

**ORDINANCE 2008-OR-
By Johnson**

**Amending Title 4, Chapter 64 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Animals and Fowl: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets, and Rabbits.**

Section 1. That Section 64.55 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

64.55. Off leash dog areas; permits and regulations.(a) Dogs may be unrestrained by chain or leash in areas designated for off leash activities by the City or Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. No person shall use a designated off leash area without first having obtained a permit for each dog using such an area from the department of licenses and consumer services. A dog deemed a dangerous animal under section 64.110 of this Code, or as a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog as defined under Minnesota Statute 347.50, is not permitted to use off leash areas.

(b) ~~The annual fee for an off leash area permit for a resident of the city shall be set by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for one (1) dog and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each additional dog owned by the same person. A resident permit may only be issued upon verification that the dog has been issued a current Minneapolis dog license and verification of rabies vaccination. The annual fee for an off leash area permit for persons residing outside the city shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for one dog and thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each additional dog owned by the same person. A non-resident permit may only be issued upon verification of rabies vaccination. The department of licenses and consumer services shall provide a tag containing a registration number and the year registered for each permit. Permits shall be valid from the time they are issued until January thirty-first next after the date of issuance.~~

(c) Upon application for a permit, the applicant shall be provided with the rules for use of off leash areas. As a condition for the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall sign and agree to abide by these rules. A permit may be revoked for failure of the applicant, or any person who takes the dog into an off leash recreation area, to abide by these rules, or for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or park board ordinances that occur within an off leash area. Permits may be revoked by the director of licenses and consumer services.

(d) The person responsible for a dog must have the dog restrained when entering and leaving an off leash area. If so directed by a law enforcement officer, animal control officer or animal warden, persons using an off leash

area must immediately restrain their dogs and remove them from the off leash area.