RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO TWO LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH THE NASHUA DOG OWNERS GROUP FOR DOG PARKS AT ARTILLERY LANE AND YUDICKY FARM

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Eleven

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City is authorized to enter into the two Lease Agreements with the Nashua Dog Owners Group for dog parks at city owned property on Artillery Lane and at Yudicky Farm substantially similar to the attached.
RESOLUTION: R-11-102

PURPOSE: Authorizing the City of Nashua to enter into two lease agreements with the Nashua Dog Owners Group for dog parks at Artillery Lane and Yudicky Farm

ENDORSER(S): Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Alderman-at-Large Barbara Pressly

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact to the city will be minimal as the lease calls for an annual payment from the lessee of $1.00 and the costs associated with any improvements or operations will be borne by the lessee.

ANALYSIS

This resolution authorizes the City of Nashua to enter into two lease agreements with the Nashua Dog Owners Group for dog parks at Artillery Lane and Yudicky Farm.

This legislation should be referred to the Board of Public Works.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: [Signature]
Date: April 6, 2011
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In and for the mutual covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration paid, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Lease of Premises and Term.** The City leases to the Lessee and the Lessee leases from the City a portion of the parcel of land located off Main Dunstable Road, Nashua, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, more particularly know as Yudicky Farm and South West Park described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Premises"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease. The term of this lease (the "Term") shall start on the date which is thirty-one (31) days after the date of site plan approval by the City of Nashua Planning Board of an off-leash dog park to be built on the Premises, and shall continue for five (5) years from the start date, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Lease. This lease may be renewed for two additional five (5) year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties, and such agreement by the city shall not be unreasonably withheld.

1.1. **Use of Premises.** The City and Lessee acknowledge and agree that the Lessee intends to and will construct and operate an off-leash dog park on the Premises, pursuant to the conditions and requirements found in this Lease, including the
restrictions on use of the premises specified in Exhibit B. Lessee shall be responsible for obtaining and keeping in effect all required state and city permits and licenses for operation of the dog park.

1.2. **Termination.** The Term of this Lease shall immediately terminate without further notice upon the occurrence of any of the following events ("Termination Events"):

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7.4. Any and all mechanic's liens claimed, filed, recorded, or asserted against the Premises resulting from construction or alterations done by or for the Lessee shall be fully released, bonded over, discharged or abated within a period of six (6) months.

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10. **Other Insurance Matters.** All the insurance required hereunder shall:

10.1. Be issued by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire;

10.2. Be issued as a primary policy; and
10.3. Contain an endorsement requiring thirty (30) days prior written notice from the insurance company to both parties before cancellation or change in the coverage, scope, or amount of any policy.

10.4. Be maintained continuously throughout the term of the Lease.

10.5. The provision of certificates of insurance satisfactory to the Manager of the Risk Management Department and satisfying all insurance sections contained herein shall be submitted to the Risk Management Department prior to the Lessee occupying or using the Premises, whose approval of said insurance coverages / sections shall not be unreasonably withheld.

10.6. The Lessor and the Lessee understand and acknowledge that insurance requirements may change over the course of this lease. To that end, the Lessee acknowledges that the Lessor may request amendments to the insurance required under this Lease, and agreement by the Lessee to such amendments will not be unreasonably withheld.

11. **Prohibition against Assignment.** The Lessee shall not assign this Lease without first obtaining the City's written consent, by a resolution of the City of Nashua Board of Aldermen, which may or may not be given at the sole discretion of the City. Unauthorized assignment or purported assignment of this Lease shall constitute an event of termination under Section 1.2 hereof for which termination shall occur without further notice.

12. **City's Right of Entry.** The City and the City's authorized representatives shall have the right to enter the Premises at all times for any of the following purposes:

12.1. To determine whether the Premises are in good condition and whether the Lessee is complying with its obligations under this Agreement; or

12.2. To do any necessary emergency maintenance or to make any restoration to the Premises.
12.3. The City is authorized to close the park with notice for use for certain events such as but not limited to, 1) Tournaments and festivals 2) For any maintenance, testing, or concerns associated with the park or areas adjacent to it.

