

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF HORRY)
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TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
TO AMEND SECTION 12-69 OF ARTICLE IV OF
CHAPTER 12, BEACHES

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Section 1-12 of the Town of Surfside Beach Code of Ordinances allows for the amendment of the Code of Ordinances from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-69 of Chapter 12, Article IV presently states: "It shall be unlawful to allow any dog or domestic pet on the public beach within the town limits during the calendar period from May 15 through September 15;" and

WHEREAS, Town Council is mindful Article II "Dogs" of Chapter 3, "Animals" contains provisions directed to public safety regarding dogs, including the prohibition of vicious and ferocious dogs, dogs running at large, registration of dogs, and rabies inoculation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend Chapter 12 to permit citizens, residents, and visitors to visit the Town's beaches with dogs in the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to include a Sunset Clause that will allow for this Ordinance to be automatically reviewed in four months.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power and authority granted to the Surfside Beach Town Council by the State of South Carolina, be it resolved that Section 12-69 of the Surfside Beach Code of Ordinances is amended and replaced as set forth herein below:

Chapter 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BEACHES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES,
ART. IV BEACHES

Sec. 12-69 - Dogs and other domestic pets.

Dogs are permitted on the public beach within the town limits, subject to the regulations and restrictions in Article II of Chapter 3, and so long as any animal permitted to be on the beach must be on a hand-held leash not to exceed seven (7) feet in length and under the direct control of the person having custody of the animal. Persons in control of the animal are responsible for the clean-up of any animal refuse. Dogs are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from May 1 through Labor Day. No reptiles, exotic animals, or similar type animals are allowed on the beach or beach access at any time.

SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina. Furthermore, this Ordinance shall be reviewed by Town Council in September 2020 for further or other action, if any.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly this 26th day of May 2020.

Bob Hellyer, Mayor

Debbie Scoles, Pro Tempore

Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council

Michael Drake, Town Council

Paul Holder, Town Council

Cindy Keating, Town Council

David Pellegrino, Town Council

Attest:

Sheri Medina, Town Clerk