

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: February 20, 2023

Agenda Item: 7E	Prepared for: Chris Noury, City Attorney
Agenda Section: New Business: Ordinance. First Reading	Date: February 10, 2023
Subject: Amendment to Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl, of the North Myrtle Beach Code of Ordinances, South Carolina, revising Section 4-2 (b)	Division: Legal

Background:

These amendments are proposed to make the dates in Chapter 4 – Animals and Fowl, consistent with those in Chapter 5, Beaches and Waterways of the North Myrtle Beach Code of Ordinances. They extend public usage dates and times on the beach for dogs and are also for the sake of uniformity and ease to the public, in general.

Chapter 4, Section 4-2 (b) reads, “Allow any dog to be on the public beaches, whether leashed and under control or running at large from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the period from May 15th through September 15th of each year.”

The proposed amendment would read, “Allow any dog to be on the public beaches, whether leashed and under control or running at large from 9:00 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 4:00 p.m. during the period from May 15th through ~~September 15th~~ Labor Day of each year.”

Recommended Action:

Approve or deny the proposed ordinance on first reading

Reviewed by City Manager		Reviewed by City Attorney
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Council Action:
Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ To _____

Sec. 4-2. Animals running at large; removal of excretion from public property.

It shall be unlawful for any person having charge, care, ownership, or control of any animal to:

- (a) Allow any animal to run at large and beyond the limits of the property or lots owned, leased, or occupied by such person.
- (b) Allow any dog to be on the public beaches, whether leashed and under control or running at large from ~~9:00~~ 10:00 a.m. to ~~5:00~~ 4:00 p.m. during the period from May 15th through ~~September 15th~~ Labor Day of each year.
- (c) Fail to remove any of the animals' excretion deposited on the beach, boardwalk, dune crossover, public ways, recreational parks, or other public property.

All animals found unlawfully running at large within the city shall be taken into custody and impounded at the animal shelter.

(Code 1970, §§ 5-2, 5-20, 6-14; Ord. of 6-17-75; Ord. of 3-19-80; Ord. No. 88-29, 7-19-88; Ord. No. 98-05, § 1, 2-2-98)

State law reference(s)—Livestock at large, S.C. Code 1976, § 47-7-110.