

DOG-FRIENDLY DINING

Authority: Section 2.04.05, Okaloosa County Land Development Code.

Purpose: To provide requirements and conditions intended to allow specified areas within which patron's dogs are allowed in food service establishments.

Process: The Planning Official can issue a dog-friendly dining permit at any time upon demonstration that all applicable requirements have been met.

**OKALOOSA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT
APPLICATION FOR DOG-FRIENDLY DINING ESTABLISHMENT**

May, 2009

Instructions: Please provide all information requested in questions 1-7 of Part 1, read and initial all 14 statements in Part 2, and sign the application in the line provided in Part 3. When completed and signed, please submit to the Okaloosa County Growth Management Department at either of its locations: 1250 Eglin Pkwy N, Shalimar or 402 Brookmeade Dr in Crestview

Part 1 Application Information.

1. Applicant Name:

2. Applicant's Mailing Address:

3. Applicant's Telephone Contact Numbers:

(regular)

(cell)

4. Name and Address of Restaurant for Which Dog-Friendly Dining Permit is sought:

Part 2. General Regulations and Signature

- _____ 1. All restaurant employees shall wash their hands promptly after touching, petting, or otherwise handling any dog. Employees shall be prohibited from touching, petting, or otherwise handling any dog while serving food or beverages or handling tableware or before entering other parts of the establishment.
- _____ 2. Patrons in a designated outdoor canine dining area shall be advised that they should wash their hands before eating. Waterless hand sanitizer shall be provided at all tables in the designated outdoor area.
- _____ 3. Employees and patrons shall be instructed that they shall not allow dogs to come into contact with serving dishes, utensils, tableware, linens, paper products, or any other items involved in food service operations.
- _____ 4. Patrons shall keep their dogs on a leash at all times and shall keep their dogs under reasonable control.
- _____ 5. Dogs shall not be allowed on chairs, tables, or other furnishings.
- _____ 6. All table and chair surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized with an approved product between seating of patrons. Spilled food and drink shall be removed from the floor or ground between seating of patrons.
- _____ 7. Accidents involving dog waste shall be cleaned immediately and the area sanitized with an approved product. A kit with the appropriate materials for this purpose shall be kept near the designated outdoor area.
- _____ 8. At least one sign reminding employees of the applicable rules, including those contained in this part, and those additional rules and regulations, if any, included as further conditions of the permit by the Planning Official, shall be posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees within the restaurant. The mandatory sign shall be not less than eight and one-half inches in width and eleven inches in height (8 ½ x 11) and printed in easily legible typeface of not less than twenty (20) point font size.
- _____ 9. At least one sign reminding patrons of the applicable rules, including those contained in this part, and those additional rules and regulations, if any, included as further conditions of the permit by the Planning Official, shall be posted in a conspicuous location within the designated outdoor portion of the public food service establishment. The mandatory sign shall be not less than eight and one-half inches in width and eleven inches in height (8 ½ x 11) and printed in easily legible typeface of not less than twenty (20) point font size.

- _____10. At all times while the designated outdoor portion of the restaurant is available to patrons and their dogs, at least one sign shall be posted in a conspicuous and public location near the entrance to the designated outdoor portion of restaurant, the purpose of which shall be to place patrons on notice that the designated outdoor portion of the public food service establishment is currently available to patrons accompanied by their dog or dogs. The mandatory sign shall be not less than eight and one-half inches in width and eleven inches in height (8 ½ x 11) and printed in easily legible typeface of not less than twenty (20) point font size.
- _____11. Dogs shall not be permitted to travel through indoor or undesignated outdoor portions of the restaurant, and ingress and egress to the designated outdoor portions of the establishment shall not require entrance into or passage through any indoor or undesignated outdoor portion of the public food service establishment.
- _____12. This permit can not be transferred to a subsequent owner upon the sale or transfer of the restaurant (public food service establishment) for which it is issued, but shall expire automatically upon such sale or transfer. The subsequent owner shall be required to reapply for a permit pursuant to this part if such owner wishes to continue to accommodate patrons' dogs.
- _____13. In accordance with section 509.233(6), Florida Statutes, the Planning Official shall accept and document complaints related to the Dog Friendly Dining Program within the County, and shall timely report to the division all such complaints and the County's enforcement response to such complaint. The Planning Official shall also timely provide the division with a copy of all approved applications and permits issued pursuant to this part.
- _____14. Any public food service establishment that fails to comply with the requirements of this part shall be guilty of violating this part of the Land Development Code and shall be subject to any and all enforcement proceedings consistent with the applicable provisions of the Code and general law.

Part 3. Affidavit of Understanding and Signature

By signing this application I certify that:

1. all the information provided in Part 1 is correct;
2. I have read, understand, and will abide by the regulations provided in Part 2; and
3. I am (check one) _____ the owner _____ the authorized agent of the owner of the restaurant for which this application is being submitted.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed name)

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When signed by the Planning Official/Designee, this application shall serve as the Dog-Friendly Dining Permit for the restaurant for which this application has been submitted.

Conditions of approval, if any:

Planning Official/Designee Approval

(Date)