



# COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** City Council Members

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**RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT DOGS IN ALLEN PARK**

[Ordinance: Prohibition of Dogs at Allen Park](#)

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## ISSUE AT-A-GLANCE

Public Services requests the Council adopt proposed ordinance amendments that would:

1. Add Allen Park, 7.5 acres, to list of City parks in *Salt Lake City Code*, Section 15.04.350; and
2. Add Allen Park to the list of open space areas where domesticated animals are prohibited, on leash or off-leash, for reasons of habitat and nature preservation and/or public safety issues<sup>1</sup>. The Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry & Trails Advisory (PNUT) Board supports this recommendation with service dogs being exempt.

Other open space areas in City code where domesticated animals are prohibited:

- a. Wasatch Hollow Preserve - North gate entry and trails on the north end of the Preserve;
- b. I Street Bike Park;
- c. 900 South Bike Park;
- d. Fred & Ila Rose Fife Wetlands Preserve - 952 South 1100 West;
- e. BMX Bike Park at Parleys Historic Nature Park; and
- f. Parleys Historic Nature Park as described in section [15.10.060](#) of this Code.

This proposed ordinance amendment will give Allen Park security guards the authority to enforce by informing the public who show up with their dogs that only service dogs are allowed into the park.

### ***Goal of the briefing:***

The Administration requests Council's approval as soon as possible to protect the wildlife habitat and historical features of the park. A public hearing is not required by State statute.

Unless the Council raises questions or requests additional information, this proposed amendment will be scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> Council action.

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<sup>1</sup> *Salt Lake City Code*, 8.04.390(c)2



## **POLICY QUESTIONS**

1. The Council may wish to ask the Administration how these changes will be communicated to the public.
2. At the time of the purchase of Allen Park property, community fundraising was part of the conversation to invest in the land as open space. The Council may wish to ask the Administration if there has been any progress with community fundraising, or to share a status report if there is a “friends of Allen Park” type organization that is continuing this conversation.

## **ADDITIONAL & BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the early 1900s, [Allen Park](#) was established as a bird sanctuary housing more than 700 bird and wildlife species from around the world and countless artifacts were implemented. In May of 2020, Salt Lake City purchased Allen Park, which still houses peafowl, turkey, trout, and many other wildlife habitat. Since October 2020 when the City opened Allen Park to the public, the volume of visitors has well exceeded the City’s expectations. Currently, on-leash dogs are allowed, however the Administration’s transmittal reports challenges that involve dogs impacting public safety, preservation of fenced off artifacts, and the protection of wildlife.