

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1-2 OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD DEFINITION FOR BEACH ACCESS AND SAND BEACH; AND 14-35 AND SUBSECTION 58-25(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO DOGS ON SAND BEACHES; CHANGING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT DOGS ON SAND BEACHES, OR BEACH ACCESS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to update the City's regulations pertaining to the dogs on public beaches; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has found this ordinance to be in the best interest of the City of St. Pete Beach;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Sec. 1-2, St. Pete Beach Code is amended to read:

Beach access. The term "beach access" shall mean, as it relates to dogs on the beach, those boardwalks and walkways the public may lawfully use to access the beach from any right-of-way along with any parking areas provided for persons using such boardwalk and walkways.

Sand beach areas. The term "sand beach areas" shall mean the zone of unconsolidated material that extends landward from the mean high water line to the place where there is marked change in material or physiographic form.

SECTION 2.

Sec. 14-35, St. Pete Beach Code is amended to read: Sec. 14-35 - Prohibited on sand beaches.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or other person keeping a dog to take such dog upon any sand beach or beach access or to knowingly allow any such dog to be upon any sand beach or beach access.

SECTION 3.

Subsection (c) of Section 58-25, St. Pete Beach City Code, is amended to read:

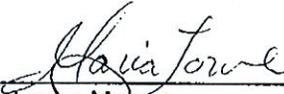
(c) All pets are excluded from swimming areas and all sand beaches and beach accesses.

SECTION 4.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict with the Ordinance.

SECTION 5.

If any portion or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the valid remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.



Maria Lowe, Mayor

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Second Reading: 07/28/2015

Public Hearing: 07/28/2015

I, Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of applicable law this 28th day of July, 2015.



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:



Andrew Dickman, City Attorney