12.4. The City will be given ten (10) copies of any keys needed to access the park and will be given an updated set if key changes are needed.

The City shall endeavor to give reasonable notice of its intent to enter the Premises pursuant to this section in non-emergency situations and shall endeavor to prevent unnecessary interruption of events being conducted at the Premises.

13. **Peaceful Enjoyment.** The parties agree that if the Lessee discharges its obligations hereunder then it shall have and enjoy during the Term, and any renewal term, the quiet, peaceful and undisturbed possession of the Premises and all related rights hereunder granted.

14. **Subtenants; Related Uses.** The Lessee may not sublease the Premises or portions of the Premises without written approval of the City. Any and all subtenants are required to meet the same insurance requirements as the Lessee.

15. **Notice.** Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by prepaid, first-class mail, return receipt requested:

15.1. If to the City at 229 Main Street, Nashua, New Hampshire 03061-2019, Attn: Mayor.

15.2. If to the Lessee at P.O. Box 304, Nashua, New Hampshire, 03061, Attn: President.

Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing.

16. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto; their successors and assigns, if any are permitted.
17. **Entire Agreement; Modification.** This Agreement contains all the agreements of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and any amendment or modification hereto shall be effective only if in writing and signed by both parties. It is the intention of the parties that this agreement be a fully integrated document, interpreted solely in accordance with its express terms and without reference to correspondence between the parties, conversations or understanding between their representatives or officials, or their prior relationship, of whatever nature.

18. **Severability.** The unenforceability, invalidity or illegality of any provision of this Lease shall not render the other provisions unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

19. **Applicable Law.** This Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

20. **Waiver.** No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy of the City shall impair such a right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. The City's consent to or approval of any act or omission by the Lessee requiring the City's consent or approval shall not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the City's consent to or approval of any subsequent act or omission by the Lessee. Any waiver by the City must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other matter concerning the same or any other provisions of this Lease.

21. **References to Gender and Number.** Words of any gender used in this Lease shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular shall be held to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires.

22. **Captions.** The captions or headings of the sections of this Lease are inserted for convenience and shall not be determinative in construing the provisions hereof.

23. **Subleases, Grants, Performances, etc.; Consistency with Lease Terms.** Lessee shall not grant any sublease, or facility use arrangement, or enter into or accept any grant, or take or suffer any event or action to occur on the Premises that is inconsistent with or repugnant to the terms and intent of this Lease.
24. Independent Entities. City and Lessee are and at all times shall be construed to be independent entities and independent contractors and shall not be deemed to be joint venturers, partners, master and servant or in any way related, but through the relationship of landlord and tenant wherein the landlord has no responsibility or liability for the actions of the tenant, which shall at all times be deemed to be independent.

25. Conformance with the Law. In all actions permitted hereby the Lessee shall conform to all pertinent federal, state and local laws, whether statutory or decisional. It shall not violate any law, building or fire code, act without a requisite permit or suffer or allow a violation of law to occur on the Premises.

NASHUA DOG OWNERS GROUP, INC., LESSEE

By: ____________________________
Print name: _______________________
Title: ___________________________
Duly Authorized

CITY OF NASHUA, LESSOR

By: ____________________________
Donnalee Lozeau, Mayor

Witness

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Lease between City of Nashua and Nashua Dog Owners Group, Inc.
EXHIBIT A

Parcel Description
EXHIBIT B

Off-Leash Dog Park Specifications

Membership
Nashua D.O.G. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the task of establishing a permanent dog park in the City of Nashua, New Hampshire. We believe a permanent off-leash dog park would be mutually beneficial to residents of the Nashua area—both dog owners and non-dog owners alike.
As Nashua D.O.G. is a non-profit entity and receives no state or local revenue, this organization has adopted a fee for service structure, requiring a small user fee from each Nashua D.O.G. participant. As maintenance and contract services change, the fee structure will be re-evaluated by the board of directors and adjustments made accordingly.

Registration
As the current registration process for the Nashua D.O.G Playgroup, participation within the permanent dog park will require a similar procedure.
Membership and dog registration will be required in order to use the dog park. Every dog must be properly registered before entering the park. In addition to the completed registration form, proof of current rabies and distemper/parvo vaccinations (photocopies of the certificates) are required. Finally, proof of current town or city dog license is required by municipal ordinance.

Basic Rules
1. Remember that failure to follow park rules may result in loss of park privileges and/or Nashua DOG membership.
2. All canines must be owned and properly registered by a Nashua Dog member.
3. All owners are solely responsible for injuries and/or damage caused by their dog(s).
4. Should park rules be violated or a disturbance created, offenders will be asked to leave the park.
5. NO food, smoking, alcoholic beverages, glass containers, bicycles, strollers, children’s toys, or bringing in other non-canine animals are allowed in the park.
6. Dogs must be leashed upon entry and exit of park, as per City Ordinance, Chapter 15, section 15-16 Revised. Remove leashes only in the designated “unleash area.”
7. Owners/handlers must check that gates lock behind them. Owners will not provide access or open gates for others. Each owner will be allowed park access after logging in using their individual access code.
8. Once in the park, dogs will remain unleashed until such time as to exit the park property.
9. Handlers must be 18 years or older and remain within the park at all times.
10. No more than three (3) dogs per handler.
11. Dogs must be within the handler/owner's sight and/or voice range. Every dog must be supervised as it moves around the park.
12. Handlers must have a leash(s) with them at all times.
13. Dogs exhibiting hostile behavior towards other dogs or people must be removed from the park immediately.
14. All owners/handlers must pick up and properly dispose of their dog's waste.
15. Only small dog treats allowed. Train and treat only your own dog(s).
16. Dog toys are allowed, providing they are removed from the park when you exit. If the toy becomes an issue, it must be immediately removed.
17. Children under 18 must be closely supervised at all times by their parent/guardian.
   a. Children should not be permitted to run, shout, scream, wave their arms or otherwise excite or antagonize the dogs.
   b. Make sure you are within reach of your child at all times.
   c. The park is not a playground for children. Parents/Guardians are solely responsible for the actions and safety of their children.
18. Females in heat or sick dogs are prohibited in park. It is recommended that dogs be spayed or neutered.
19. NO pronged or choke collars are allowed inside the park. Dogs must wear a flat collar or harness at ALL times while inside the park.
20. All dogs must bear permanent ID, collar tag or microchip.
21. Do not allow your dog(s) to harm wildlife or alter the physical space (digging, chewing).
22. These rules may be amended as needed by Nashua D.O.G.
EXHIBIT C

Off-Leash Dog Park Construction Specifications

Nashua Dog Owner’s Group desires to establish a permanent off-leash area for members to exercise, socialize, and train dogs as well as provide member and community education events and/or opportunities involving canine activities, health & wellness, and best-practices. Initially, the **hours of operation** will be 6:00AM to dusk. These hours may be extended pending review and approval by the City.

The **land** will be a combination of open areas as well as treed areas surrounded by 8’ to 10’ **fencing**, completely enclosing the leased parcel.

**Electronic gates** will be the means of entry by providing individual members access cards to swipe for coded entry/egress. A **double gated entry** system will be used to ensure the safety of the animals, as well as others using the park. At least one, but not limited to one, smaller area of the parcel would be further fenced with a 6’ to 8’ fence, creating another exercise area(s). One of these additional sections will be for the express purpose of providing a **small dog exercise area**, a separately fenced area for small breeds to safely run and play.

**Paths** will be built throughout the parcel, as well as around the perimeter, providing opportunities for safe movement within the site. **Seating**, such as benches, will be placed at intervals along the paths. The **ground coverings** will be a combination of; natural ground covers, pine needles, mulch, grass, granite/stone dust, bricks/pavers, artificial surfaces, etc. Also, **equipment** for dog play may be installed providing tunnels, low jumps, etc. for dog and owner sport and play.

**Structures** to be built within the parcel would include; a central gazebo or shelter, pet waste stations, signage, kiosks, electronic housing for gate electronics, and storage sheds. Nashua DOG members would use the city owned **parking area** near and/or adjacent to the site.

Nashua DOG will install the necessary lines bringing **electricity** and **water** from the existing pump/line (beside the fenced softball field backstop) to the Nashua DOG parcel. Lights will be installed, providing visibility within the site as needed. A canine as well as a human water fountain area, may be installed. Also, **security cameras** may be installed and used by Nashua DOG, as needed, to assist in providing safety monitoring within the property. Both **trash and snow removal** at this site will be the responsibility of Nashua DOG.

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10. **Other Insurance Matters.** All the insurance required hereunder shall:

10.1. Be issued by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire;

10.2. Be issued as a primary policy; and
10.3. Contain an endorsement requiring thirty (30) days prior written notice from the insurance company to both parties before cancellation or change in the coverage, scope, or amount of any policy.

10.4. Be maintained continuously throughout the term of the Lease.

10.5. The provision of certificates of insurance satisfactory to the Manager of the Risk Management Department and satisfying all insurance sections contained herein shall be submitted to the Risk Management Department prior to the Lessee occupying or using the Premises, whose approval of said insurance coverages / sections shall not be unreasonably withheld.

10.6. The Lessor and the Lessee understand and acknowledge that insurance requirements may change over the course of this lease. To that end, the Lessee acknowledges that the Lessor may request amendments to the insurance required under this Lease, and agreement by the Lessee to such amendments will not be unreasonably withheld.

11. **Prohibition against Assignment.** The Lessee shall not assign this Lease without first obtaining the City's written consent, by a resolution of the City of Nashua Board of Aldermen, which may or may not be given at the sole discretion of the City. Unauthorized assignment or purported assignment of this Lease shall constitute an event of termination under Section 1.2 hereof for which termination shall occur without further notice.

12. **City's Right of Entry.** The City and the City's authorized representatives shall have the right to enter the Premises at all times for any of the following purposes:

12.1. To determine whether the Premises are in good condition and whether the Lessee is complying with its obligations under this Agreement; or

12.2. To do any necessary emergency maintenance or to make any restoration to the Premises.
12.3. The City is authorized to close the park with notice for use for certain events such as but not limited to, 1) The annual 4th of July fireworks celebration 2) The 4th of July fireworks rain date 3) Any fireworks program associated with Holman Stadium or any group permitted to use the stadium. 4) For any maintenance, testing, or concerns associated with the park or areas adjacent to it.

12.4. The City will be given ten (10) copies of any keys needed to access the park and will be given an updated set if key changes are needed.

The City shall endeavor to give reasonable notice of its intent to enter the Premises pursuant to this section in non-emergency situations and shall endeavor to prevent unnecessary interruption of events being conducted at the Premises.

13. **Peaceful Enjoyment.** The parties agree that if the Lessee discharges its obligations hereunder then it shall have and enjoy during the Term, and any renewal term, the quiet, peaceful and undisturbed possession of the Premises and all related rights hereunder granted.

14. **Subtenants; Related Uses.** The Lessee may not sublease the Premises or portions of the Premises without written approval of the City. Any and all subtenants are required to meet the same insurance requirements as the Lessee.

15. **Notice.** Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by prepaid, first-class mail, return receipt requested:

15.1. If to the City at 229 Main Street, Nashua, New Hampshire 03061-2019, Attn: Mayor.

15.2. If to the Lessee at P.O. Box 304, Nashua, New Hampshire, 03061, Attn: President.

Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing.

*Lease between City of Nashua and Nashua Dog Owners Group, Inc.*
16. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto; their successors and assigns, if any are permitted.

17. **Entire Agreement; Modification.** This Agreement contains all the agreements of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and any amendment or modification hereto shall be effective only if in writing and signed by both parties. It is the intention of the parties that this agreement be a fully integrated document, interpreted solely in accordance with its express terms and without reference to correspondence between the parties, conversations or understanding between their representatives or officials, or their prior relationship, of whatever nature.

18. **Severability.** The unenforceability, invalidity or illegality of any provision of this Lease shall not render the other provisions unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

19. **Applicable Law.** This Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

20. **Waiver.** No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy of the City shall impair such a right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. The City's consent to or approval of any act or omission by the Lessee requiring the City's consent or approval shall not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the City's consent to or approval of any subsequent act or omission by the Lessee. Any waiver by the City must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other matter concerning the same or any other provisions of this Lease.

21. **References to Gender and Number.** Words of any gender used in this Lease shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular shall be held to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires.

22. **Captions.** The captions or headings of the sections of this Lease are inserted for convenience and shall not be determinative in construing the provisions hereof.

23. **Subleases, Grants, Performances, etc.; Consistency with Lease Terms.** Lessee shall not grant any sublease, or facility use arrangement, or enter into or accept
any grant, or take or suffer any event or action to occur on the Premises that is inconsistent with or repugnant to the terms and intent of this Lease.

24. Independent Entities. City and Lessee are and at all times shall be construed to be independent entities and independent contractors and shall not be deemed to be joint venturers, partners, master and servant or in any way related, but through the relationship of landlord and tenant wherein the landlord has no responsibility or liability for the actions of the tenant, which shall at all times be deemed to be independent.

25. Conformance with the Law. In all actions permitted hereby the Lessee shall conform to all pertinent federal, state and local laws, whether statutory or decisional. It shall not violate any law, building or fire code, act without a requisite permit or suffer or allow a violation of law to occur on the Premises.

NASHUA DOG OWNERS GROUP, INC., LESSEE

Witness

By: ________________________________
Print name: ________________________________
Title: ________________________________
Duly Authorized

CITY OF NASHUA, LESSOR

Witness

By: ________________________________
Donnalee Lozeau, Mayor
EXHIBIT A

Parcel Description
EXHIBIT B

Off-Leash Dog Park Specifications

Membership
Nashua D.O.G. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the task of establishing a permanent dog park in the City of Nashua, New Hampshire. We believe a permanent off-leash dog park would be mutually beneficial to residents of the Nashua area—both dog owners and non-dog owners alike.
As Nashua D.O.G. is a non-profit entity and receives no state or local revenue, this organization has adopted a fee for service structure, requiring a small user fee from each Nashua D.O.G. participant. As maintenance and contract services change, the fee structure will be re-evaluated by the board of directors and adjustments made accordingly.

Registration
As the current registration process for the Nashua D.O.G Playgroup, participation within the permanent dog park will require a similar procedure.
Membership and dog registration will be required in order to use the dog park. Every dog must be properly registered before entering the park. In addition to the completed registration form, proof of current rabies and distemper/parvo vaccinations (photocopies of the certificates) are required. Finally, proof of current town or city dog license is required by municipal ordinance.

