

RESOLUTION #2015-29

To Regulate Use and Operation of the City of Albion Dog Park

Purpose and Finding: The park near the former Union Steel site currently houses the City's Dog Park. It is important to regulate the conduct and use of parks and public grounds to protect public property and the safety, health morals, and welfare of the public. Additionally, Ordinance 62-1 allows the City Manager to enact rules to regulate the parks within the City of Albion, Subject to the approval of the City Council. As such, the following rules are recommended for adoption:

1. All users of the dog park must abide by these rules and regulations and follow all City of Albion ordinances at all times.
2. The City of Albion is not responsible for the condition of the Dog Park facilities or equipment at any time, resulting from dogs, dog owners, and unauthorized guests.
3. Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners/handlers IMMEDIATELY and properly disposed.
4. Dog owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
5. Use of the Dog Park is limited to City of Albion residents. Adults ages 18 and older are entitled to use the Dog Park. Children under the age of 17 are permitted in the Dog Park if they are under the supervision of an adult. Adults may only bring the number of children to the Dog Park that they can adequately supervise along with the dogs. No one under 18 may be left in the dog Park without adult supervision. While in the Dog Park there will be no running, ball playing, or Frisbee use or any like by children between the ages of 14 and 17.
6. Use of the Dog Park is at the owners own risk
7. Owners must stay in the Dog Park with their dogs at all times. If you need to leave the confines of the Dog Park for any reason you must take your dog(s) with you.
8. An act of aggression, either verbal or physical, by a dog owner towards another dog owner at the Dog Park will not be tolerated. All complaints will be investigated and could lead to the guilty party being banned from the use of the Dog Park.
9. The following is not permitted at the Dog Park: dogs in heat; dogs under the age of four months; dogs with contagious diseases or internal or external parasites;

aggressive dogs; dogs that are not licensed or has any vaccination expired; or dogs that have been identified as dangerous by the City of Albion or court of law.

10. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior or barking excessively must be removed from the Dog Park at the first sign of this behavior. Examples of aggressive behavior are, but are not limited to: a dog going after another dog unprovoked, a dog that bites another dog or human being, or a dog that picks up another dog in its mouth. If a dog should bite another dog or human being at the park the offending dog will be removed from the park by the owner and will no longer be allowed at the Dog Park.
11. No fighting between dogs is allowed. Owners must immediately remove any dog exhibiting hostile, fighting, or aggressive behavior from the Dog Park. Owners may protect dogs which they are responsible, but shall do so only after protecting any people in the Dog Park, and then only by causing or encouraging disengagement and separation of dogs engaged in fighting or aggressive behavior. Owners bear all risks of their involvement and for the protection of any users of the Dog Park. The City of Albion has no responsibility to intervene in any situation, and are not responsible for the behavior of suitability of any dog brought to the Dog Park.
12. Tennis balls and other toys are allowed. However, please use caution when using toys to play with your dog. Dominance issues may arise which could cause your pet to become unusually aggressive and bite someone or another dog. Only owners of the dog should be actively involved in playing with the dog.
13. People food, alcoholic beverages, and glass containers are not permitted in the Dog Park. Pet food must not be left unattended or accessible to dogs other than those of the owner.
14. Gate must be closed at all times except when entering or exiting.

Council Member French moved, supported by Council Member Krause, to approve the following resolution

RESOLVED, that, the above rules are approved by the Council and shall be adopted for regulation of the Dog Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalty for violation of the Rules shall be punishable as provided by the City of Albion Code of Ordinances.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on November 16, 2015 in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 5

Nays 2 (Decker-Barnes)

Absent 0

Jill Domingo
Jill Domingo, Clerk

November 16, 2015