

MUNICIPAL CODE:
Chapter 6.16, Regulation of Dogs

6.16.010 Carrying instrument for removal of dog feces and actual removal of such feces required.

A. Any person having custody of a dog while on public property, including any easements and public parks, and private property not owned by such person shall at all times carry an instrument suitable for removing and disposing of any feces which may be deposited by said dog and shall remove any such feces which may be deposited by such dog while on such property.

B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs being used by the blind as guide dogs, or service dogs that are assisting disabled persons who are unable to remove such feces. (Ord. 07-72 § 4).

6.16.020 Restraint of dogs.

Except as provided in BMC **6.16.030**, no person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog shall cause or allow, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, to be or run at large in or upon any public place or premises, or in or upon any private place or premises other than those of said owner or keeper except with the consent of the person in charge of said place or premises, unless such dog is securely restrained by a substantial leash, no longer than six feet, and is in charge and control. For the purposes of this section, any dog in or upon any motor vehicle shall be deemed to be on the premises of the operator thereof. (Ord. 17-13 § 1; Ord. 07-72 § 4).

6.16.030 Dogs prohibited – Exceptions.

A. Except for service dogs, it is unlawful for a person who owns, has an interest in, harbors or has charge care, control, custody or possession of a dog, to permit the dog to be in City Park or on the Alvarez Ninth Street Park beach or in or upon a playground, skate park, in-line skate rink, tennis court, bocce court, basketball court, or a baseball field or bleacher within any other public park.

B. Dogs may be off-leash in the Phenix Dog Park at Benicia Community Park, on the First Street Beach, and on the Promenade Beach if dogs are under voice command of the person responsible for the dog. In all other places, dogs must be securely restrained by a leash no longer than six feet.

C. This section (6.16.030) shall not be applicable to dogs while they are enrolled and participating in obedience classes sponsored by the parks and community services department of the city, or to dogs being used by disabled individuals as service animals or at city approved special events. No dangerous dogs are allowed in no leash areas. (Ord. 17-13 § 2; Ord. 07-72 § 4).

6.16.040 Permissive running at large.

The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit dogs from running at large on the premises of the owner or person having charge of such dog, nor do they prohibit dogs, other than unspayed female dogs during the breeding period, from running at large on any private property with permission of the owner of such property. (Ord. 07-72 § 4).

6.16.050 Unspayed female dogs prohibited from running at large.

It shall be unlawful for any owner to permit an unspayed female dog to run at large on any property during the breeding period. (Ord. 07-72 § 4).

DOGS OFF LEASH - PRIVATE PROPERTY

Dogs are not permitted to be off leash on private property without the permission or authorization of the private property owner. Unfenced, open space areas, for example, grass areas near the yacht club, Benicia State Park, or undeveloped lots/land within city limits, may not be used as an off-leash dog area unless users have permission from the property owner to use it as such. Without permission, dogs must remain on leash, and under the control of the owner.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING DOGS IN BENICIA

Dog owners shall be aware that not all community members and visitors to Benicia are comfortable with canines. Additionally, not all dogs are comfortable around unknown individuals and other animals. Please keep animals under control **at all times**. Do not allow your dog to approach an individual or other animal without first asking permission. Announcing that your animal “is friendly” is not an acceptable form of control.



CITY OF BENICIA
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City of Benicia
250 East L Street, Benicia, CA 94510

Off Leash Areas in City of Benicia

With the exception of the Benicia City Park at First and Military, dogs are now welcome in all city parks when securely restrained by a leash no longer than 6 feet. This change became effective on January 5, 2018.

Dogs will continue to be allowed off-leash when under the voice command of the person responsible for the dog at these locations only (see map):

- Phenix Dog Park in Benicia Community Park
- First Street Beach
- First Street Promenade Beach

In addition to City Park, dogs will continue to be **prohibited** on the beach at Alvarez Ninth Street Park and in all playgrounds, skate parks, in-line hockey rinks, soccer fields, baseball fields and bleachers, tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and bocce courts.

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- 1 Phenix Dog Park in Benicia Community Park
 - 2 First Street Beach
 - 3 First Street Promenade Beach

City of Benicia—Phenix Dog Park Rules

- Dogs must never be left unattended.
- Dogs must display a current license.
- Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.
- Unruly dogs are not allowed. Aggressive dogs must leave immediately.
- ***All male dogs entering this park must be neutered.***
- No female dogs in heat allowed.
- Only three dogs are allowed per owner or dog walker at any one time.
- ***Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Adults with young children (ages 1-7) must keep their children within an arm's length.***
- Use of park will not be allowed for profit use.

Please remember this park is for dogs. A dog must accompany humans, and humans must accompany dog.