

ORDINANCE 05--03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, AMENDING THE CITY OF COMMERCE CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

Section 66-55 of the City of Commerce Code of Ordinance entitled Animals is hereby amended to include the following:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to bring any animal into any public park or recreational facility that is not under the immediate control of a person by means of a cage, leash or rope no longer than six feet. This subsection shall not apply to guide dogs or other animals used to assist handicapped or disabled persons, to penned animals that are part of an activity authorized by the Parks and Recreation Board or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or his designee, in park area or recreation facilities designated as leash free by the Parks and Recreation Board.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to walk or ride any horse or other animal through any park. It shall be unlawful for any animal to be within the spectator area of any playing field while ball games or practices are being held. The exception will be that of a service animal providing said service animal is leashed and in control of its owner. It shall be unlawful for any person to tether or pasture any cow, horse, mule or domestic animal in or upon any park or playground.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any animal to be at any City Sanctioned public gathering or event where there are persons in attendance who are unknown to the person in control of the animal.
- (d) If a pet defecates in a public park or recreation facility, it shall be unlawful if the person in control of the animal does not immediately remove any excrement from park premises or dispose of it in a town-provided receptacle.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby expressly repealed.

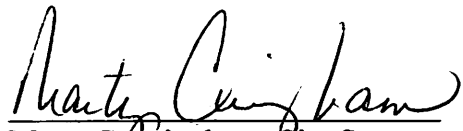
SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, word, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is declared to be invalid it shall not affect the validity of this ordinance.

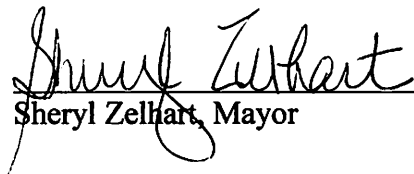
PASSED AND APPROVED on the **FIRST READING** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce, Texas on this the 15th day of February 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the **SECOND READING** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce, Texas on this the 1st day of March 2005.

ATTEST:

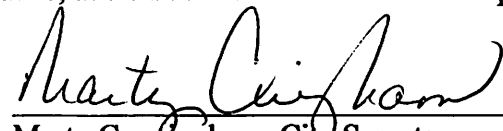
CITY OF COMMERCE:


Marty Cunningham, City Secretary


Sheryl Zelhart, Mayor

(seal)

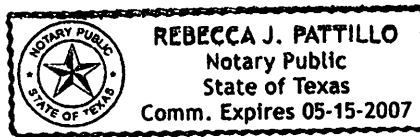
I, Marty Cunningham, City Secretary of the City of Commerce, Texas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an ordinance, and that the same has not been repealed and is in full force and effect.


Marty Cunningham, City Secretary

(seal)

5 Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 10th day of March -
2007 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

(seal)



Rebecca J. Pattillo
Notary Public, State of Texas

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