

## Barkin' Park Dog Committee

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Per your request, we hereby submit the following package containing information and details for the future fulfillment of a Lompoc dog park including our Mission Statement, Site Plan Map, Dog Park Rules and Regulations.

The project shall be known as "Barkin' Park" and a committee has been formed known as the "Barkin' Park" dog park committee. The committee has been formed under the Lompoc Valley Parks, Recreation, And Pool Association. The officers are as follows:

Chairman:	Larry Schwartz	805-588-1834
Vice-Chairman:	Rick Ramirez	805-315-9010
Treasurer:	Alicia Kaplan	805-588-2714
Secretary:	Carrie Clark	805-717-2986
Officer at Large:	Susanne Schenck	805-733-8184

Though smaller in size than most cities, our site plan still provides space for small and large dogs.

## Cost estimates for development:

Fencing:	\$ 9500.00
Turf:	\$ 7500.00
Irrigation:	\$ 9600.00
Signage:	\$ 700.00
H2O Fountains	\$ 2000.00
Concrete	\$ 610.00
Dog Bags/Holder	\$ 55.00
Total	\$29,965.00

Our funding sources will not require the City Of Lompoc to use any asset as security. All our resources shall be generated through donations and generated revenue as well as what you described in your letter as "sweat equity". Home Depot, Lemos, Allied Fence, Chumash Casino, Petco, Valley Rock, Kennel Club, and many more potential donors have expressed a willingness to help move this project forward. Depending on how expedient your department and other departments at the City Of Lompoc can act, we believe the park can be completed within six months.

Per prior discussions, the City Of Lompoc will furnish trash cans, water, and mow the turf. Repair, operation, and replacement shall be managed by the Barkin' Dog Park Committee through membership dues, donations, sweat equity, and potential revenue generated through specialty use programs that may incorporate a partnership with the Parks And Recreation Department for fee based programs such as dog training and dog obedience classes. A reserve account using general accounting practice methods will be set up for depreciation as calculated by general accepted accounting practice.

Sincerely,

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Vice-Chairman:	Rick Ramirez
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Susanne Schenck	Donations and Officer at Large

# BARKIN PARK MISSION STATEMENT

“To establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. To develop a beautiful, well-maintained space open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park’s rules and regulations. To view this park as a community project, in partnership with the City of Lompoc, designated to satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non-dog owners alike.”



**BARKIN PARK RULES****DRAFT**

1. READ AND FOLLOW ALL RULES TO HELP ALL OF US SAFELY RECREATE.
2. USE THIS DOG PARK RECREATIONAL AREA AT YOUR OWN RISK. BY ENTERING OR SIGHTSEEING AT THIS RECREATIONAL AREA, YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR DOGS ARE AGREEING TO ASSUME ALL RISKS FOR INJURY AND AGREEING TO HOLD HARMLESS AND IMDEMNIFY THE CITY OF LOMPOC AND BARKIN PARK!

In other words, by your presence at this recreational area, you have agreed that the City of Lompoc and Barkin Park are not liable for injuries or damage caused by any dog or person. The use of, or sightseeing at, this off-leash recreational area by any person shall constitute agreement by that person to a waiver of liability of the City of Lompoc and Barkin Park and his or her agreement to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Lompoc and Barkin Park from any claim, injury, or damage arising from or in connection with such use.

3. WARNING! CHILDREN MUST BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.  
This is an off-leash dog park. It is not a child's playground or daycare center. While children are not prohibited at this recreational area, they are not particularly welcome due to the nature of this recreational activity. This is an off-leash dog park where small and large dogs run at high speeds chasing balls or other dogs. Dogs at play can easily knock down children and/or injure them.

Also, the mere entry of your children, especially babies in strollers, may lead to your dog being more protective and aggressive. Dogs are "pack animals" and your baby is part of your "pack". Your dog may try and protect your "pack" and the territory around the baby stroller and thus may be more aggressive. If you bring children to the dog park, you must closely supervise them, keeping them within arms reach and totally under control. If children create problems for owners and their dogs, you will be asked to leave this recreational area.

4. AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED! IF YOUR DOG BECOMES AGGRESSIVE AT THE PARK, IT MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE DOG PARK.

If your dog is causing problems for other dogs or people, you must take your dog out of the park. Come back another time when everyone, including your dog, has calmed down and when your dog has received proper training.

5. CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Owners must pick up and dispose of their dogs' feces. Plastic bags in dispensers and poop scoopers are available throughout the Park. If you find feces, please be kind enough to notify the dog's owner. If you can't find the dog's owner, please dispose of the pile yourself. Others will return the favor.

6. FOOD IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE PARK.

Dogs will fight over food. No picnics.

7. DOGS MUST:

- DISPLAY A VALID COUNTY ANIMAL LICENSE
- BE UP-TO-DATE WITH THEIR VACCINATIONS
- BE FREE OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARASITES, and BE HEALTHY

Puppies under four months of age are NOT ALLOWED, as they will not have adequate vaccinations to protect them from diseases such as Parvo. Use your judgment as to whether older puppies are ready to socialize. Dogs with visible fleas and ticks need to be treated with Frontline® and/or Advantage® by a veterinarian BEFORE entering the dog park. Dogs that have diarrhea or vomiting should seek

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veterinary care BEFORE entering the dog park. Dogs that frequently scratch their coats or frequently drag their bottoms on the ground should also seek veterinary care BEFORE entering the dog park.

8. **FEMALE DOGS IN HEAT ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PARK.**  
The park HIGHLY RECOMMENDS that all dogs be spayed or neutered. They are less prone to fighting, attempting to breed and running away.
9. **BE PATIENT ENTERING OR EXITING THE DOG PARK.**  
If other owners or dogs are in the double-gated holding area, wait for them to exit before you enter. Do not open more than one gate at a time.  
Leash and unleash your dog in the holding area only. Do not leash or unleash your dog inside the dog park. Open the gate and allow your dog to walk into the dog park on its own. Do not take dogs in on-leash and do not carry dogs in. Carry your leash with you at all times.
10. **RUNNING IS DISCOURAGED AT THIS RECREATIONAL AREA.**  
Leave the running to the dogs.
11. **DOGS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN THE PARK WHILE SUPERVISED BY THEIR OWNERS.**  
Watch your dog to make sure it does not become aggressive. This is not doggie day care. Do not drop your dog off while you go run errands elsewhere. Take your dog with you when you leave the dog park.
12. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO CONGREGATE IN LARGE GROUPS.**  
Dogs in very large groups will often have hierarchy problems, including dogfights. Owners should spread out and walk away in different directions while calling their dogs. Anticipating trouble will avoid a lot of problems.
13. **IF A DOG FIGHT DOES OCCUR -**  
DO NOT reach into the middle of the dogfight. You may get bitten – often by your own dog. Distract the dogs to divert their attention. A loud whistle, a pocket air horn, or a blast of water from a water bottle, pan, or hose can work. Or, each owner may simultaneously grab his/her dog by the hind legs and walk quickly backwards to pull dogs away from each other. DO NOT grab a dog by its collar to break up a dog fight as you may get bitten. Yell for help if you need more people. Keep all dogs apart until they have calmed down. Immediately remove your dog from this recreational area.
14. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK.**
15. **THE PARK IS OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL DUSK.**
16. **WHEN THINGS GO WRONG-BE SANE!**  
Some groups of dogs get along better than others. Some days the mix of dogs is good and other days the mix may not be good and some of the dogs just can't get along. The same is true for owners. You are expected to use common sense and be reasonable at all times. If you can't be cooperative and share in the responsibility of the keeping of this recreational area a healthy and safe place to be, you will be asked to leave. Educate yourself about hierarchy behavior in dogs.