

Chapter K. Animal Control Ordinance

Article I: Requirements and Prohibitions

Section 1: Restraint of all animals of pet origin.

- A. Any owner or person having custody of an animal, including mammals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, hamsters among others; birds; reptiles; amphibians and fish; on the island shall confine the animal to the premises of the owner or to the premises of someone authorized by the owner to have custody of the animal.
- B. When off the premises of the owner or custodian, such dogs, cats and other animals shall be in the care and immediate control of a competent person.
- C. An animal shall be presumed not to be in the care and immediate control of a person unless that person maintains the animal on a hand-held leash not more than sixteen (16) feet long.

Section 2: Removal of fecal matter

- A. It shall be a violation of this chapter for the owner of any animal to fail to immediately remove the fecal matter of such dog or animal from any portion of the island off the premises of the owner or custodian.

Section 3: Pets on beaches and in dunes.

- A. It is prohibited for pets to be off leash on the beaches and dunes of the island at any time.
- B. To protect sea turtles and shorebirds, it is prohibited for a pet, whether leashed or unleashed or otherwise, to be on the beaches or in the dunes of the island from a posted point on the beach adjacent to the South Dunes Beach Park (Latitude 31.031854, Longitude -81.415358) south and around the southern tip of the island north to a point (Latitude 31.015594, Longitude -81.433926) or equivalent to 2,000 feet south of the St. Andrews Beach Park.
- C. The prohibition set forth in this section shall not apply to any service animal as that term is defined under federal law.

Section 4: Release of Animals.

- A. No person shall knowingly and intentionally release any animal upon any public property or public right of way without the written permission of the Executive Director or their designee. Such permissions may be granted or denied at the Authority's discretion, may be limited to a period of time set at the Authority's discretion, and will be revocable at the Authority's discretion.
- B. No person shall knowingly and intentionally release any wildlife upon any public or private property or public right of way; provided, however, that the release of

sea turtles or other wildlife may be permitted as part of conservation activities approved by the Authority and permitted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Section 5: Rabies.

- A. The owner of a dog, cat or ferret must possess a current certificate of rabies vaccination for each animal owned as provided for by Georgia law.

Section 6: Impounding.

- A. The Authority in cooperation with Glynn County Animal Control may impound any and all animals running at large in violation of this Article. Impounded animals shall be removed from the island and handled in accordance with Glynn County's policies and procedures.

Section 7: Outdoor feeding of animals.

- A. Maintaining outdoor feeding stations, except for wild bird feeders, and/or feeding animals outside on a regular basis, is prohibited without the written permission of the Executive Director or their designee. Such permissions may be granted or denied at the Authority's discretion, may be limited to a period of time set at the Authority's discretion, and will be revocable at the Authority's discretion.
- B. Should a stray, feral or displaced animal appear on a premises, the Authority, Glynn County, or an Authority-approved agent may be contacted to pick up and humanely care for the animal.
- C. Feeding of such animals is permissible only from the time the Authority or its licensed agent is notified until the animals are under the care of the Authority, Glynn County, or an Authority approved agent.

Section 8: Livestock.

- A. No livestock or live fowl shall be kept upon any lot or allowed on Authority property without the written permission of the Executive Director or their designee. Such permissions may be granted or denied at the Authority's discretion, may be limited to a period of time set at the Authority's discretion, and will be revocable at the Authority's discretion.

Section 9: Horseback Riding.

- A. Horseback riding is prohibited except in specially designated sites and areas by a vendor authorized by the Authority.
- B. Where permitted, horses shall be appropriately trained, cared for, properly restrained and ridden with due care, and shall not be allowed to graze or go unattended, nor shall they be hitched to any rock, tree or plant.

Article II: Enforcement and Penalties

Section 1: Enforcement.

- A. This chapter shall be enforced by the Authority, Glynn County Animal Control, or the Georgia State Patrol.

Section 2: Penalties.

- A. Violations of the provisions of this Chapter shall be punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 per offense. Any person that violates this Article shall be cited to appear before the Glynn County Magistrate Court as provided and stipulated by law.