



## **Bible Hill Recreation Park Dog Control Policy**

**Approved: 2020-10-20**

***Motioned by Commissioner Van Kroonenburg***

*"I move that Village of Bible Hill adopt the Bible Hill Recreation Park Dog Control Policy, with an amendment clarifying that dogs be permitted off-leash in field two, otherwise as presented by Clerk and Treasurer Bell."*

***Seconded by Commissioner Pitcher***

***Motion carried***

## **Purpose**

1. To provide guidelines for dog owners near playground areas at Bible Hill Recreation Park.

## **Definitions**

2. In this policy,
  - a. "Bible Hill Recreation Park" or "the park" means the regional park located at 38 Guest Drive, Bible Hill.
  - b. "immediate or surrounding areas" means the space where playground equipment is located and beyond, up to posted signage restricting dog access.
  - c. "Playground" or "playground area" means an area used for outdoor play or recreation, especially by children, containing recreational equipment. Includes areas surrounding conventional and natural playground equipment and splash pad.
  - d. "Village" means Village of Bible Hill.

## **Principles Supporting Policy**

3. Village of Bible Hill strives to deliver safe and comfortable playground areas for park users.
4. A dog under the control of a responsible owner may pose little risk to others, however, playgrounds areas are intended for children, and the comfort level of children and their guardian with nearby dogs can understandably vary.
5. In the best interest of providing children the opportunity to enjoy playground areas with peace of mind, the Village desires to prohibit dog access to such areas.

## **Terms of Policy**

6. This policy applies to all users of Bible Hill Recreation Park.
7. No person shall allow a dog under their control or otherwise under their supervision or ownership to come within the immediate or surrounding areas of a playground.

8. The Village will post and maintain signage near playground areas at the park that reads 'No dogs beyond this point. Dogs are not permitted in playground areas.'
9. At all times dogs must be on leash at the park, other than for circumstances described in paragraph 10.
10. A responsible person may permit a dog under their control and supervision to be off-leash within the fencing and closed gates of the baseball field signed as field two at the park, when the field is not occupied by park users for sports. When the infield of the field is lined with chalk a park user shall not use the field for this purpose. In all circumstances, a person with a dog under their control and supervision shall remove and properly dispose of any dog excrement during their use of the field without delay.
11. The Village will request that the Animal Control Officer enforce this policy.

## **Reference**

"Dog By-law – Chapter 35" - Municipality of the County of Colchester

## Policy Document Attestation

Date of Notice to Village Commission of Intent to Consider: 2020-10-13

Date of Passage of Policy: 2020-10-20

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Village Commission as documented above:

  
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Chair

2020-11-03

Dated

  
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Clerk and Treasurer

2020-10-20

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