

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** November 10, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Dog Park Establishment Act of 2004"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 15-577 as Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan. The proposed legislation must be implemented with existing staff and resources.

**Background**

The proposed legislation authorizes the establishment of off-leash dog parks on existing District-owned property. The dogs must be continually under the verbal command of a responsible adult at all times. The Mayor may promulgate rules to implement the proposed legislation.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan because the proposed legislation must be implemented with existing resources. Federal and local anti-deficiency laws<sup>1</sup> prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding appropriations in any fiscal year. If funding is available to absorb any additional costs, then the fiscal impact would be zero. For subsequent years, the additional expenditures must be included in the budget and financial plan.

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<sup>1</sup>31 USC § 1341 (2000) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et sequitor* (2003).