

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-96

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 55

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of Independence, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. Chapter 55.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is amended as follows:**

- I. The phrase “as defined in 56.02 and 56.03 of this Code of Ordinances” is removed and replaced with “as defined in 56.01 of this Code of Ordinances.”
- II. Section 55.12(3) is removed in its entirety and replaced with:
  3. Refer the matter to the City Council or proper court to determine disposition.

**SECTION 2. Chapter 55.06 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is amended as follows:**

- I. Section 55.06 is removed and replaced with:

**55.06 AT LARGE PROHIBITED.**

No animal shall be allowed on City property unless it is restrained by a leash not more than six (6) feet in length. The leash must be sufficient strength to restrain the animal and must be held by a person capable of restraining and controlling the animal.

Certain parcels of City property may be designed by the Independence City Council as an off-leash park. At these locations, an animal is not in violation of this Ordinance if it is within such park boundaries and displays an off-leash park permit tag.

Law Enforcement K9’s are exempt from this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

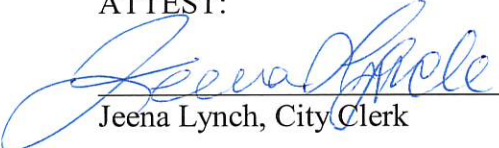
**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**Passed by the Council** the 11th day of December, 2017, and approved this 11th day of December, 2017.


  
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Bonita Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeena Lynch, City Clerk

First Reading: November 27, 2017  
Second Reading: December 11, 2017  
Third Reading: Waived

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 2017-96 on the 16th day of December, 2017.

  
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City Clerk