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From: Jim Chase <jimlchase@yahoo.com>
To: Ty Ellis <mayor@elkridgecity.org>
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Subject: Dogs

Dear Mayor Ellis,

Elk Ridge city has a leash law but is vague as to what that means, except for vicious dogs. The leash law is most explicitly stated on the dog license form issued by the county that dogs are to be on a leash at all times when not on private property, but there is no allowance for agricultural dogs that are herd dogs.

My thought, most residents are pretty good at keeping their dogs on a leash when out in public. There are those who are playing with their dogs at the park by throwing a ball or frisbee, not on a leash. I have had comments from citizens about getting yelled at for their dog off a leash while the dog is ball chasing or kids getting yelled at for having their dog off a leash. Many of the lots in the lower part of town (north end) have small lots. There is little room for one play ball or frisbee with their dog in a back yard.

I would suggest that the park west of city hall be designated as a dogie park. Owners would still be required to keep their dog under control at all times but would be allowed to have their dog free to chase a ball or frisbee or just run and romp to burn off energy. The city ordinance would be amended to make the allowance for this one park. Also the leash code would be clarified at the same time. Dog owners at the park seem to be very diligent at cleaning up after their dog, whether on a leash or off. I have seen these "clean ups" done many times. The problem messes I see are coming from roaming dogs.

Your thoughts.

Thanks,

Jim Chase