



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, SEC. 4-2. TO ADDRESS ADDING MINIATURE/DWARF GOATS AS A
COMMONLY ACCEPTED DOMESTIC ANIMAL

Sec. 4-2. - Harboring and keeping of animals and fowl; term defined.

- a) As a result of the location and density of residential and commercial developments, and the seasonal influx of population, and the general seasonal weather and insect conditions encountered, and in protection of the lifestyles and business investments of the citizenry, and as protection to the community's tourist industry alike, it shall be unlawful for any person, business, firm and/or corporation to keep or harbor any animal or fowl not considered a commonly accepted domestic animal or fowl within the jurisdictional limits of the town.
- b) For the purpose of this chapter, the term "commonly accepted domestic animal or fowl" means any animal and/or fowl which can be kept or harbored within or outside a residential dwelling and which requires reasonable and minimal attention and/or maintenance and shall include generally accepted animals and fowl such as dogs, cats, caged birds, rabbits, miniature Vietnamese pigs, [miniature/dwarf goats](#), gerbils, hamsters, ferrets, hens, and other animals and fowl of similar size and type and generally accepted reptiles such turtles and small nonpoisonous lizards. The term "commonly accepted domestic animal or fowl" shall not include goats, sheep, pigs, hogs, cows, bulls, horses, mules, ostriches, roosters, ducks or geese or other similar types of large size animals and fowl or other reptiles or snakes, poisonous or nonpoisonous.

Sec. 4-9. Specific Regulations for miniature/dwarf goats.

- (a) No person shall keep miniature/dwarf goats unless they are on a tract of land maintained as follows:
 - (1) No more than one miniature/dwarf goat per 2,500 square feet of lot area. The maximum number of miniature/dwarf goats shall in no instance exceed three.
 - (2) The tract of land shall be developed with only one single-family residence.
- (b) Standards for miniature/dwarf goat shelters.
 - (1) The shelter is where the goats may be kept outside, and it shall be fully contained.
 - (2) A shelter to enclose miniature/dwarf goats shall meet the following:
 - a. The size of the shelter shall be limited to 80 square feet in area and shall meet the zoning requirements for accessory structures.
 - b. It shall be located behind the principal structure.
 - (3) miniature/dwarf goats shall not be utilized for commercial purposes.

Sec. 4-~~9~~ 10. Dogs and other commonly accepted animals and fowl on public rights-of-way, public lands, and property.

- (a) *Use of terms.*

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- (1) Commonly accepted domestic animals or fowls, as defined in section 4-2 and hereby referred to as "animals," shall be subject to the provisions as specified herein.
 - (2) For the purpose of this section, the boardwalk shall be defined by the following boundaries: the rights-of-way east of Woody Hewett/Canal; and from the north side of Harper Avenue up to and including Cape Fear Blvd., also to include the oceanfront wooden municipal walkway, as may be extended from time to time. All boardwalks operate as pedestrian walkways.
 - (3) A service animal is any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.
- (b) *Leash required.* Animals on the municipal beach strand, public rights-of-ways, public lands, and property within the jurisdictional limits shall be restrained by a leash. The following additional regulations shall apply:
- (1) No animals shall be allowed on the boardwalk at any time.
 - (2) From April 1 through September 30 animals shall be allowed on the municipal beach strand before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.
 - (3) Animals are prohibited from entering any park building (i.e., restrooms, concession stands and score towers). Animals are prohibited within 100 feet of any concession or vending areas. Animals are prohibited from any established athletic field or court (i.e., baseball fields, football/soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts). Animals are prohibited within 50 feet of any children's playground except on designated walking paths. Animals are prohibited from any mass gathering, identified as any planned event of 200 or more people, unless otherwise approved by the town.
 - (4) Service animals shall be exempt from this subsection (b).
- (c) *Animal owner responsibilities.* The owner or keeper of animals who harm or cause offenses or damages to the public, or who deposit waste upon public land or property, shall be held responsible for such action and shall be held responsible for cleanup or have cleaned up said waste immediately following the occurrence. An owner or custodian of an animal will have on or near their person a device such as a plastic bag, or other suitable plastic or paper container, that can be used to fully clean up and contain animal waste until it can be disposed of in an appropriate container. Such a device must be produced and shown, upon request, to anyone authorized to enforce this chapter.

(Code 1986, § 3-9; Ord. No. 82-58, § 8-2006.1, 7-13-1982; Ord. No. 93-322, 6-8-1993; Ord. No. 95-359, 4-11-1995; Ord. No. 98-434, 11-10-1998; Ord. No. 01-473, 2-13-2001; Ord. No. 03-547, 9-9-2003; Ord. No. 06-623, 2-14-2006; Ord. No. 14-925, 1-14-2014; Ord. No. 16-1020, 8-9-2016; Ord. No. 17-1050, 3-14-2017)

Editor's note(s)—See the editor's note to § 4-8.

Sec. 4-~~10~~ 11. Impoundment.

Any animal may be impounded when found at large. The town official shall notify and turn over any animals to county animal control

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Ordinance 25-1269

Town of Carolina Beach
Town Council

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach. Adopted this 12th day of November 2025.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH

Albert L. Barbee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk