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**WARD ACRES PARK DOG REGULATIONS
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New Rochelle, NY – On Tuesday, December 4, 2007, City Manager Chuck Strome and Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Bill Zimmermann jointly proposed to the New Rochelle City Council the following Ward Acres Park dog regulations for 2008:

Ward Acres Dog Permit Fee: Effective January 1, 2008, the annual fee for a Ward Acres Dog Permit will remain at \$50 per dog owned by a Resident of the City, and will be decreased to \$100 per dog owned by a Non-Resident of the City. A Ward Acres Dog Permit will continue to be required for any dog in the Park.

Fenced-In Dog Run for Unleashed Dogs: Effective April 1, 2008, unleashed dogs with Ward Acres Dog Permits will be allowed from dawn to dusk in a new fenced-in dog run to be constructed at Ward Acres. The fenced-in dog run will be the largest in Westchester County, comprised of at least 3 acres in size. The fence will be constructed of visually and environmentally non-intrusive material, at an economical cost which will not require the allocation of new funds by the City.

Leashed Dogs in Balance of Park: Effective April 1, 2008, the balance of Ward Acres Park, other than the Fenced-In Dog Run Area, will be available dawn to dusk for the walking of leashed dogs with Ward Acres Dog Permits.

Regulations January – March 2008: Other than the reduction in Fee for a Non-Resident Dog Permit to \$100 which will be effective January 1, all other existing regulations for leashed and unleashed dogs in Ward Acres Park, including but not limited to existing leashed and unleashed hours, will remain in place for the months of January through March 2008.

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