CITY of ALBUQUERQUE SIXTEENTH COUNCIL

		L BILL NO. <u>R-04-40</u> ENACTIVIENT NO
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	1	RESOLUTION
	2	ADOPTING POLICIES GOVERNING OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREAS
	3	INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPMENT, LOCATION CRITERIA AND
	4	SITE CONSIDERATIONS, PLANNING, DESIGN, MAINTENANCE AND FUNDING
	5	MECHANISMS.
	6	WHEREAS, the City has established parks and open space to provide
	7	recreational opportunities for its citizens; and
	8	WHEREAS, for many of those residents, playing, exercising, and
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	10	and
	11	WHEREAS, more than 19,000 dogs are registered to City residents; and
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later teria	13	equitable allocation of City resources to create and maintain the facilities to
<u>ğ</u> <u>₹</u>	14	permit that recreation; and
	15	WHEREAS, providing securely fenced areas for such activities serves both
ders thro	16	the safety of the dogs and the convenience and peace of mind of owners,
	17	drivers and surrounding neighbors; and
eted S/S	18	WHEREAS, it is desirable to make such areas available to City residents in
acke kete	19	locations distributed throughout the City; and
+ <u>Brack</u> -Brack	20	WHEREAS, fenced, Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas enable disabled and
<u>-</u> -	- 21	elderly people to exercise their dogs; and
	22	WHEREAS, the presence of community members in parks throughout the
	23	day and evening tends to discourage unlawful activities in those parks and
	24	surrounding neighborhoods; and

1	WHEREAS, Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas for dogs tend to attract regular
2	visitors and provide valuable community-building opportunities for dog
3	owners; and
4	WHEREAS, veterinary professionals agree that dogs which are exercised
5	and socialized regularly are better neighbors and exhibit fewer behavioral
6	problems; and
7	WHEREAS, the provision of Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas for dogs is an
8	established amenity that is gaining popularity across the nation; and
9	WHEREAS, the establishment of an Off Leash Dog Exercise Area for large
10	dogs and for City approved events displaying the skills of canines will benefit
11	the quality of life of the residents of the City promoting tourism; and
12	WHEREAS, Policies BG1, B1 and B12 of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
13	Comprehensive Plan states that the City is to prepare Park Planning and
14	Development Guidelines. The design of parks and other open areas shall
15	incorporate multi-functional use of resources and compatible facilities,
16	maintenance and landscaping appropriate to the location, function, public
17	expectations and intensity of use, integration into residential design for easy
18	accessibility and orientation to encourage use and lighting, site design, or
19	other methods to minimize vandalism. The City is to include a wide variety of
20	recreational resources in park design; and
21	WHEREAS, the Off Leash Dog Exercise Area policies are for the betterment
22	of the community and were developed by a committee composed of citizens
23	and staff.
24	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
25	ALBUQUERQUE:
26	Section 1. The following policies are established for Off Leash Dog
27	Exercise Areas:
28	Policy 1. DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES
29	Development procedures, design guidelines, location criteria and space
30	criteria for Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas are to be set forth in Administrative
31	Instruction.
32	Policy 2. IDENTIFICATION OF OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREA
33	LOCATIONS

- 1 A committee of citizens and staff have identified a list of potential sites for Off 2 Leash Dog Exercise Parks that do not displace current activities within parks 3 and are located throughout the City to provide reasonable travel times from all 4 points within the City. The Administration shall communicate to the City Council by December 31, 2004, a list of at least 6 designated Off Leash Dog 5 6 **Exercise Areas.** If the Administration is unable to identify 6 such areas by that 7 date they shall submit a list of areas that are eligible and proceed to identify 8 other areas and communicate a list of these areas by June 30, 2005. 9 Policy 3. MAINTAINING EXISTING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES 10 As Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas are implemented into a park the City will not 11 displace existing activities already provided in the park. 12 Policy 4. NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT FOR OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE **AREAS** 13 14 When existing parks are renovated and new parks are planned, the inclusion 15 of an Off Leash Dog Exercise Area is to be provided as an option during the 16 public input process pertaining to the development or renovation of the park. **17** Policy 5. FUNDING DEVELOPMENT OF OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE **AREAS** 18 19 Funding for the design and construction of Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas 20 should occur through those means established for park development 21 including but not limited to impact fees, developer dedications, public 22 improvement districts, City general obligation bonds and federal, private and 23 state grants, or any other means acceptable to the City. 24 Policy 6. MAINTENANCE OF OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREAS 25 The City of Albuquerque shall be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of 26 Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas. If the City exercises the option to provide for **27** the expense, by imposing a fee and prior to imposing such fee the Office of 28 Internal Audit shall conduct a cost analysis of the task and associated costs to 29 determine a per acre cost for maintenance of Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas
- versus per acre cost for maintenance of neighborhood parks. This would
 establish the basis for value of the fee. The Department overseeing
- 32 maintenance of Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas shall include such expenditures

	2	gauge the effectiveness of this activity.
	3	Policy 7. LARGE OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREAS
	4	The administration shall provide by December 1, 2004 a study identifying a
	5	tract of land on City owned property in the East Mountain Area that is
	6	scheduled for sale and a tract of land on City owned property west of the City
	7	Limits, scheduled for sale. These lands are to be designated as Large Off
	8	Leash Dog Exercise Areas. The Open Space Division shall identify the land
	9	best able to serve such a function with the least impact to the goals and
	10	objectives of the open space program. The Administration by December 1,
	11	2005 shall issue a plan for the operation of these areas and assign
	12	responsibility to the Department best able to manage such a facility. If the land
	13	is not sold, Open Space is to be reimbursed by the appropriate user
	14	Department, for the land no later than Fiscal Year 2006. The Open Space
	15	Division may continue to market the land for sale until such time as funding is
	16	committed in the City Budget or by other means to reimburse the Open Space
	17	Trust fund for the land for use as a Large Off Leash Dog Exercise Area.
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in their annual budget and shall develop appropriate performance measures to

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