

## **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 12.20.020(P) OF THE MARICOPA CITY CODE REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS AT DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH AREAS AND DOGS PARKS OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY THE CITY AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Maricopa previously adopted ordinance(s) related allowing pets in public places, which have been amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa believe, after consultation with its staff, that amending Section 12.20.020(P) of the Maricopa City Code would be in the best interest of the City of Maricopa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 12.20.020(P) of the City Code of Maricopa is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

Children 11 years of age and younger are at all time prohibited within the boundaries of designated off-leash areas and dog parks owned and/or operated by the city of Maricopa unless accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

**SECTION 2.** To the extent of any conflict between other City Ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling; provided, however, that this Ordinance is not intended to amend or repeal any existing City Ordinance, Resolution or regulation except as expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption by the City Council for the City of Maricopa.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

APPROVED:

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Nancy Smith  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vanessa Bueras, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Denis Fitzgibbons  
City Attorney