

Department of Public Services
Proposed Off Leash Dog Area Rules (OLDA)
Hours: Dawn to Dusk

City Contacts:

Monday – Friday 8 am – 5pm (except for Holidays) 248-530-1700/1870

After normal business hours and weekends 248-530-1870

1. All users must have a valid dog license and tag, on their dog at all times, and abide by these rules and City of Birmingham ordinances, at all times.
2. Users are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries and/or damages caused by their dog(s).
3. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior or barking excessively must be removed from the site at the first sign of aggressive behavior or excessive barking.
4. Use of the off leash dog area is at the user's own risk.
5. Minimum age for users is 18 years of age. Children between 5 and 17 years of age may enter with a parent or guardian. Children less than 5 years of age are not permitted in the fenced area set aside for dog(s)/owner.
6. Users may only bring the number of dogs into the OLDA that they can adequately control without endangering other users, up to a maximum of two (2) dogs.
7. Users must remain inside the fenced site with their dog(s) at all times.
8. The following are not permitted in the OLDA: dogs in heat, dogs under the age of four months, dogs with contagious diseases or internal or external parasites, aggressive dogs.
9. Unfixed male dogs over the age of six months are not allowed.
10. No fighting between dogs is allowed. Users must immediately remove any dog exhibiting hostility or aggressive behavior from the site. Users may protect dogs for which they are responsible but shall do so only after protecting any people in the site, and then only by causing or encouraging disengagement and separation of dogs engaged in fighting or aggressive behavior. Users bear all risks of their involvement and for the protection of any user of the site. The City of Birmingham and the Public Services Department have no responsibility to intervene in any such situation and are not responsible for the behavior or suitability of any dog brought to the OLDA.
11. Food, alcoholic beverages and glass containers are not allowed in the OLDA.
12. No pet food is allowed.
13. Users must clean up their dog(s) waste and deposit it in the receptacles provided.
14. The City of Birmingham and Birmingham Department of Public Services reserve the right to prohibit the use of the site to any user who is in violation of these rules.
15. From time to time parts of the site may be closed for maintenance purposes.

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