

RESOLUTION 07-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-5(b) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PERMITTING DOGS ON A PORTION OF CITY OWNED BEACH .

WHEREAS, Section 5-5(a) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Panama City Beach generally prohibits the presence of animals in parks and other recreational facilities, but Section 5-5(b) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Panama City Beach specifically authorizes the Council to exempt certain recreational facilities from the pet prohibition of Section 5-5(a), by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there is a need for a public place where beach users may bring their dogs with them to enjoy the beach, and that a certain portion of the City's property lying west of and adjacent to the City Pier, as marked upon the attached and incorporation Exhibit A (herein the "Dog Beach") is appropriate for this purpose, provided that the rules attached and incorporated as Exhibit B (herein the "Rules for Dog Beach") are followed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is reasonable to limit this Resolution to dogs because of their nature and status as a common pet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority of Section 5-5(b) of the Code of Ordinances of Panama City Beach, that dogs under immediate, continuous physical control by means of a leash, cord or chain shall be permitted on the Dog Beach from sunrise to sunset, except for such times when dogs in that area would interfere with or cause inconvenience to other activities at the City Pier as determined by the City Manager or his designee; PROVIDED always that the person in control of any such dog shall at all times be in compliance with the Rules for Dog Beach, and any failure to immediately either comply with the Rules for Dog Beach or leave the Dog Beach, after notice of non-compliance given by a representative of the City, shall constitute a trespass subject to punishment as provided by law.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

GAYLE F. OBERST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

HOLLY J WHITE, CITY CLERK

AGENDA ITEM # 9

EXHIBIT B

RULES FOR DOG BEACH

1. All dogs are to stay within the areas specified. Always observe all of the rules and regulations posted on the beach.
2. Make sure your dog is current on its shots and wears ID tags. (Proof is to be provided to the City.)
3. Do not bring female dogs that are in season. Spayed/neutered dogs are recommended.
4. All dogs are to be kept on-leash.
5. Do not bring dogs younger than 4 months. They will not have all the necessary inoculations that allow them to play safely with other animals.
6. No more than three (3) dogs per person.
7. No food in bowls or long-lasting chewies.
8. Dogs and owners creating a problem must leave when requested.
9. Dogs with a history of inflicting bite injury in public parks must wear a muzzle or will be prohibited.
10. Owners must clean up after their dog(s). All dog waste must be picked up and put in disposal stations.
11. Use of the Dog Beach is at your own risk. Owners are responsible and liable for the actions and behavior of their dogs at all times.
12. Never leave your dog unattended. Mischief can happen quickly.
13. Dogs are allowed in the specified designated area only.
14. If you bring children to the Dog Beach, they must be supervised closely.