

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-027-ADM

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 98-013-ADM
THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, on April 14, 1998, the City Council of the City of Trussville, Alabama adopted a comprehensive animal control ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the concept of a dog park on public property was not anticipated in this ordinance which prohibits animals from running at large or unrestrained on public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Trussville, Alabama as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Code shall be amended, specifically Section 10-51 the definition of Run at Large and section 10-52(2) Prohibitions and Duties - Running at large, of Chapter 10, Article III of the Code by adding additional language as follows:

Section 10-51. Definitions. Run at large. Shall include all times and places when the animal is not confined or enclosed within a wall, fence, or other enclosure (to include electronic fences) on the premises of the animal's owner or person in charge of the animal, or under the direct supervision of the owner or person in charge of the animal within the confinement of the yard, where the legal residence is that of the owner or the person in charge of the animal. An animal off leash within the confines of a sanctioned dog park shall not be deemed to be running at large.

Section 10-52(2). General Prohibitions and duties. Running at Large. No owner or any person having charge of control of an animal shall cause or permit such animal to run or be upon a street, sidewalk, thoroughfare, alley or public place within the City unless such animal be attached to a leash in the hands of such owner or other person in charge, or be restrained by other control device; provided however, that such owner or person in charge be of sufficient age, training, and physical capabilities to maintain complete control of said animal.

SECTION 2: Repealer: All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Trussville, Alabama which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3: Severability: If any part, section or subdivision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

SECTION 4: Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of May, 2017.



Brian Plant, Council President



Buddy Cheat, Mayor
City of Trussville

Attest: 

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk