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Much Barking, No Bites at Hearing on Legalizing Off-Leash Dog Policy

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Among hoots, hollers, and applause, advocates on both sides of a proposal to formally allow dogs to roam free in city parks presented their cases at a public hearing yesterday held by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

If passed, the amendment to the city health code would allow for the continuation of a longstanding but unofficial [New York City Department of Parks and Recreation](#) policy that permits dog owners to unleash their pets in city parks between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Advocates favoring the proposed amendment rallied with their pooches outside the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene's offices at 125 Worth St. before the hearing.

The proposal comes after a community organization in [Queens](#), the [Juniper Park Civic Association](#), brought a lawsuit against the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation in an attempt to squash the off-leash policy.

Inside the auditorium, emotions flared as advocates on both sides of the issue took the podium to testify.

"This proposal is absurd, and to implement it is criminal negligence," a member of the Juniper Park Civic Association, [Robert Doocey](#), said. "The city wouldn't consider a proposal to allow fireworks in parks. Unleashing dogs is no different."

Mr. Mooney went further, saying "all dogs are potentially dangerous" and that proponents of the amendment are "elevating dogs as superior to humans." He left the podium to a round of applause.

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