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11-5-10A - PURPOSE OF THE TRAIL SYSTEM –

1.The purpose of establishing a trail system is to have a uniform community plan consisting of trails, paths and walkways for the residents of the city to use in their daily recreational activities to promote the health and well being of city residents. It is intended for there to be a city wide shared trail system, to the degree possible, for all city residents to use. The Planning Commission and City Council shall identify city plats, preliminary and final plats where trails and walkways are to be incorporated into the city trail system. See the Trails section in the General Plan for further guidance.

2. The arrangement, character, extent, width, and location of all trails and walkways shall be considered in relation to existing and planned streets, trails and walkways, to topographical conditions, to public convenience and safety and in relation to the proposed uses of the land to be served by such trails and walkways.

3. Construction Standards. Trails and walkways shall comply with the Development and Construction Standards and other specifications of the city of Woodland Hills, to the degree possible.

11-5-10B - DEFINITIONS –

1. Trails and Walkways – Consist of both soft surfaces and hard surfaces, usually asphalt, on which to walk, run or bicycle. Walkways are synonymous with trails.
2. Natural Surface Trail– A trail with a surface other than a hard surface of asphalt or concrete, usually dirt, that serves the purpose of passive recreation activities such as hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, equestrian activities and the like.
3. Motorized Vehicle – Any type of motorized vehicle, ATV, UTV, etc. or any means of transportation that is propelled by an electrical or gasoline motor.

1. litter - Any wrapper, food or water covering, paper product, organic commodity
2. Animal – Any non-human living creature

11-5-10C - PROHIBITIONS –

1. It is prohibited to use any type of motorized vehicle on trails or walkways designated as non-motorized, except with city approval for events, emergency or maintenance purposes or if used by a person who has doctor certified mobility disabilities.
2. It is prohibited to liter along any trail, path or walkway. Whatever material you bring with you must be taken out with no liter left along the trail or walkway.
3. On any trail or walkway, any animal must have a leash attached at all times and must be controlled by the person holding the leash.
4. Any animal defecation on or off any trial, path or walkway must be picked up and carried out by the person in charge of the animal.
5. Use of any path, trail or walkway may be controlled by curfew hours at the direction of the city council.
6. If designated parking areas have been identified and available for trail head parking, they must be used rather than parking on the street.
7. In using a walkway or trail, courtesy way will be given to the slowest means of locomotion being used by the parties.

11-5-10D - PENALTIES –

Any person violating any of the prohibitions mentioned in the PROHIBITIONS section above will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to $750.

11-5-10E - TRAILS IN SUBDIVISIONS –

To the degree possible, trails and walkways will be incorporated into subdivision developments, particularly along collector and local roads as defined in the general plan. Natural Surface Trails are also to be considered but are less desirable as their use is more specialized and more restricted in nature. Developers must demonstrate that they have given consideration to connecting trails and walkways between different subdivisions or within the same subdivision that is developed in phases to ensure a uniform and consistent flow to the trails and walkways in a particular area of the city.

Trails and walkways can be designated by the city council for either motorized or non-motorized traffic or both.

11-5-10F – MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS AND WALKWAYS –

Where trails and walkways are on common ground within a subdivision, easements shall be granted to the city in order for the city to take over the maintenance of the trail and to provide access to all city residents. If a particular Homeowners Association wants to maintain a trail or walkway in their subdivision, an arrangement shall be agreed to by the HOA and the city council for them to do so.

11-5-10G – DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Trails and walkways are to be constructed according to the city Development and Construction Standards. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council.