Clemson City Council awards bid for dog park

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CLEMSON — Clemson City Council has formally approved a Rock Hill company for the installation of a fence that will enclose a one-acre dog park at the back portion of Nettles Park.

A1 Fence Company was the lowest of 14 companies submitting bids for the project. Its bid of $13,819 was well under the $15,000 actually budgeted by the city. Installation of the fence is expected to take about a week and the park will open sometime next month.



Steve Figueroa

Clemson Parks and Rec Director Steve Figueroa initially approached council with the idea a year ago, saying that such a park would allow a dog owner to remove the leash of the dog. The dog, in turn, could then roam around or interact with other dogs.

"There will be a smaller area for dogs under 25 pounds and another area for larger dogs, with an entrance area for them to greet one another," Figueroa said during a recent tour of the future site. "No dog or human food will be allowed in the park and no children will be allowed, unless accompanied by an adult."

Though no restrictions will be placed on dogs, based on their breed, the Clemson Parks and Rec Director say the animals must be under voice control and non aggressive. A sign also will be posted at the park, containing rules for both dogs and owners and emphasizing that the city does not assume any liability.

"There is a limit on how many dogs are allowed at one time," he said. "All dogs must also have their vaccinations and aggressive dogs, as well as female dogs in heat, cannot be brought."

In addition, Figueroa said owners must clean up after their dogs and mutt mitts — consisting of plastic gloves — will be available for owners to collect waste and dispose of in the proper receptacle. Individual owners will be required to place a leash on their dog or dogs if the animal doesn't get along with other dogs in the park.

The park will also contain benches, as well as a water supply for the dogs.

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