



TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD –ORD. # 444
AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD ENTITLED “DOG PARKS”

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield have determined it is in the best interest of the Township to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting dog parks;

WHEREAS, many municipalities have dog parks or other common areas for residents and non-residents of the municipality to use for their domesticated dogs;

WHEREAS, a common area where the dogs at dog parks may bring and transmit disease; there may be incidents of dog bites or other violence; and the use of the dog park may create animal waste and additional garbage;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance will not affect a citizen’s right to own a dog;

WHEREAS, this governing body believes it is in the best interests of this municipality to prohibit dog parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Policy:

The Township Committee finds that a dog park, or similar common area, may pose a serious hazard to public health, safety, general welfare, and the quality of residents of the Township of Winfield. It is the policy of the Township of Winfield to prevent dangers and liability from dog parks or unregulated common areas for the use of domestic animals, which are a detriment to the public health, comfort, safety, welfare and quality of life.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

Dog Park means any common area whether fenced in or not for the use of dogs to run around and socialize with other dogs; it also includes a dog run or other enclosed area where a dog may run around and fetch a ball or otherwise exercise.

Dog means a member of a species of domestic dog, *Canis familiaris*.

SECTION 3. Restriction

No dog park shall be created, made or used on any property within the municipality.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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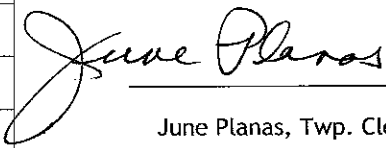
Introduced:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at the regular meeting of the Winfield Township Committee held on December 5, 2019 and will be considered for public hearing and final adoption at the regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield, NJ.



DATED: December 5, 2019

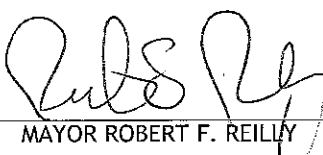
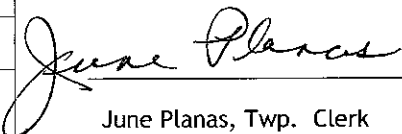
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Adopted:

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