



Proposed Plan for Implementation of the Policy regarding On-Leash Dog Access to the Madison Park System

Presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners

February 12, 2020



Summary of our efforts so far

Dogs and Parks: A Conversation

Public Input Meetings

July 16, 17, 23, 25 and 30, 2019

City of Madison Parks Division

<u>Dogs and Parks Meetings</u>		
Location	Date	Attendees
Warner Park Community Center	16-Jul	21
Memorial High School	17-Jul	24
Villager- Atrium Community Room	23-Jul	14
Central Library	25-Jul	13
Sennett Middle School	30-Jul	7



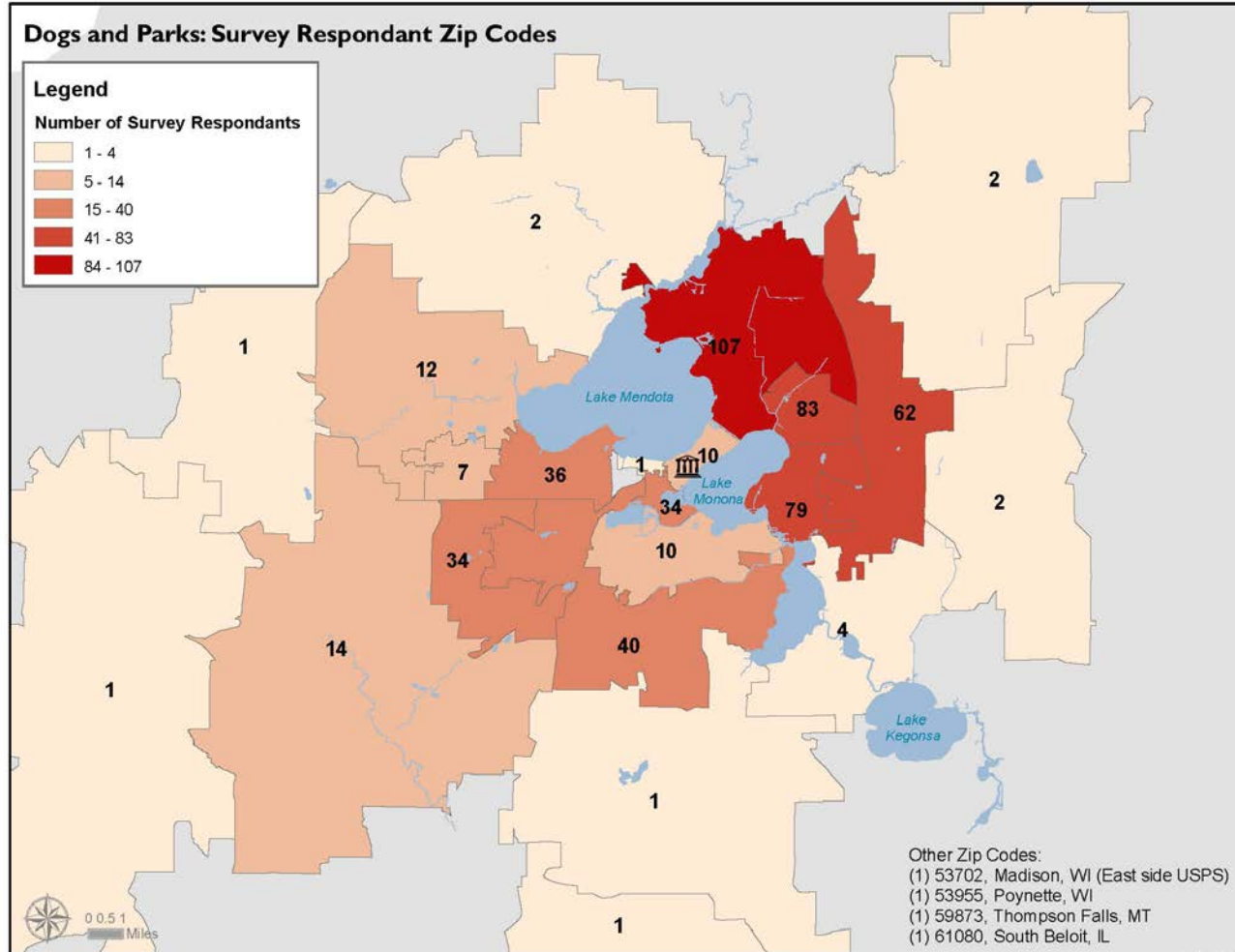
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Community Survey

Over 1,900 responses

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Implementation

Fall of 2019 and Early 2020

- ❖ BPC adopts the Statement of Policy and Guidelines for On-Leash Dog Access to the Madison Park System
- ❖ Parks Implementation Team met several times to discuss:
 - Communication with the Public
 - Signage (Rules sign updates and education)
 - Determination of Parks for Dog Free Status
 - Mini Parks, Neighborhood Parks
 - Golf Courses
 - Cemeteries
- ❖ The new ordinance was introduced at City Council on Feb 4.



Highlights of Proposed Ordinance

Current ordinances (Sections 8.19 and 23.32):

- Prohibit dogs generally from City parks and any City-occupied buildings,
- Allows for 26 specific on-leash dog parks and 9 specific off-leash dog parks.

The new ordinance states:

- Dogs will generally continue to be prohibited from City buildings,
- City agencies will now be able to designate whether any other City property under their control should be dog free, and under what conditions.



Dog Free Locations in Madison Park System



This is a DOG FREE PARK

Violators are subject to a fine (MGO 8.19).

Report Violators: (608) 235-0448

cityofmadison.com/parks/dogfree



Proposed Dog-Free Locations in Madison Park System

