

CITY OF SOMERVILLE DOG RULES

June 23, 2021

STATE LAWS AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO DOGS:

(from the 2012 brochure: http://archive.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/DogBrochure2012.pdf)

- 1. All dogs over the age of 6 months must be licensed by the City Clerk's Office, and licenses must be renewed each year in January (M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 137).
- 2. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies (M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 145B).
- 3. All dogs must be leashed at all times within the city except in posted Off-Leash Recreational Areas (City Ord. 3-34).
- 4. No dogs are allowed in schoolyards and churchyards. (City Ord. 3-32).
- 5. No dogs are allowed in city parks at which "No Dogs Allowed" signs are posted (City Ord. 12-51).
- 6. All dog owners must pick up after their dogs at all times (City Ord. 3-38).
- 7. All dog owners must follow all Off-Leash Recreational Area regulations (ORLA) (City Ord. 3-34).

ADDITIONAL DOG RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL DOG PARKS (ORLA'S)

Established by the DPW Commissioner per Somerville Code of Ordinances Section 12-51:

- 1. Dog parks are open from 8 am to 10 pm.
- 2. No access allowed from 10:00 pm until 8:00 am.
- 3. Each person is limited to 3 dogs at a time.
- 4. Dogs must wear a collar with a valid license at all times and be current on all vaccinations.
- 5. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the area.
- 6. Dog owners must have a leash in hands at all times.
- 7. Owners must have their dog in view and under physical and/or vocal control.
- 8. No aggressive dogs allowed.
- 9. No dogs in heat allowed.
- 10. Dogs must be at least 4 months old to enter.
- 11. No excessive barking. Please respect our neighbors.
- 12. Dogs must never be left unattended.
- 13. Owners must pick up all feces immediately and dispose of them in a trash receptacle.
- 14. Use dog parks at your own risk. The City of Somerville is not responsible for injury or damage arising from use of a dog park.
- 15. Owners are legally and financially responsible for their dogs at all times.
- 16. Violators of these rules are subject to removal.

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL RULE RELATIVE TO ED LEATHERS PARK:

Established by the DPW Commissioner per Somerville Code of Ordinances Section 12-51

1. No more than 5 total dogs allowed in Ed Leathers dog park at a time.

Violations of any of these rules are subject to a \$50 fine for each offense (Per Somerville Code of Ordinances 12-51; 3-24; 3-38; 1-11)