

# Town Square / Dogs

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City Code applies separate standards for general city parks compared to the Town Square:

- City Parks: Generally, dogs are permitted in all city parks provided they are kept on a leash at all times. The exception is the designated off-leash dog park located at Burgi Hill Park.
- Town Square: Animals are strictly prohibited on the Town Square unless explicitly permitted by the City.

Section 5.03.070, which states:

"No animals of any kind will be allowed on the town square except as permitted under the direction of the City."



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Two items to consider include:

- **Discretionary Authority:** The language is discretionary, granting the City absolute authority to control whether any animals, including dogs, are allowed on the Town Square.
- **Administrative Ambiguity:** The code is ambiguous regarding enforcement and approval authority. It does not specify which designated official, department, or governing body within the City holds the power to grant these permissions.

