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Order Made Under Section 26(2) of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**

The Melbourne City Council resolved at its meeting held on 28 June 2022 to make an Order pursuant to section 26(2) of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**. This Order will take effect on 18 August 2022 and replaces the following Municipal Orders published by the Council in Victoria Government Gazette: G40, page 2344 on 7 October 2010; G38, page 2290 on 22 September 2016; G46, page 2460 on 16 November 2017; and G46, page 2461 on 16 November 2017.

1. **Dogs on leash**

Subject to paragraph 2 below, the Owner of any dog must keep the dog under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 3 metres held by the Owner and attached to the dog while the dog is in a Reserve or any Public Place in the municipality, except where otherwise identified by signs and the City of Melbourne website as being a Designated Reserve, and only during the permitted times in those Designated Reserves identified for Timed Access.

A dog may be exercised off a chain, cord or leash in a Designated Reserve and during the Timed Access period (if applicable) provided the Owner:

- Carries a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 3 metres in length, sufficient to bring the dog under effective control if the dog behaves in a manner which threatens any person or animal;
- Remains in effective voice or hand control of the dog and within constant sight of the dog so as to be able to promptly place the dog on a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 3 metres in length if that becomes necessary; and
- Does not allow the dog to worry or threaten any person or animal, and does not allow the dog to attack any person or animal.

If a dog is off a chain, cord or leash, it must be brought under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 3 metres in length if the dog is on or within 5 metres of:

- A shared path (designated and identified for use by both pedestrians and bike riders).

If a dog is off a chain, cord or leash, it must be brought under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 3 metres in length if the dog is within 20 metres of:

- A children's play equipment area or outdoor fitness equipment area
- A permanent barbecue or picnic area
- A sports field or recreation facility during organised sporting activity (including training)
- The principal location of an organised public event or meeting
- A river, creek or waterbody.

2. **Dogs prohibited**

Dogs are prohibited from entering or remaining in a Prohibited Area at any time of the day.

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3. Definitions

‘Designated Reserve’ means the whole or part of a reserve designated by signage and on the City of Melbourne website as being available for the unleashing of dogs at the time(s) signposted. The following reserves have designated dog off leash areas:

- Clayton Reserve, North Melbourne
- Eades Park, West Melbourne
- Fawkner Park, South Yarra
- Goschs Paddock, Melbourne (managed by Melbourne Olympic Parks Trust)
- JJ Holland Park, Kensington
- Kings Way and Moray Street Reserve, Southbank
- North Melbourne Recreation Reserve, North Melbourne
- Point Park, Docklands (Timed Access)
- Princes Park, Carlton North
- Riverside Park, Kensington (Timed Access)
- Ron Barassi Senior Park, Docklands
- Royal Park, Parkville
- Stawell Street Reserve, West Melbourne
- Wellington Park, East Melbourne (Timed Access)
- Yarra Park, East Melbourne (managed by MCG Trust).

‘Owner’ has the same meaning as in the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**.

‘Prohibited Area’ means those parts of the following Reserves as designated by signs and shown on maps on the City of Melbourne website:

- Fawkner Park, South Yarra
- JJ Holland Park, Kensington
- Royal Park, Parkville.

‘Public Place’ has the same meaning as in the **Summary Offences Act 1966**.

‘Reserve’ means any park, garden, square or reserve within the municipality.

‘Timed Access’ means between the hours of 6.00 pm and 8.00 am from 1 November to 31 March and from 5.00 pm to 9.00 am, from 1 April to 31 October.

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