

1 [ADVISORY Dog Off-Leash Task Force]

2 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 359-98, CREATING AN ADVISORY DOGS OFF-LEASH
3 TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND AN EFFECTIVE OFF-LEASH POLICY,
4 TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CREATIVELY FINANCE THE COSTS
5 ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS IN
6 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND HOW THE CITY CAN
7 EFFECTIVELY AND FAIRLY ENFORCE ITS LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO
8 DOGS BY EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE OF THE ADVISORY DOGS OFF-LEASH TASK
9 FORCE TO MARCH 4, 1999.
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11 WHEREAS, The number of dogs in the City and County of San
12 Francisco has increased while the areas available to dog owners to
13 let their dogs run off-leash has decreased; and
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15 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department currently has
16 seventeen designated off-leash areas, four of which are located in
17 Golden Gate Park; and
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19 WHEREAS, There has been testimony before the Board of
20 Supervisors of the need for more areas for dog owners to permit their
21 dogs to run-off leash within their neighborhood parks; and
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23 WHEREAS, There has been testimony before the Board of
24 Supervisors of the need to enforce Sections of the Health Code
25 pertaining to dogs and the responsibilities of dog owners; and

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1 WHEREAS, There has been testimony before the Board of
2 Supervisors on how the needs and requirements of other park users and
3 park resources may conflict with needs of dog owners to permit their
4 dogs to run off-leash; and

5 WHEREAS, There has been testimony before the Board of
6 Supervisors about the need of community groups and associations,
7 including groups and associations formed around a profound love of
8 dogs, to participate in the development of any off-leash policy; and
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10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall be appointed by
12 the Board of Supervisors and such appointments shall be made by May
13 28, 1998; and, be it

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15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
16 County of San Francisco establishes an Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task
17 Force consisting of thirteen members who will represent the following
18 officials and groups: the Mayor of San Francisco or his designee, a
19 member of the Board of Supervisors, the Chief of the San Francisco
20 Police Department or his designee, the General Manager of the
21 Recreation and Park Department or his designee, the Chair of the San
22 Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare, the Director of
23 Animal Care and Control or the Director's designee, the Director of
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1 the Environmental Health Department or the Director's designee, the
2 Superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area or his
3 designee, the President of the SPCA or his designee and a designee
4 from each of the following entities: Coleman Advocates, Noe Courts
5 Coalition, SF Dog, and Fund for Animals. For example, (1) the Mayor
6 or a designee appointed by the Mayor, (2) a member of the Board of
7 Supervisors appointed by the Board of Supervisors, (3) the Chief of
8 the San Francisco Police Department or a designee appointed by the
9 Chief of Police, (4) the General Manager of the Recreation and Park
10 Department or a designee appointed by the General Manager, (5) the
11 Director of Animal Care and Control or a designee appointed by the
12 Director, (6) the Chair of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission
13 or a designee appointed by the Chair, (7) the Director of the
14 Environmental Health Department or a designee appointed by the
15 Director, (8) the Superintendent of the Golden Gate National
16 Recreation Area or a designee appointed by the Superintendent, (9)
17 the President of the SPCA or a designee appointed by the President,
18 and the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the four remaining Task
19 Force members; and, be it
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24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Advisory Task Force on Dogs Off-
25 Leash shall report on the following:

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1 1. An effective off-leash policy which will enable the City and
2 County of San Francisco to increase the number of dog off-leash
3 areas in neighborhood parks while equitably balancing that need
4 against the needs and requirements of other park users and park
5 resources.

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7 2. Alternative ways to creatively finance the costs associated with
8 increasing the number of dog off-leash areas in neighborhood
9 parks, including private sector involvement.

10 3. How the city can effectively and fairly enforce its laws and
11 regulations pertaining to dogs, in particular section 40., section
12 41.12. and section 41.15 of the San Francisco Health Code.

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14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment of members to the
15 Advisory Off-Leash Dogs Task Force shall automatically expire on
16 March 4, 1999; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be staffed by the
18 Department of Recreation and Park Department.
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Resolution

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Resolution amending Resolution No. 359-98, creating an Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force to consider and recommend an effective off-leash policy, to consider alternative ways to creatively finance the costs associated with increasing the number of dog off-leash areas in neighborhood parks and to consider and recommend how the city can effectively and fairly enforce its laws and regulations pertaining to dogs by extending the sunset date of the Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force to March 4, 1999.

October 13, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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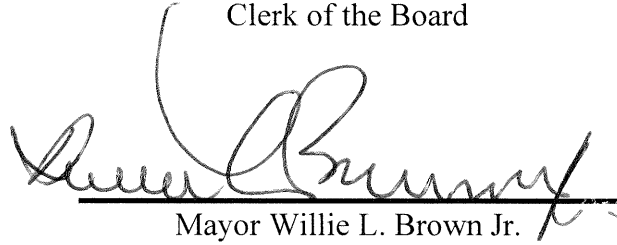
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 13, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

OCT 23 1998

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.