



ORDINANCE NO. BPC2010-___

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN COUNTY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING DESIGNATED AREAS OF THE GALLATIN REGIONAL PARK AS DOG
ON LEASH ONLY AREAS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF
RESTRICTION**

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced by the Board of Park Commissioners, moved by
Commissioner _____, and seconded by Commissioner _____. This resolution was
adopted _____.

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2004, the Gallatin County Commissioners, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 7-16-2301 *et. seq.*, created a Board of Park Commissioners (Resolution No. 2004-130); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners manages and oversees all county park land within Gallatin County; and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-16-2322(i) provides that the Board of Park Commissioners may make rules to protect and promote the improvement of land and facilities under the care and control of the board, and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-16-2322(ii) provides that the Board of Park Commissioners may make rules for the use of the land and facilities by the public; and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-16-2322(iii) provides that the Board of Park Commissioners may provide penalties for the violations of park rules; and

WHEREAS, County Ordinance 2006-002 established the ability of the Board of Park Commissioners to employ Park Wardens and enforce violations of park rules; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Park is recognized as a dog friendly park for the public; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Park has increased in the amount of visitors with dogs both on and off leash; and

WHEREAS, picking up of waste from dogs has become an ongoing problem in the taller vegetation and around the ponds; and

WHEREAS, traffic from dogs has contributed to the increase of sediment into the water and destruction of vegetation around the two fish ponds; and

WHEREAS, small children and adults utilize the area around the amphitheater in the winter months for sledding and winter recreation, which has caused safety problems with dogs being off leash around sleds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED,

The Gallatin County Park Commission hereby declares that dogs must be on leash at all times inside the area designated as “on leash”, generally described as the loop trails around the two ponds at the Gallatin Regional Park and shown on the attached map.

Violation of the “on leash” rule will result in fines of up to \$500.

FIRST READING this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the Board of Park Commissioners.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA

Carol Collins, Chairperson

SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the Board of Park Commissioners.

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