

Lake Front Park and Mack Avenue Off-Leash Dog Park Rules

- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damages (to persons or property) caused by their dogs while entering, using, or exiting the off-leash dog park area. Users agree to indemnify the City of Grosse Pointe Woods by use of the off-leash dog park area from any injuries or damages their dog may cause while entering, using, or exiting the off-leash dog park area. **Use of the dog park is at your own risk.**
- Dogs must be currently licensed with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods and must wear license and identification tags.
- Dog Park Passes are available for Grosse Pointe Woods residents at the Community Center.
- All residents applying for and/or renewing their Dog Park license must provide proof of their dog(s) having the following vaccinations: Rabies, DHLPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus), & Bordetella. (Please do not bring a sick dog to the park.)
- All residents applying for and/or renewing their Dog Park license must provide proof of homeowner's liability insurance coverage with at least \$100,000.00 minimum coverage which includes coverage for all injury/damage caused by the animal.
- Dog park passes/fobs are issued to households. Do **NOT** allow others to use your dog park pass/fob for entrance into the Dog Park.
- The Mack Avenue Dog Park requires key fob scan for **entering and exiting the dog park.**
- Dog owners must remain and supervise with their dog(s) within the fenced area.
- Dogs must be called away from a dog entering or exiting the park through the double gate entrance.
- All dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the dog park area. No unleashed dog(s) will be permitted outside the area of the off-leash dog park.
- Dogs with a history of aggressive behavior are prohibited. A dog owner must leash and remove a dog showing aggressive behavior immediately.
- Barking should be kept to a reasonable level, both for the comfort of other park users as well as nearby neighbors. Occasional barks of joy are acceptable.
- Handlers/guardians must not allow their dogs to bark on a continuous or frequent basis. No dog shall be allowed to unreasonably annoy park patrons and neighbors to the dog park, or to substantially interfere with the quiet enjoyment of others. Dog owners shall be deemed in violation if their pets are barking, whining or howling for more than 10-minutes in any 1-hour period.
- Dog owners must respect all park staff when they ask for assistance or redirect your dog due to nuisance concern.
- Dog owners are limited to 2 dogs in the park at one time.
- All dogs in heat, pregnant or under 4 months old, are prohibited. It is recommended that all dogs are spayed and neutered.
- No food (human or dog) is allowed in the dog park.
- Dog owners must clean up their dog's fecal waste.
- Dogs must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). Children ages 5-17 may only visit the dog park with an adult.
- No strollers, bicycles, or chairs inside the dog park fenced area.
- Additional rules may be issued by the Director of Public Works or the City Administration as needed for the orderly operation of the off-leash dog park area.
- Violation of Dog Park rules include but are not limited to restricted use of park, temporary or permanent bans on park usage and professional dog training/evaluation at owner's expense.

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Complaint and/or Rule Violation Process

If any of the rules are violated by a pass/fob holder, a complaint is made against a pass/fob holder, or a violation is witnessed by an employee of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the following steps will be taken:

First Incident*

- After review by an authorized employee of the Department, which may include talking to any witness to the incident, the fob holder may receive a documented verbal warning from the Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Department.
- The verbal warning will be reviewed with the fob holder by an authorized employee of Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Department and a notation will be made in the file of the fob holder.

Second Incident*

- After review by an authorized employee of the Department, which may include talking to any witness to the incident, the fob holder may receive a written warning which may include suspension from the Dog Park for 30 days from the date of infraction.
- The written warning and all prior complaints will be reviewed with the fob holder by an authorized employee of Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Department.
- A copy of the written warning will be placed in the fob holder's file.

Third Incident

- After notification of the third incident, the pass/fob holder's Dog Park privileges will be immediately suspended pending an investigation.
- All prior complaints will be reviewed with the pass/fob holder.
- If the third complaint is found to be justified after an investigation by an authorized employee of the Department, the pass/fob holder is subject to further suspension of Dog Park privileges, up to and including permanent revocation of Dog Park privileges including deactivation of the pass/fob.
- A determination of revocation may be appealed by the fob holder to the Recreation Commission.

*Depending on the severity of the incident, Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to prohibit the use of the site to any user who is in violation of the Dog Park rules.

Incident/Bite Report

Incident/Bite report should be filed immediately with GPW Public Safety at (313) 343-2400 for any bodily injury (including broken skin) to persons or dogs. All other incident reports need to be filed within 48 hours with the Recreation Supervisor, 313-343-2409.