

RESOLUTION 2017-12

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE EQUINE TRAIL POLICY AND GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin Parks Department Equine Trail (“Equine Trail”) is an open space trail system in Harlinsdale Farm that can be and is used by individuals and their horses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved Committee recommendation of a Policy for Use of the Harlinsdale Equine Trail on March 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, use of the Equine Trail would work most effectively and fairly by adopting a policy to set forth rules and expectations for citizens utilizing the Equine Trail; and

WHEREAS, City business is a priority, coordination of Equine Trail use is important to balance use for City business and non-City use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find it is in the best interest of the City of Franklin to adopt the City of Franklin Parks Department Equine Trail Policy and Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN:

Section 1. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen (“BOMA”) hereby adopts the City of Franklin Parks Department Equine Trail Policy and Guidelines (“Policy”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, establishing and outlining the procedures and authorization for use of the Equine Trail. Changes to the Policy shall only be made by resolution of the BOMA.

Section 2. The Parks Director or his/her designee shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Policy.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this _____ day of _____ 2017.

ATTEST

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

By: _____
ERIC S. STUCKEY
City Administrator

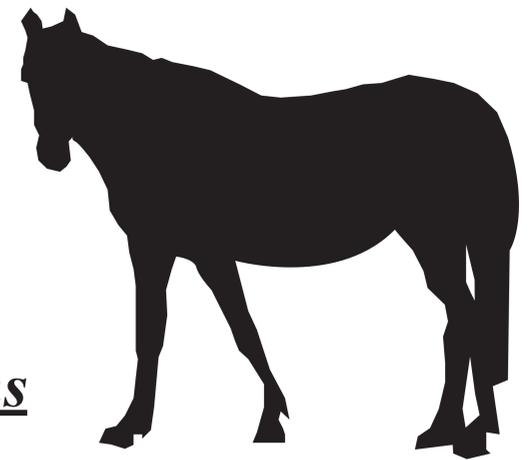
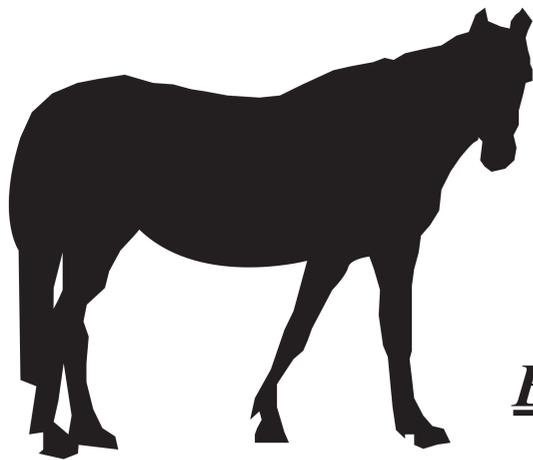
By: _____
DR. KEN MOORE
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____
Shauna R. Billingsley
City Attorney



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The Park at Harlinsdale Farm

Equestrian Trails Rules and Regulations

All users of The Park at Harlinsdale Farm are advised that the use of this facility is at their own risk. This area is an unsupervised recreation area. Failure to comply with rules and regulations may result in the revocation of privileges.

Equestrian Trails Hours of Operation

Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday

30 minutes prior to Sunrise to 30 minutes after Sunset

- Riding days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 30 minutes prior to official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset per the National Weather Service. Trails may be closed during inclement weather, emergency conditions, maintenance, or for special events.
- Riders are responsible for abiding by all local, state, and federal laws.
- Riders under the age of 18 are required to wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet.
- Properly fitted safety gear that is appropriate for your recreational use, including helmets and pads, is recommended.
- Enter and exit the horse trail system from the equestrian trailhead only.
- Ride on designated horse trails only.
- Respect trail closures. Use only trails posted open.
- Stay on the trail; do not use shortcuts.
- Share the trail. Watch and listen for others.
- Travel at a safe and controlled speed. Be especially careful when visibility is limited.
- Riders shall slow their horses to a walk or slow trot when passing persons on foot or on bicycles.
- Make sure your horse has the temperament and training for riding on congested trails.
- Horses must be controlled at all times.
- Advise other users of your horse's temperament. A horse with a tendency to display harmful behavior (biting, kicking, etc.) should always wear a red ribbon on the tail. Assume not everyone will know what the ribbon means, so be prepared to explain or take the necessary precautions to avoid trouble.
- Know your horse's limitations.
- Always carry proof of negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggin's test).
- Commercial use of the trails shall require a permit and certificate of insurance.
- Organized trail rides of 15 horses or more may be required to obtain a special events permit.
- Littering and cleaning out horse trailers on Parks property is prohibited.
- Horses and other saddle or pack animals shall be attended at all times, and are not permitted to be turned out at any time.
- Running horses and other saddle or pack animals in public areas is strictly prohibited.
- No trailers are allowed to be unhooked on roadways.
- Riding or hitching horses, or other saddle or pack animals, in the picnic areas or within the immediate vicinity of other areas of public gathering is prohibited, except where trails and facilities are designated or provided for such use.
- No dogs allowed while riding.
- Collecting of plants, wildlife, or other natural features is prohibited.
- Hunting is prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- In accordance with state law, weapons are permitted by persons who possess a valid handgun carry permit, except as prohibited by T.C.A. 39-17-1311.

For more information, please contact the Parks Department at 615.794.2103, or visit www.franklintn.gov/parks.