

**ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO CONTROL OR PROHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND LEASH REQUIREMENTS**

**THE CITY OF LEWISTON HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lewiston, Maine are hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 14**

**ANIMALS**

**ARTICLE IX. PUBLIC LANDS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS: CONTROL OR PROHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

**DIVISION 1. LEASH REQUIREMENTS**

**Sec. 14-46. Sixteen-foot leash requirements and exceptions.**

Only domestic animals are authorized on all city-owned public ways, sidewalks, and all publicly owned property within the city. Any such animal shall be on a leash or other tether, in the control of an individual, of not more than 16 feet in length with the following exceptions:

- (1) Any domestic animal in the aforementioned public areas must be on a leash or other tether of not more than eight feet in length when signs are posted stating "Maximum Eight-Foot Leash is Required" by the city to accommodate mass gatherings or public events. The authority to post such areas shall lie with the city council.
- (2) All domestic animals may only be present during the specified hours between 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the following public facilities:
  - a. Montello Track (~~outside track~~ far ~~right~~ left-hand side of the track field closest to the woods and farthest away from the playground).
  - b. Sunny Side Park (field area).
  - c. ~~Simard Payne Police Memorial Park (area farthest away from the planned playground and closest to the river).~~
- (3) The City Administrator or his/her designee may authorize exceptions to this Section for city approved events. Such exceptions must specify the conditions under which the animal(s) shall be on the supervised; the time of day and specific dates that they will be authorized to be on the property; and any other conditions that may be applicable to the event and to the city property involved.

**DIVISION 2. CITY PROPERTY**

**Sec. 14-47. Parks, cemeteries, playgrounds and athletic fields.**

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- (a) Domestic animals will not be permitted in the following parks and athletic fields for the period commencing one-half hour prior to and for the duration of any city or school department scheduled or sanctioned activity or event: ~~Holy Family Field, Marcotte Park, Randall Road Softball Complex and Simard-Payne Police Memorial Park.~~
- (b) Domestic animals may be authorized in all city-owned cemeteries and must be on a leash or other tether, under the control of an individual, of not more than 16 feet in length provided, however, that such animals shall be allowed only on the roadways and walkways of the cemeteries and not on the cemetery lots.
- (c) All domestic animals shall not be permitted in the following public parks and playground areas: Lionel Potvin Park, ~~St. Mary's Playground (Oxford Street)~~, Jude's Place at Marcotte Park playground area, Kennedy Park playground area, Knox Street Playground, Mark W. Paradis Park, Pettingill School Park playground area and basketball court, River Valley basketball courts and Sunnyside Park playground area.
- (d) All domestic animals shall not be permitted in the following athletic fields: Franklin Pasture Athletic Complex, Lewiston Athletic Park, ~~Marcotte Park Multi-use field,~~ Montello mMulti-use field; and Simard-Payne Police Memorial Park mMulti-use field, and Upper Franklin field.

Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~.