

Meeting Date
April 28, 2015



AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	V.L.F.1

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Dogs on the Beach in Unincorporated South Cocoa Beach
DEPT/OFFICE:	Citizen Request / Baerbel Comb

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to amend County Code Sec 14-16 to allow dogs on the beach in South Cocoa Beach from the southernmost border of the City of Cocoa Beach to the northernmost border of Patrick Air Force Base.

Summary Explanation & Background:

This request is in response to an online petition (<http://layekh3>) that has close to 2,000 signatures to date in which people express a desire and need to be able to walk their dogs on the beach. The petition states that dogs must be on leash or under positive voice command, in South Cocoa Beach during the hours before 10am and after 5pm, except during turtle nesting season, when all dogs must be leashed at all times. This change to the present ordinance, which does not allow dogs on our beaches, is necessary in order to have a safe place to walk, exercise, socialize and have fun with our dogs without breaking the law and risk being fined. Route A1A is the only other option in the immediate area for walking but it is dangerous and risky because of heavy traffic and a lack of sidewalks.

Contact:
 Phone/e-mail: Baerbel Comb 516-767-2819 / Barbcomb@aol.com

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No PR

County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Mel Scott	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo	



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Jim Barfield, District 2

RE: Item VI.F.1., Citizen Request by Baerbel Comb to Amend County Code Section 14-16 to Allow Dogs on the Beach in South Cocoa Beach From the Southernmost Border of the City of Cocoa Beach to the Northernmost Border of Patrick Air Force Base

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 28, 2015, reached consensus to authorize you to work with staff to look for options for a dog beach, and bring it back to the Board for discussion.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Etheridge".

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

cc: County Manager
Parks and Recreation Director



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Parks and Recreation Administration
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building B, Room 203
Viera, Florida 32940

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Inter-Office Memo

April 24, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Stockton Whitten, County Manager

THROUGH: Venetta Valdengo, Assistant County Manager *W*

FROM: Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Department Director *Jack Masson*

**SUBJECT: STAFF REPORT - BOCC AGENDA, NEW BUSINESS VI. F. 1-CITIZEN'S
REQUEST TO AMEND BREVARD COUNTY CODE SECTION 14-60.**

Ms. Baerbel Comb is requesting the Board adopt a Resolution amending Section 14-60 of Brevard County Code to allow dogs on an unincorporated section of the beach from the southern boundary of the City of Cocoa Beach to the northern boundary of Patrick Air Force Base.

Section 14-60 of Brevard County Code stipulates:
Public Parks and Beaches.

(a) No animal shall be permitted or allowed into or on any public park or beach; provided, however, that an area in public parks may be designated for animals by Resolution of the Board, or by the governing body of any applicable municipality. In that event, the area provided for animals must be properly identified and posted by the county or the appropriate municipality.

(b) It is a violation of this article for the owner of an animal to permit or allow the animal into, or on, any public beach, or any public park not designated for animals and not properly identified and posted. However, a disabled person, as defined under the Americans With Disabilities Act, shall have the right to be accompanied into or on any public park or beach by a service animal without violating this section.

The unincorporated area in the request is a 1.2 mile section of beach that includes 15 County maintained public accesses. Each public access provides a wooden dune crossover and a trash can. Land Development regulations preclude vehicle parking in this area as it is a right-of-way with varying widths between 30' to 60'. Adequate parking facilities would need to be addressed as to not create safety issues.

Enforcement of an on-leash requirement is the responsibility of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Traditionally, this is a reactive service in response to complaints. Reporting of "off leash" activities may be an undue burden on beach goers.

Environmental impacts and potential threats to wildlife, including the frequency of sea turtle nesting, must be analyzed.

Inter-Office Memo

The Parks Department would sustain a substantial impact to ensure crossovers and surrounding areas are kept clean and free of health hazards. Clean-up and the use of "doggy bags" would require absolute compliance of pet owners. In addition, the request includes hours before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.

The County currently provides several locations throughout the Park system for pet owners to enjoy the outdoors with their dogs including the dog parks at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach, Marina Park in Titusville, Fay Lake Wilderness Park in Port St. John, Palm Bay Regional Park in Palm Bay, and Wickham Park in Melbourne. Additionally, a dog friendly beach is located at Canova Park.

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Olive Street Beach Access

Oleander Street Beach Access

Crescent Beach Parcel

Summer Street Beach Access

Fern Street Beach Access

Crescent Beach Drive Beach Access

24th Street Beach Access

Sunny Lane Beach Access

26th Street Beach Access

27th Street Beach Access

28th Street Beach Access

29th Street Beach Access

30th Street Beach Access

32nd Street Beach Access

Constellation Condo Beach Access

35th Street Beach Access

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