



TOWN OF FALMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO 138-2017

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Regarding Pets in Parks and Public Lands

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Falmouth, Maine in Town Council assembled, that the Falmouth Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-121. Establishment and purpose of rules and regulations.

The rules and regulations as set out in this article are hereby established for the management and protection of the parks and other public lands, defined as areas operated as recreational areas or conservation areas, owned by the Town of Falmouth and for the protection of the persons lawfully entitled to use same.

1. *Park hours of operation.*
 - a. Parks and public lands shall normally be open to the public from sunrise until sunset unless otherwise posted. The public is prohibited from being in parks when they are closed to public use except as authorized by the town manager or designee.
 - b. Woods Road Community Forest shall be closed to the public from December 1 to March 31 each year per Department of Environmental Protection Order L-13859-L3-M-M as a deer wintering yard.
 - c. The town manager or designee is authorized to close any park or portion thereof at any time for the protection of park property or the public health, safety or welfare.

6. *Pets/animals.*
 - a. All pets and animals must be on a leash, cord or chain, not longer than ten feet, held by a person physically able to control the dog, or off leash as long as they are within voice command of their custodian, with the following exceptions:

- 1) all pets and animals, within 300 feet of any parking area or trailhead, must be on a leash as described in Section 14-121 6.a.
- 2) all pets and animals that are brought to any scheduled/organized activity or event must be on a leash as described in Section 14-121 6.a.
- 3) no pets and animals are allowed in designated child play areas.
- 4) all pets and animals are prohibited April 1 through September 30 at the following areas:
 - i. Hadlock Community Forest
 - ii. North Falmouth Community Forest
 - iii Suckfish Brook Conservation Area
- 5) all pets and animals are prohibited in the River Point Conservation Area.

Attest: _____

Ellen Planer
Town Clerk
May 8, 2017