Basic Rules
1. Remember that failure to follow park rules may result in loss of park privileges and/or Nashua DOG membership.
2. All canines must be owned and properly registered by a Nashua Dog member.
3. All owners are solely responsible for injuries and/or damage caused by their dog(s).
4. Should park rules be violated or a disturbance created, offenders will be asked to leave the park.
5. NO food, smoking, alcoholic beverages, glass containers, bicycles, strollers, children's toys, or bringing in other non-canine animals are allowed in the park.
6. Dogs must be leashed upon entry and exit of park, as per City Ordinance, Chapter 15, section 15-16 Revised. Remove leashes only in the designated “unleash area.”
7. Owners/handlers must check that gates lock behind them. Owners will not provide access or open gates for others. Each owner will be allowed park access after logging in using their individual access code.
8. Once in the park, dogs will remain unleashed until such time as to exit the park property.
9. Handlers must be 18 years or older and remain within the park at all times.
10. No more than three (3) dogs per handler.
11. Dogs must be within the handler/owner’s sight and/or voice range. Every dog must be supervised as it moves around the park.
12. Handlers must have a leash(s) with them at all times.
13. Dogs exhibiting hostile behavior towards other dogs or people must be removed from the park immediately.
14. All owners/handlers must pick up and properly dispose of their dog’s waste.
15. Only small dog treats allowed. Train and treat only your own dog(s).
16. Dog toys are allowed, providing they are removed from the park when you exit. If the toy becomes an issue, it must be immediately removed.
17. Children under 18 must be closely supervised at all times by their parent/guardian.
   a. Children should not be permitted to run, shout, scream, wave their arms or otherwise excite or antagonize the dogs.
   b. Make sure you are within reach of your child at all times.
   c. The park is not a playground for children. Parents/Guardians are solely responsible for the actions and safety of their children.
18. Females in heat or sick dogs are prohibited in park. It is recommended that dogs be spayed or neutered.
19. NO pronged or choke collars are allowed inside the park. Dogs must wear a flat collar or harness at ALL times while inside the park.
20. All dogs must bear permanent ID, collar tag or microchip.
21. Do not allow your dog(s) to harm wildlife or alter the physical space (digging, chewing).
22. These rules may be amended as needed by Nashua D.O.G.
EXHIBIT C

Off-Leash Dog Park Construction Specifications

Nashua Dog Owner’s Group desires to establish a permanent off-leash area for members to exercise, socialize, and train dogs as well as provide member and community education events and/or opportunities involving canine activities, health & wellness, and best-practices. Initially, the hours of operation will be 6:00AM to dusk. These hours may be extended pending review and approval by the City.

The land will be a combination of open areas as well as treed areas surrounded by 8’ to 10’ fencing completely enclosing the leased parcel.

Electronic gates will be the means of entry by providing individual members access cards to swipe for coded entry/egress. A double gated entry system will be used to ensure the safety of the animals, as well as others using the park. Nashua DOG members would use the city owned parking area near and/or adjacent to the site. Nashua DOG would not be responsible for tree maintenance, but will work with the city’s designee to determine a tree cutting and maintenance plan to ensure safety for the dog park users. The City and Nashua DOG will agree on how to accomplish the plan. Both trash and snow removal at this site will be the responsibility of Nashua DOG.

Possible additional improvements to the site are described below. As there are environmental issues on the site, all additional improvements must be to the satisfaction of and approved by the City’s Public Works Division Director.

At least one, but not limited to one, smaller area of the parcel may be further fenced with a 6’ to 8’ fence, creating another exercise area(s). One of these additional sections could be for the express purpose of providing a small dog exercise area, a separately fenced area for small breeds to safely run and play. Additional paths may be built throughout the parcel, as well as around the perimeter, providing walking paths within the site. Seating, such as benches, may be placed at intervals along the paths. The ground coverings may be a combination of: natural ground covers, pine needles, mulch, grass, granite/stone dust, bricks/pavers, artificial covers, etc. Also, equipment for dog play may be provided, such as tunnels, low jumps, etc. for dog and owner sport and play. Structures that could be built within the parcel include: a central gazebo or shelter, pet waste stations, signage, kiosks, electronic housing for gate electronics, and storage sheds. Light posts, as well as a canine and/or human water fountain area, may be installed. Also, security cameras may be installed and used by Nashua DOG, as needed, to assist in providing monitoring within the property.
RESOLUTION R-11-102

Authorizing the City of Nashua to enter into two lease agreements with the Nashua Dog Owners Group for dog parks at Artillery Lane and Yudicky Farm

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING APRIL 12, 2011

Referred to:

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

2nd Reading MAY 10, 2011

3rd Reading

4th Reading

Other Action

Passed MAY 10, 2011

PENDING FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Vetoed: __________________________

Veto Sustained: ____________________

Veto Overridden: ___________________

Attest: ____________________________

City Clerk

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President

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May 14, 2011

Mayor's Signature