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To: DeFuniak Herald Breeze: 892-2270  
 From: Dede Hinote, Administrative Services Coordinator  
 Date: February 22, 2011  
 Re: Legal Ad to be placed in the paper on March 10 and March 17, 2011

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

You are hereby notified of a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., or soon thereafter, to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WALTON COUNTY ORDINANCE 2009-14 AND SECTION 5-34 OF THE WALTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE THE WALTON COUNTY CLERK OF COURT AS THE ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR "DOGS ON THE BEACH" PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPLACEMENT TAGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This meeting will be held at the Walton County Courthouse located 571 US Highway 90, DeFuniak Springs, FL.

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In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, all persons are advised that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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**ORDINANCE  
2011-**

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**WHEREAS**, the Walton County Tax Collector wishes to terminate the issuance of the Dogs on the Beach permits by her office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and the general welfare of the public to designate an issuing authority for Dogs on the Beach permits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, as follows:

**Section 1. Authority, purpose and intent.**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Section 125.01, Florida Statutes.

**Section 2. Section 5-34 of the Walton County Code is amended to read:**

Section 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 dog 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 \$40.00 fee, of which \$5.00 will be utilized to help fund the Habitat Conservation Plan. Replacement cost for a lost tag shall be \$10.00. 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) Permits will be issued by the Board's designee upon receipt of a completed application. If the Board's designee is a constitutional officer, they shall retain \$10.00 (ten dollars) for each tag issued, 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.

### Section 3. Severability

In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

### Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective when filed with the Secretary of State.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, at a duly advertised public hearing, this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Ingle  
Clerk of Court

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Jones, Chair