

**Town of Basalt, Colorado  
Ordinance No. 20  
Series of 2019**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BASALT,  
COLORADO, DESIGNATING OFF-LEASH AREAS FOR DOGS**

RECITALS

- A. The Town of Basalt ("Town") is a Colorado home-rule municipality, duly organized and existing under the Town's Charter adopted pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado.
- B. The Town Council is empowered to amend the Town Code by ordinance.
- C. The Town Code contains requirements for maintaining "control" over dogs in Town, primarily through a leash, and restrictions on dogs "running at large."
- D. By Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2019, the Town Council amended the Town Code to allow for dogs to be off-leash in appropriate areas, as designated by Town Council.
- E. The Town Council wishes to designate such off-leash areas in this Ordinance.
- F. The Town Council believes it is in the best interests of the Town to take the actions set forth herein.
- G. At a public meeting held on September 10, 2019, the Town Council considered approval of the Ordinance on first reading and scheduled a public hearing and second reading for the ordinance for September 24, 2019, at a meeting beginning no earlier than 6:00 P.M. at the Basalt Town Hall, 101 Midland Avenue, Basalt, Colorado.
- H. At a public hearing and second reading on September 24, 2019, the Town Council heard evidence and testimony as offered by the Town Staff and members of the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of Town Council.

2. Off-Leash Areas. Pursuant to Section 7-139(h) of the Basalt Municipal Code, the Town Council hereby designates the following properties as areas where dogs at large are permitted:
  - a. Linear Park, limited to the north end of Linear Park between Meadow Lane and Lewis Lane and excluding the walking path that runs along East Valley Road but including the pathway that runs through the center of this area of Linear Park.
  - b. Confluence Park.
  - c. Southside Park.
  - d. Arbaney Park, excluding the walking paths, playground area within the gravel surface, picnic pavilion (and areas outside the walking path that run along the playing field).
  - e. Lions Park, excluding the sidewalks along Midland Spur, Midland Avenue and Two Rivers Road.

However, dogs must be on leash during any special event which has been approved through a special event activity permit or Town resolution such as BaSalsa, Sunday Market, Community Picnic, and the High Schools Color Run unless the Town's approval specifically provides for dogs off leash.

The Town shall post notice of these "off-leash" areas at each site. Each dog must be accompanied by (and within sight and hearing distance of) its owner or keeper.

The Town Manager has authority to establish guidelines for the use of these "off-leash" areas. The multi-use nature of these areas is to be maintained.

3. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance and the Town Council hereby declares it would have passed this Ordinance and each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof regardless of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.
4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective fourteen (14) days after final publication. This Ordinance after being fully executed, shall be recorded in the office of the Eagle County Clerk and Recorder.

READ ON FIRST READING, ORDERED PUBLISHED AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON September 24, 2019, 2019, by a vote of 6 to 0 on September 10, 2019.

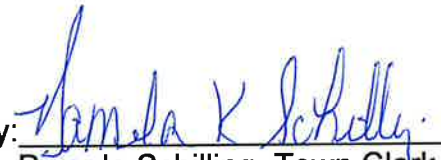
READ ON SECOND READING AND ADOPTED, by a vote of 6 to 0 on  
September 24, 2019.

TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO

By:

  
Jacquie R. Whitsitt, Mayor

Attest:

By:   
Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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