



Memorandum

To: Town Council
From: Ryan Gubler, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: February 4, 2026
Re: Code Revision to Allow Dogs Off Leash at New Park Area

This past month, staff has worked with our contractor to complete the new fenced dog-area near the playground. This is roughly 6,000 square-feet of fully-enclosed grass space with three gates, a bench, and a dog-waste station. It was intended that this would be a new space to allow people to take their dogs and allow them to play off-leash.

Currently, our Town Code allows dogs to be off-leash only in very specific areas and circumstances. It is the recommendation of staff that Town Council revise Town Code Section 5-2-13(B) to allow the fenced area directly east of the playground to be an off-leash area for dogs.



ORDINANCE 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-2-13 OF SPRINGDALE TOWN CODE ADDING A FENCED N OFF LEASH AREA IN THE TOWN PARK AS AN OFF LEASH AREA FOR DOGS

WHEREAS, The Springdale community has requested the Town establish a fenced off leash dog area (dog park) in or near the Town Park on Lion Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, a small area of the Town Park adjacent to the playground was identified by the Parks and Recreation Department as a suitable area to be used as a dog park; and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Town Council budgeted RAP tax funds in the fiscal year 2026 budget to provide fencing and other amenities to create the new fenced dog park; and

WHEREAS, the use of ignition sources including explosive and other fireworks within the Town of Springdale substantially increases the risk of fires; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has completed work to install fencing and signage and other amenities for the use of the area as an off leash dog park; and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Town Council finds that section 5-2-13 of the Town Code needs to be amended to include the new fenced dog park in the areas designated in code as “off leash” areas for dogs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Springdale Town Council that section 5-2-13 of the Springdale Town Code is amended as follows:

5-2-13: LEASH RESTRICTIONS; OFF LEASH AREAS AND RESTRICTIONS:

- A. Notwithstanding section 5-2-1 of this chapter, dogs must be controlled by a leash not to exceed six feet in length in the following areas:

1. The entire length of Zion Park Boulevard (SR-9), including sidewalks and pavement.
2. The entire length of Lion Boulevard, including sidewalks and pavement.
3. Paradise Road, including sidewalks and pavement, from Zion Park Boulevard to Winderland Lane.
4. On or within 20 feet of the Zion canyon trail or similar multiuse public trail or path.
5. At any public event, festival or gathering.
6. The Town ballfield, as required in subsection B. of this section, if the area is occupied by another individual or group.
7. The George Barker River park, as required in subsection B. of this section, if the area is occupied by another individual or group.
8. Any other area specifically designated by signage to require dogs to be on a leash.

B. Notwithstanding section 7-6-6 of this Code, dogs shall be permitted to run off leash in Town parks and recreation areas specifically authorized as off leash areas by Town ordinance and clearly identified by signage as such. These areas are listed as follows:

1. The area of the river park that lies east of the Virgin River and designated as the Marj Bonner dog park, except as limited by subsection A. of this section.
2. The area of Town property south of the Town cemetery and public works access road and west of the power substation access road.
3. The area of the Town park that lies north of Black's Wash and designated as the ball field if the area is not otherwise occupied by any other individual or group.
4. The area of the river park that lies west of the Virgin River and designated as the George Barker River park if the area is not otherwise occupied by any other individual or group.
5. The fenced lawn area between the Canyon Community Center parking lot and Black's Canyon Wash, adjacent to the Town Park playground.

C. The owner of a dog in an off leash area must:

1. Carry a leash not more than six feet in length sufficient to bring the dog under effective control if the dog behaves in a manner that disturbs any person or animal.
2. Remain in effective voice or hand control of the dog and within constant sight of the dog.
3. Not allow the dog to rush at, threaten or attack any person or animal.
4. Not allow the dog to obstruct or interfere with any person or motor vehicle on public property.
5. Obey control signs, erected to indicate dog off and on leash areas.

6. Not allow the dog to damage or disturb vegetation, habitat or native wildlife.
7. Remove and dispose of dog feces.

ADOPTED by the Springdale Town Council this 11th day of February 2026.

Barbara Bruno, Mayor

Attest:

Robin Romero, Town Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE		
R. Aton	Yes	No
B. Bruno	Yes	No
J. Burns	Yes	No
P. Cambell	Yes	No
K. Topham	Yes	No

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Robin Romero, acting on behalf of the Town of Springdale, hereby certify that accurate copies of Ordinance 2026-05, were posted at three places within the municipality: Springdale Town Hall, Springdale Post Office, and the Canyon Community Center on the _____ day of _____, 2026.