

Appendix 7: Scoring Sheet for Placement Criteria

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Criteria Description	Score 1	Score 3	Score 5	Comments	SCORE
Size: variable and dependent upon proposed park location. Minimum ¼ acre; ½ acre preference	Less than 1/4 acre	1/2 acre to 1 acre	> 2 acres		
Buffer from Residential: ideally limit neighborhood disturbance to be consistent with typical park uses. Desired: increased distance; vegetative buffer	50' or less from adjacent residents, and little opportunity for buffer	> 100' from residents and moderate opportunities for buffer	> 200' from residents and good opportunity for buffer		
Non-residential adjacent Land Use: Depending on the type of business or institution, may be considered either a benefit or an undesirable amenity	Surrounding Institution(s)/Business does not consider dog parks compatible with its mission/constituency	A dog park would be neutral for the surrounding institution or business	An adjacent dog park would be a positive addition to the surrounding institution or business		
Drinking fountain: highly desirable within or adjacent to dog park area	No drinking water available on site, would be expensive/difficult to provide water	Drinking fountain and/or water service available on site, but outside of dog park	Drinking fountain available within proposed dog park area		
Parking: sufficient and convenient; provided without undue burden on neighbors.	On-site parking not currently existing, and site too small to accommodate parking lot	On-site parking not currently existing. Site can accommodate parking lot	Existing parking lot on site can accommodate dog park		
Land suitability: relatively flat topography, permeable soils, design to minimize erosion potential, protection for water bodies, good visibility through site	Excessive slopes, impermeable soils, and high erosion potential	Moderately flat, moderate visibility, moderately permeable soils	Primarily flat, good drainage, permeable soils, good visibility		
Shade: highly desirable, site provides good mix of shade/ mature trees and open space/ turf grass	No trees on site, full sun	Some trees on site, smaller trees don't provide much shade	Mature trees, good mix of shade and open space		
Use Conflict Avoidance: avoid placing dog park in area that would conflict with or displace desired active and passive activities	Dog park would conflict with existing park uses	Existing park use would not be impacted by proposed dog park	Dog park would complement existing park uses		

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Protect Natural Areas: should not be located in close proximity to high quality natural areas to limit disturbance of nesting birds, small mammals, native plants	Site within 50' of high quality natural area	Natural area > 100' from proposed dog park area	No natural areas at site		
Geographic Distribution: located such that there is equitable distribution to dog parks in the City	Within 1/4 mile of an existing dog park; well served by dog park	Within a 1 mile of an existing dog park; moderately well served	Equal distance from other dog parks in unserved area of City		
<i>Highest score attainable - 45 pts, Minimal score for consideration - 20 pts, Eliminate as possibility <20 pts</i>					Total Score
Summary Comments:					