

Dog Park Code of Conduct and Regulations

1. ____ Dog Park pass holders are responsible for compliance with Sterling Heights general park rules and the Dog Park rules and regulations listed in this agreement at all times.
2. ____ Pass holder must have dog's current license and immunization record on file with the Parks and Recreation Department in order to obtain a dog park pass and access to the dog park. Only annual pass holders and their approved dogs are allowed into the park. Permits will be revoked if you allow a non-pass holder or unregistered dog into the park.
3. ____ When immunizations have expired, owners have one week to update vaccinations and provide paperwork to the office. Otherwise, the pass card will be suspended until proof of updated vaccinations has been submitted to the Parks and Recreation office.
4. ____ Dog Park hours of operation are from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. from April – September, and from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. October – March.
5. ____ Use of the Dog Park is at permit holders' own risk. Annual pass holders (not the City of Sterling Heights) are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
6. ____ The following are not allowed in the Sterling Heights Dog Park: Aggressive dogs; alcohol; dogs in heat; dogs under the age of 4 months; dogs with contagious diseases or parasites; dogs that have been identified as dangerous/potentially dangerous by the City or court of law; food – human or pet (including treats and bones); glass containers; pinch, prong or shock collars; smoking (tobacco, marijuana, cigars, vaping, hookah, etc).
7. ____ Dogs must remain on a leash no longer than 6 ft. at all times until inside the All Dog or Small Dog enclosure. Owners must keep leash with them at all times while inside the park.
8. ____ Up to 4 dogs per household may be registered on one pass, although only two (2) dogs are allowed per adult at a time in the dog park. If more than two (2) dogs are registered in a home and you wish to bring them all to the park at the same time, there must be two (2) adults. Children under the age of 18 DO NOT qualify as a second adult.
9. ____ Dogs must be actively supervised and be under voice control of their owner(s). Laptop/tablet use is not allowed in the Park. Limit any phone conversations to under two (2) minutes to ensure your dog is being properly supervised.
10. ____ Pass holders must remain with their dog inside the Sterling Heights Dog Park at all times.
11. ____ Pass holders must clean up their dog(s)' waste and deposit it in the receptacles provided. Failure to do so will result in the issuance of a Municipal Civil Infraction and fine in accordance with Chapter 8, Articles 8-11 and 8-55 of the City Code of Ordinances and fined in an amount no less than \$500.
12. ____ Digging is not allowed in the Sterling Heights Dog Park. Please stop your dog if they begin to dig so that we can keep the dog park beautiful.
13. ____ Dogs barking excessively or exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed from the Park at the first sign of this behavior. Any dog that bites another dog or human will no longer be allowed in the park and will be immediately removed from the owner's annual pass.

14. ____ No acts of aggression will be tolerated; including both verbal and physical, by a patron towards another patron or dog.
15. ____ Toys are allowed at the Dog Park. However, should any dog become possessive, the toy must be removed immediately to avoid aggressive behaviors.
16. ____ Adults (18 years and over) may apply for a dog park pass. Children ages 6-17 are allowed to accompany an adult pass holder in the park. For the safety of young children, anyone under the age of 6 is not allowed in the Sterling Heights Dog Park at any time, as not all dogs are accustomed to or accepting of smaller children.
17. ____ Dogs weighing 25lbs or less are permitted into the small dog area. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
18. ____ In the event that any of the above rules are violated by a pass holder or a complaint is made by another pass holder, Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation reserves the right to immediately suspend or revoke annual passes of all parties involved. Disciplinary actions will not take place without an investigation by a Parks and Recreation representative. Complaints can be submitted in writing by visiting www.myshpr.net/dog-park or filing a written complaint in person at the Parks and Recreation office. Complaints must be received within 24 hours of the incident. Anonymous reports will not be looked into.