



MEMORANDUM

Date: Feb 22, 2023
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager
Subject: Discuss/Review Dogs on Beach/Sand

Background

City Code Section 10-5, Animals and reptiles banned from public beaches and city recreation complex, does not allow for any dog, cat, other animal, or reptile to be on the beach/sand whether on a leash, running at-large, or carried. The instances of dogs observed on the beach/sand by residents appears to be increasing.

Discussion:

Various additional methods to improve compliance with the below City ordinance include:

- Additional larger, brighter, more prominent signage
- Additional signage in all Gulf Blvd properties, particularly at beach/sand accesses
- Issuing fines instead of warnings
- Dedicated enforcement at the times of day with the more common sightings

Sec. 10-5. Animals and reptiles banned from public beaches and city recreation complex. It shall be unlawful for any dog, cat, other animal or reptile allowed by this chapter, whether running at large, on a leash, or being carried, to be on any public beach within the city or on the grounds of the city recreation complex located at 200 Rex Place. The parcel southwest of the outfield fence of the most westerly ballfield of the city recreation complex extending to the Gulf Beaches Public Library property is excluded from the provisions of this section. Any person, whether the owner or the person in charge who shall permit such dog, cat, other animal or reptile allowed by this chapter to be upon any public beach or on the grounds of the city's recreation complex shall be guilty of a violation of this section. (Code 1983, § 4-103):

Fiscal Impact

Cost of additional signage and/or additional dedicated enforcement (PCSO extra-duty deputies)