AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 17 of the City Code to prohibit dogs on a portion of Scott’s Branch Trail, between Dublin Park and the Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in strikeout; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 17-116. Scott’s Branch Trail; limitation on dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or responsible for a dog to allow the dog to be on portions of the Scott’s Branch Trail between Dublin Park and the Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary.

Secs. 17-116—17-120. - Reserved.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _______ day of ______________________, 2011.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager and Staff  
DATE: November 3, 2011  

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Parks & Recreation Department is requesting an ordinance that will prohibit dogs from using the Scott’s Branch Trail from Dublin Park to the Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary. This is related to an earlier ordinance request that authorizes the acquisition of easements necessary to construct the Scott’s Branch Trail on property owned by the Columbia Audubon Society (CAS). In return for the trail easement, CAS has requested some stipulations including the prohibition of dogs on the trail as it crosses CAS property.

**DISCUSSION:**

At the July 18, 2011 Council meeting, the Columbia Audubon Society presented a compromise proposal that would allow the Scott’s Branch Trail to be constructed through the southern portion of the Audubon Nature Sanctuary providing an east-west connection from Dublin Park to Weaver Street. Park planning staff and CAS representatives met several times on site to determine the route of the Scott’s Branch Trail.

As noted in their July 18, 2011 compromise letter, the Columbia Audubon Society requested eight stipulations as part of the compromise route. Staff is agreeable to the stipulations including the stipulation that prohibits dogs on the portion of the Scott’s Branch Trail between Dublin Park and Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
No fiscal impact.

**VISION IMPACT:**
No vision impact.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**
Approve the ordinance prohibiting dogs on the Scott’s Branch Trail between Dublin Park and Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary.