

**ORDINANCE #12-1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 103, TO ALLOW LEASHED DOGS ON BOROUGH RECREATION AREAS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to amend the Borough Code to lift the prohibition on allowing dogs on Borough recreation areas to allow dogs on leashes to be in these areas as long as their owners curb and control them.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 108-1, Definitions, of Chapter 108, Dogs, shall be amended to revise the definition of RUN AT LARGE to read in its entirety as follows:

**RUN AT LARGE**

The running or standing of any dog who is off the premises of the person owning or keeping or harboring it and not securely fastened to a tether, leash, cord or chain or the like, not to exceed eight feet in length, held by its owner or other person capable of controlling said dog.

**SECTION 2.** Section 108-4, Prohibited Acts, of Chapter 103, Dogs, shall be amended to revise Paragraph H thereof to read in its entirety as follows:

(No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit, suffer or allow the dog to)

H. Run at large upon any Borough playing field or open recreation area, public building, public facility, turfed area, playground or pedestrian walkway of any public school, public park or other public

recreation area within the Borough. Dogs on a leash are allowed in such areas, which include but are not limited to, the Borough Complex, Emmett Fields, Stobaeus Field and Park and Beechcrest Field and Park areas. It is the responsibility of each dog owner who brings a leashed dog onto such areas to clean up after and curb the dog. Allowing a dog to run at large in or upon these areas or failure to clean up after a dog is a violation of this Chapter.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts or ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 3.** If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase, or sentence is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed separable.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final publication as provided by law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park introduced on January 19, 2012, and will be further considered for adoption after Public Hearing held on February 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 111 Ridgedale Avenue.

INTRODUCED: January 19, 2012

ADOPTED:

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R. Scott Eveland, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Williams, R.M.C., Borough Clerk