

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 13

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS; PROVIDING REGULATIONS
FOR DOGS IN CITY PARKS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes the need to provide modifications, from time to time, for rules and regulations contained within the Searcy Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council through feedback from the citizens of the City of Searcy, Arkansas requesting that dogs, under certain circumstances, be allowed in the City of Searcy's parks; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council finds that in light of the need to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens, an emergency exists requiring the immediate enforcement of this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 6-21(f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(f) Dogs will be allowed within the confined space(s) and designated area(s) of the City of Searcy's Dog Park(s) and upon designated walking trails within other City Parks. However, all parties who utilize said facilities are expected to fully comply with the confinement requirements pursuant to Section 6-21(a) of the Code, maintain their animal(s) within the respective areas of the park, including the removal of all animal waste from the premises, and take action to prevent their animal(s) from entering any other area of a City Park where animals are prohibited.

Except for certified service dogs and organized events conducted with the consent of the Mayor or his representative, animals are specifically prohibited from the Searcy Skate Park, Searcy Sports complex, the Black House, and Pioneer Village. Service dogs must wear identification as such, which can be clearly read at all times while in these areas.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2023

/s/ Mat Faulkner

Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris

City Clerk