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RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOWN DOG PARK
ON LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON GROVE

WHEREAS, Section XXI of the Washington Grove Charter grants the Town Council “the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or this Charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town’s property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons or property from violence or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of and visitors to the Town” and specifically provides for the power to “regulate the keeping of dogs in the Town” and to “establish and maintain public parks, gardens, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities and programs to promote the health, welfare, and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the Town”; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2017, the Town Council authorized the Mayor of Washington Grove in Resolution 2017-04 to appoint a Dog Park Workgroup to consider the desire for, and requirements concerning, a potential dog park facility in the Town (the “Dog Park”); and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, after extensive study and deliberation, the Dog Park Workgroup recommended in their Report to the Town Council (Exhibit A) the establishment of a Dog Park occupying approximately 4,000 square feet in the West Woods, at the location identified in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2018, at a Special Town Meeting, the attending Town citizens, representing a quorum of qualified voters in the Town, in a sense-of-the-Town vote, voted in favor of the establishment of a Dog Park at the location recommended by the Dog Park Workgroup; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018, interested citizens of the Town formed a Dog Park Committee to advise the Mayor and Town Council on the development and implementation of the recommended Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2018, the Town Council recognized the formation of a volunteer Dog Park Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received and considered recommendations from the Dog Park Committee regarding criteria and requirements for construction and operation of the proposed Dog Park.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Washington Grove, Maryland that:

- A. The Council hereby approves the establishment of a Dog Park at the location identified in Report of the Dog Park Workgroup (Exhibit A).
- B. The Mayor shall prepare a Request for Proposal to solicit bids from contractors for the construction of the Dog Park for review and approval by the Town Council, with the advice and assistance of the Dog Park Committee, the Woods Committee and the Town Councilor serving as liaison to the Dog Park Committee (hereinafter, the “Liaison”).
- C. The Mayor shall oversee the construction of the Dog Park by the contractor selected by the Mayor and approved by the Town Council. The Mayor will be advised and assisted by the Dog Park Committee and Liaison, the Woods Committee and its Town Councilor liaison, and the Town Maintenance Supervisor.
- D. The Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to take all actions permitted by the Town Charter in consultation with the Town Council, and the laws and Constitutions of the State of Maryland and the United States, to ensure compliance with the Washington Grove Dog Park Rules and Regulations. The Mayor may be advised and assisted by the Dog Park Committee and the Liaison with respect to the day-to-day monitoring and oversight of the Dog Park.

ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF September, 2018.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON GROVE

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Date