

**ORDINANCE
2005-10**

Amending section 5-32 of the Walton County Code to designate the Walton County Tax Collector as the authority to issue permits; providing for the Tax collector to keep \$5.00 as a processing fee; to increase the fees by \$5.00; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Walton County Clerk of Court wishes to terminate the issuance of the beach permits by her office;

WHEREAS, the Walton County Tax Collector has expressed a desire to accept this responsibility;

WHEREAS, the Walton County Tax Collector operates on fees generated from collections;

WHEREAS, Walton County Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the health safety, and welfare of citizens to designate the Walton County Tax Collector as the authority to issue dog beach permits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the following:

Section 1. Authority; purpose and intent.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Section 125.01 Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Section 5-32 of the Walton County Code is amended to read:

Sec. 5-32. Dogs on the beach.

(a) All dogs shall be prohibited from public beaches of Walton County except as provided below:

(1) Dogs assisting those who are sight and hearing impaired or service animals; or

(2) Dogs owned by Walton County real property owners or permanent residents who have obtained a permit and who maintain the animal on a leash. The permit will allow leashed dogs on the beach between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. of the following day during daylight savings time and between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 am. of the following day during non-daylight savings time. Any Walton County real property owner or permanent resident desiring a permit shall be required to pay a ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00 fee. The Walton County Tax Collector shall be responsible for issuing the permits and shall retain \$5.00 as a processing fee. The permit authorized herein shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Proof of rabies vaccination must be presented prior to obtaining a permit.

(3) Owners of dogs shall be responsible for pick up of their dogs' waste.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to apply to a property owner of the sandy area next to the mean high tide which would interfere with said owner's right to have their own animal on said property.

Section 3. Severability

Should any word, phrase, sentence, or section of this ordinance be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, then such shall be severed from this ordinance, and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.


Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Duly enacted, by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, at a regular meeting, on the 26th day of April, 2005.

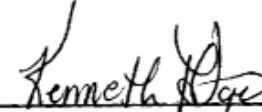
COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


for Martha Vingle
Clerk of Court.

BOARD OF COUNTY

WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair