

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-42**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING  
SITKA GENERAL CODE AT SECTION 23.30.020 ENTITLED “CONDITIONS  
FOR USE OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES” TO PROHIBIT NON-  
SERVICE DOGS FROM BEING INSIDE THE FENCED MOLLER PARK BALL  
FIELD AND SUBJECTING THE OWNER OF SUCH A DOG TO A FINE**

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code.

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person or circumstance shall not be affected.

3. **PURPOSE.** This ordinance amends SGC 23.30.020 entitled “Conditions for use of parks and recreation facilities” by adding subsection G to prohibit non-service dogs from entering into the fenced Moller Park ball field. Moller Park ball field will be posted with signs about the ban regarding non-service dogs and the fine.

The purpose of this ordinance is to address problems with dogs defecating on the newly constructed and fenced Moller Park ball field that can be easily damaged. The goal is to prolong the life of the artificial turf and minimize costs that would be necessary to repair the field with damage caused by dogs (i.e., defecating, digging holes, etc.).

This ordinance subjects any owner of a non-service dog that is inside the Moller Park ball field fenced area to a fine of \$300. This fine is in addition to any other fine imposed for violating other SGC provisions, such as failing to clean up after an animal defecates or a dog being off-leash, as well as in addition to other charges, such as impound fees. This penalty is being imposed to induce dog owners to exercise better control over their animal, and protect Moller Park ball field that is particularly subject to damage from defecating animals.

