**Mercer Island Leash Law**

**Chronological History**

**Ordinance 133, Passed 1965**  
A) No leash requirement  
B) Unlawful for dogs to be on public property or school property

**Ordinance 191, Passed 1968**  
A) No leash requirement  
B) Unlawful to be on public property or school property – dog shows exempt

**Ordinance 201, Passed 1968**  
A) Unlawful on park property which includes public swim area  
B) Unlawful on public park property in active play area or picnic area unless on leash or other similar restraint  
C) Unlawful in passive, natural or undeveloped part or park unless under voice control or leash or other physical restraint

**Ordinance 210, Passed 1968**  
A) No change in leash requirement

**Ordinance 247, Passed 1970**  
A) Unlawful on public school ground and playground  
B) Unlawful in public park – within swimming area May 1 - September 30. Unlawful all other times unless on leash  
C) Unlawful in active play areas or picnic areas unless on leash or other physical restraint  
D) Unlawful in passive, natural or public park unless under voice control or leash or other physical restraint

**Ordinance 328, Passed 1973**  
A) Leash requirement almost the same as 1970

**Ordinance 370, Passed 1974**  
A) Leash requirement almost the same as 1970

**Ordinance 458, Passed 1979**  
A) Unlawful on public school ground and playground  
B) Unlawful in public park – within swimming area May 1 - September 30. Unlawful all other times unless on leash  
C) Unlawful in active play areas or picnic areas unless on leash or other physical restraint  
D) Unlawful in passive, natural or public park unless under control or lease or other physical restraint  
E) “Under control” means under voice and/or signal control

**Current:**  
**Ordinance 06C-04, Passed 1988**  
A) Unlawful on public school ground, playground, or other similar public ground  
B) Unlawful in any public park property which includes a public swimming area during the period of May 1 through September 30 and unlawful at all other times except when on a leash or other similar physical restraint  
C) Unlawful in any public park property which includes an active play and/or picnic area unless on a leash or other similar physical restraint  
D) Unlawful in any passive, natural and/or developed public park property unless is under control or restrained by a leash or other similar physical restraint  
E) “Under control” means under voice and/or signal control

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