

Sec. 5-34. 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. Proof of real property ownership or Walton County residency is required (such as deed, driver's license, tax receipt, utility bill, lease agreement, or voter's registration showing address). For property titled in the name of a business, a person must show proof that they own a controlling interest in the property to be considered eligible for a permit (copy of State or other document showing percentage of ownership or list of officers). The permit will allow leashed dogs on the beach between the hours of 4:00 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 a.m. 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 \$30.00 fee. All permits issued shall be for a period of one year and will expire on August 1 of each year with a grace period until August 15 of each year. 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.

(4) The Walton County Tax Collector will issue the permits upon receipt of a completed application. The Walton County Tax Collector shall retain \$5.00 (five dollars) as a processing fee.

(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.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal Ordinances 2005-10 and 2006-08.

(Ord. No. 2008-24, 7-8-08; Ord. No. 2009-16, § 2, 9-8-09)