

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2022-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING DOGS AT CATALONIA PARK

**WHEREAS**, Catalonia Park is a 0.31 acre park located at 807 Catalonia Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has previously installed informational signage at Catalonia Park to address issues with dog owners who allow their pets to run off-leash throughout the park creating a concern over the safety of children playing in the park; and

**WHEREAS**, dog owners who reside more than 1,000 feet from Catalonia Park continue to drive and walk to Catalonia Park to use it as a dog park; and

**WHEREAS**, as the City looks to create dedicated off-leash dog parks and dog runs throughout the City, the City Commission had asked staff to explore the ability and cost to install temporary dog fencing within Catalonia Park to create two safe spaces for children and animals alike; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has studied the issue and the possibilities for Catalonia park, as well as other parks in the area, and has presented the City Commission with the temporary fencing options; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who live within 1,000 feet of Catalonia Park have signed a petition opposing the installation of a fence temporarily dividing Catalonia Park into two parts, with one side for off-leash dogs. The petition further requested installation of a swing set at Catalonia Park; and

**WHEREAS**, after discussion by the City Commission it was determined that alternatives to the fencing option within Catalonia Park would be the best use of the City's resources; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end the City Commission would like to encourage the use of nearby dog parks, such as the Villa Valencia dog park, which is located within ½ a mile from Catalonia Park, 1505 Ponce de Leon dog park which is expected to open before the end of 2022 or early 2023 and is located within 1.8 miles from Catalonia Park, and Salvadore dog park which will open in 2023 and is located 5 blocks (0.6 miles) from Catalonia Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission would also like to inform residents of other dog friendly parks, such as Barker Park, and of new off-leash dog parks that will be operational in coming months.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission directs the City Manager to reserve the temporary dog fencing concept and research for a possible future use and direct City staff to install signage at Catalonia Park to indicate nearby off-leash dog parks, such as Villa Valencia, and signage that provides information about upcoming dog parks such as the 1505 Ponce dog park expected to be operational by late 2022 or early 2023, and Salvadore Dog Park expected to be operational in 2023.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2022.

(Moved: \_\_\_\_/ Seconded: \_\_\_\_)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

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