



# Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street  
Yountville, CA 94599

## Staff Report

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**DATE:** June 18, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Samantha Holland, Parks & Recreation Director

**PREPARED BY:** Samantha Holland, Parks & Recreation Director

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution 24-4277, Consenting to Dogs Being Off Leash at and Establishing Regulations for the Yountville Commons Interim Off-Leash Dog Park

### **DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND**

At the May 21, 2024 Town Council Meeting, the Council provided feedback to staff, received public comment and formally approved the policies and design of the Interim Dog Park proposed for location on the North – East corner of the existing Yountville Commons field. The Town Council unanimously approved the interim location and policies.

Before you this evening is a Resolution to grant consent for the Interim Yountville Commons Off-Leash Dog Park to be located on the North- East side of the Yountville Commons field as shown on the image below and also formal approval by Resolution to adopt the proposed regulations, notwithstanding other municipal code regulations or rules that apply to the site.



### **PASSIVE POOCH AREA**

- Lower-energy play
- Roaming, sniffing and socializing
- All size of dogs welcome

### **ACTIVE EXERCISE AREA**

- High-energy play
- Fetch, run, chase, and play encouraged
- All size of dogs welcome

### **GENERAL RULES**

- Hours 8 AM – Dusk
- No excessive barking.
- Dogs must always be monitored by their owner.

- Dogs must be on leash when coming and going and until they enter the holding area and both gates are closed.
- Dogs must be under voice control.
- Grooming is not allowed.
- All dogs must be healthy, licensed, over 4 months old and be currently vaccinated.
- Absolutely no female dogs in heat are allowed.
- Smoking or vaping is not allowed.
- Food is not allowed.
- Glass is not allowed.
- All children under 13 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Owners are responsible for the acts and conduct of their animal.
- Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to the use of the dog park.
- For the safety of all dogs, immediately leash your dog if it exhibits aggressive behavior and leave the dog park area.
- **You are required to clean up after your dog. Waste bags and receptacles are available.**
- ALL dog bites must be reported to Napa County Animal Control 707-253-4452
- Please call 911 for Emergencies or the Napa County Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency Number (707)257-9223 to report a non-emergency issue.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The adoption of this resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, § 15000, et seq.) sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).

**CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)** (Common Sense Exemption) applies to projects that have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. This exemption applies as it can be seen with certainty that the adoption of this resolution will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities)** applies to the operation and minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This exemption applies as operation of the Site as an off leash dog park involves only minor alteration of the Site and negligible expansion of the Site's current use.

**CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)** applies to construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. This exemption applies as operation of the Site as an off-leash dog park will only involve minor construction of small structures or facilities such as fencing.

**CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land)** applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. This exemption applies as operation of the Site as an off-leash dog park will only involve minor alteration of existing vegetation on the Site and will not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? N/A

Where is it Budgeted? N/A

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

Is item Identified in Strategic Plan? Indirectly

If yes, Identify Strategic Goal and Objective. **Engaged Residents:** The Town embraces our residents' commitment to community as seen through volunteerism, civic engagement, and public participation that enhances the quality of life in Yountville. **Quality of Life:** The Town enhances the livability of Yountville by providing well-maintained public facilities, parks, and trails, and quality programs and events.