

## Current Beach Rules for Pets Ordinance vs. Old Ordinance

### Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina

Chapter 32, Waterways and Beaches

Article II, Beachfront Management

Division 2, Restrictions

**Notes:** Changes from the Old Ordinance are in blue text.  
Additions are underlined.  
Deletions are struck through.

#### Section 32-44 – Beach rules for Domestic Household Animals / Pets

##### (1) General requirements for domestic household animals / pets.

Domestic household animals / pets ~~are~~shall not ~~be~~ allowed on any beach within the municipal limits of the Town except ~~under the provisions set forth~~as provided for herein.

~~(1) A designated area is established from a point beginning approximately 300 yards east of a line extending from the Community Center boardwalk to the Atlantic Ocean and continuing for approximately 550 yards. This designated area is shown on a map attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Within the designated area from May 1 until October 31, domestic household animals/pets will be allowed off leads below the apparent high water mark prior to 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. provided they remain subject to voice control of the person supervising them. From November 1 until April 30, domestic household animals/pets within the designated area will be allowed off leads below the apparent high water mark at all times provided they remain subject to voice control of the person supervising them.~~

~~(2) In all other beach areas, which are outside of the designated area set forth in subsection (1), from May 1 until October 31, no domestic household animals/pets shall be allowed that are not on a lead at all times. From November 1 until April 30, domestic household animals/pets on leads will be allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and off lead prior to 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. Provided, however, no domestic household animal/pet shall be allowed between the designated area set forth in subsection (1) and Cap'n Sams Inlet at any time, whether on or off lead.~~

~~(3) No person shall permit any excrement from any animal under that person's control to remain on the beach, but shall pick up and dispose of the same in a sanitary manner.~~

(a) Restricted Area. A restricted area is hereby established beginning at a line extending from Boardwalk #1 to the Atlantic Ocean and continuing in a northeasterly direction to Captain Sams Inlet. No person shall bring or otherwise allow any domestic household animal / pet into the restricted area at any time, whether on a leash or off of a leash.

(b) Limited Restriction Area. A limited restriction area is hereby established beginning approximately 300 yards northwest of a line extending from Boardwalk #9 (Pelican Watch Boardwalk) to the Edisto River and continuing in a northwesterly direction to Privateer Creek. No person shall bring or otherwise allow any domestic household animal / pet into the limited restriction area that is not on a leash at all times.

(c) General Beach Area. In all other areas of the beach other than the restricted area and the limited restriction area described above, the following requirements shall apply:

(i) Peak Season: From April 1 to September 30, no person shall bring or allow any domestic household animal / pet into the general beach area between the hours of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm that is not on leash at all times. No person shall bring or allow any domestic household animal / pet into the general beach area from 5:01 pm to 9:59 am that is not on a leash or, if not on a leash, is not effectively controlled while on the beach.

(ii) Non-peak season: From October 1 to March 31, no person shall bring any domestic household animal / pet on the beach that is not on a leash or, if not on a leash, is not effectively controlled while on the beach.

(d) Definitions

(i) For purposes of this section, the terms “on lead” and “on a lead” ordinance the term “effectively controlled” shall mean that the behavior of a domestic household animal / pet is restrained by a competent person from: (A) entering any area on or adjacent to the beach in which a domestic household animal / pet is prohibited; (B) destroying or damaging any property; (C) attacking or threatening to attack any person or any other domestic household animal / pet in any manner; or (D) being a nuisance to other beach goers.

(ii) For purposes of this ordinance, the term “nuisance” shall mean causing annoyance, inconvenience or discomfort to the public health, safety and welfare.

(iii) For purposes of this ordinance the term “competent person” shall mean a person of suitable age and discretion and physically capable of restraining and controlling the domestic animal / pet in his or her care in order to prevent harm to persons, property or to other animals.

(iv) For purposes of this ordinance, the term “on a leash” shall mean that the domestic household animal / pet is restrained by a competent person using a physical restraint made of cord, rope, strap, chain or other material effective for restraining the type

and size of domestic household animal / pet; the physical restraint being no more than sixteen (16) feet in length, secured to the ~~domestic household animal's/pet's~~ collar or harness and ~~continuously~~continually held by a competent person ~~physically capable~~.

(v) For purposes of ~~restraining~~this ordinance, the term "off a leash" shall mean that the domestic household animal / pet— is not on a leash as defined herein. Domestic household animals / pets under voice control or under control of remotely operated devices such as electronic collars shall be considered to be ~~"off lead."~~of a leash.

(4)(e) No later than one year from the effective date of this ordinance, council shall review the terms of this ordinance, and determine whether it has worked effectively and achieved the objective of balancing the interests of all users of the beach. Following such review, council shall amend this ordinance, if and to the extent, it deems necessary.