Commercial dog walker permit holders and their employees must obey the MCOSD Code, rules and regulations, policies, and the conditions below. The MCOSD general manager or their designee may immediately and without notice, modify permit conditions for matters of safety (human or animal) or critical resource protection. For other modifications, permit holders will be notified at least 30 days in advance of the proposed modification(s) taking effect.

1. Permit applicants, and their employees, shall provide proof (e.g. certificate of completion) demonstrating that they have completed a trails manners class in dog obedience and trail courtesy from Marin Pet Care Association's Trail Manners for Commercial Dog Walkers class at the Marin Humane Society or the Dog Walking Academy workshop from Dog*Biz.

2. Permit applicants shall provide proof that they have a current business license issued by the County of Marin business license or by an incorporated city or town in Marin County.

3. Permit applicants shall provide proof that they have current commercial general liability insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 ($2,000,000 aggregate). Marin County Parks and the MCOSD shall be named as additional insured on the policy. The additional insured endorsement shall include the general liability insurance policy number. Acceptable additional insured endorsements include: 1) Blanket additional insured endorsement or 2) separate additional insure endorsement that names Marin County Parks and the MCOSD as additional insured. Insurance shall be maintained for the life of the permit.

4. Commercial dog walker permits are valid for one year from date of issuance. Fees will be charged for issuing a commercial dog walker permit. Permit holder is responsible for providing proof of current insurance and their business license to the MCOSD in a timely manner, or permit may be subject to immediate suspension.

5. Commercial dog walkers must carry a copy of their permit and make it available to the MCOSD staff or to any law enforcement agent when requested.

6. Commercial dog walkers and their employees must wear an official identification vest, issued by the MCOSD, while walking dogs on the MCOSD lands. The vests are numbered and serve to identify permitted commercial dog walkers. The deposit fee for each vest is $50.00. No alterations may be made to, and no substitutions maybe made for the vest.

7. Commercial dog walkers are allowed to use permitted locations Monday through Friday, between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

8. Commercial dog walkers are limited to a maximum of six dogs per person. Each person may not have more than three dogs off leash.

9. Commercial dog walkers and their dogs must remain on fire roads at all times. Commercial dog walkers and their dogs are not allowed on trails.

10. Commercial dog walkers must carry one leash per dog while on the MCOSD land.

11. Commercial dog walkers must keep all dogs under immediate supervision and control at all times. This includes: All dogs must be in view of the person, must be no more than 20 feet from the person, and must return to the person immediately when called (two calls with a return limit of 10 seconds).

12. The MCOSD may direct commercial dog walkers to use specific permitted locations. Commercial dog walkers shall not use areas that are not identified in the permitted locations list. Commercial dog walkers who use areas outside the permitted locations may have their permits revoked.
13. Dogs must not disturb visitors to the MCOSD lands and must be under physical control when in the presence of visitors. Disturbance is defined as unwelcome touching, jumping on, displaying threatening behavior, and/or physically harming person(s), animal(s), or wildlife.

14. Commercial dog walkers will pick up their dogs’ waste and remove it from the MCOSD preserves. Bagged dog waste may not be left at fire road access points or along fire roads.

15. All dogs four months of age or more, brought onto the MCOSD lands, are required to have current licenses. Commercial dog walkers must carry proof of vaccinations (including rabies) for each unlicensed animal.

16. Dogs must be screened for behavior problems and demonstrate obedience to each person before walking on the MCOSD lands. Aggressive or dangerous dogs are not allowed on the MCOSD lands. Dogs displaying aggressive and/or dangerous behavior must be removed from the MCOSD lands immediately.

17. Commercial dog walker permits are suspended during periods of high fire danger (Red Flag Days) or other dangerous conditions as determined by the MCOSD general manager. Call (415) 473-7191 for information on Marin County Red Flag Day related-land closures.

18. Complaints about a commercial dog walker’s use of the MCOSD lands, or noncompliance with permit conditions, may result in citations, permit suspension or revocation.

19. Commercial dog walkers and their dogs must not enter, pollute, or in any manner contaminate any reservoir, lake, stream, waterway, or other body of water.

20. It is the permittee’s responsibility to comply with any CDPH, Cal OSHA, and CDC COVID 19 guidance applicable to the proposed use

Permit holder has read, acknowledged, understands, and agrees to these conditions:

Initials: ____________

Date: ____________