROHIBITED (pending Master Plan update)
Mills Park – Dog Park (planned when fenced)	Off-Leash (pending future improvements)
Monte Vista Park	On-Leash
Park Terrace Park	On-Leash
Riley Circle Park	On-Leash
Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park	On-Leash-(pending improvements)
Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park – Dog Park (plannedwhen fenced)	Off-Leash (pending future improvements)
Ross Gold Park	On-Leash
Schulz Ranch Park	On-Leash
Sonoma Park – Dog Park	Off-Leash
Steinheimer Park	On-Leash
Sunland Vista Park	On-Leash
Sunset Park	On-Leash
Treadway Park	On-Leash

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Carson City Parks System Trailheads:

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Name	Key	Dog Use		
TRAILHEADS				
East Carson City				
Ambrose Trailhead		On-Leash		
Carson River Park Trailhead		On-Leash		
Centennial Park - North		On-Leash		
East Silver Saddle Ranch Trailhead – North		On-Leash		
East Silver Saddle Ranch Trailhead – South		On-Leash		
Empire Ranch Trailhead		On-Leash		
Hells Bells Road Trailhead		On-Leash		

Hidden Meadows Trailhead		On-Leash		
		On-Leash		
Moffat Open Space Trailhead				
Morgan Mill Trailhead		On-Leash		
Riverview Park Trailhead/ Korean War Veteran's Memorial Park		On-Leash		
Sand Canyon Trailhead		On-Leash		
Sedge Road Trailhead		On-Leash		
Silver Saddle Ranch Trailhead		On-Leash		
Prison Hill Area				
Prison Hill - 5 th Street Trailhead		On-Leash		
Prison Hill - Clearview Drive Trailhead		On-Leash		
Prison Hill - Koontz Lane Trailhead		On-Leash		
Prison Hill - OHV Staging Area		On-Leash		
West Carson City				
Ash Canyon – Ash to Kings Trailhead		On-Leash		
Ash Canyon Square Pond Trailhead		On-Leash		
C-Hill Trailhead (McKay Drive)		On-Leash		
Hobart Road Trailhead		On-Leash		
Kings Canyon Trailhead		On-Leash		
Kings Canyon – Ash to Kings Trailhead		On-Leash		
Lakeview Trailhead		On-Leash		
Kingsview Trailhead		On-Leash		
Mountain Street Trailhead		On-Leash		
Murphy Drive Trailhead		On-Leash		
V&T Trailhead		On-Leash		

Carson City Open Space Areas: Dogs may be off-leash, or on-leash as noted below

OPEN SPACES		
Name	Key	Dog Use
Ambrose Carson River Natural Area		Off-Leash
Carson River Park		Off-Leash
Carson River Canyon Open Space		Off-Leash
Dasolung Ridge Open Space		Off-Leash
Eagle View Open Space		Off-Leash
East Silver Saddle Ranch		Off-Leash
Fulstone Wetlands		On-Leash
Golden Eagle Open Space		Off-Leash
Gumalonga Open Space		Off-Leash
Joost Acquisition – (007-101-55), 20.25 acres		Off-Leash
Lakeview Park		Off-Leash
Lands Bill (USFS Exchange)		Off-Leash
(007-061-81), 80 acres		Off-Leash
(007-091-16), 80 acres		Off-Leash

(007-091-22), 40 acres	Off-Leash
(007-061-18; 009-014-06), 147 acres	Off-Leash
Mexican Dam Open Space	Off-Leash
Moffat Open Space	Off-Leash
Morgan Mill Preserve and Open Space	Off-Leash
Old Buzzy's Ranch	On-Leash
PH Casey Preserve	Off-Leash
Potter Acquisition - (009-014-05), 20.83 acres	Off-Leash
Prison Hill Recreation Area	Off-Leash
Riverview Park	Off-Leash
Silver Saddle Ranch (except pastures and Red House building)	Off-Leash
Tahnu Leweh Open Space	Off-Leash
Vidler Open Space	Off-Leash
Voltaire Canyon Open Space	Off-Leash
Washoe Wetlands	On-Leash
Wilson Acquisition – (007-601-02; 007-031-04), 111.28 acres	Off-Leash

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Carson River Canyon Road		Off-Leash
Carson River Aquatic Trail		Off-Leash
Empire Ranch Trail		Off-Leash
Empire Ranch-Riverview Park Connector		Off-Leash
Mexican Ditch Trail, North		Off-Leash
Mexican Ditch Trail, South		Off-Leash
Morgan Mill Trail		Off-Leash
River Trail		Off-Leash
Riverview Park Trails		Off-Leash
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Capital Corridor		
Bigelow Multi-Use Path		Off-Leash
Foothill Trail (leash required first 500 ft)		On-Leash
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Lone Mountain Trail		Off-Leash
Long Ranch Park Trails		Off-Leash
Moffat Multi-Use Pathway		Off-Leash
Moffat Trails		Off-Leash
Northridge Path		Off-Leash
Northridge Linear Park		Off-Leash

Route 1 – Freeway Multi-Use Path	Off-Leash
Route 3 – Highway 395 South Path	Off-Leash
Route 6 – Linear Ditch Trail	Off-Leash
Route 50 – Highway 50 Path	Off-Leash
Silver Oak Paths	Off-Leash
V&T Trail	Off-Leash
V&T Multi-Use Path	Off-Leash
Centennial Area	
Wildhorse Trail	Off-Leash
Pale Rider Trail	Off-Leash
Prison Hill Area	
5 th Street Loop Trails	Off-Leash
Dead Truck Canyon Trail	Off-Leash
Desert Peach Trail	Off-Leash
North Loop	Off-Leash
North Loop Connector	Off-Leash
Odyssey Trail	Off-Leash
Prison Hill Trail – East	Off-Leash
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