

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_-\_\_\_\_**  
**CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING  
CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I AND CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL IN CITY PARKS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10, Article I of the Pascagoula Code of Ordinances establishes regulations for animal control; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 58, Article III of the Pascagoula Code of Ordinances regulates the use and operation of the City of Pascagoula's parks, including Beach Park; and

**WHEREAS**, certain revisions to Chapter 10, Article I and Chapter 58, Article III are needed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the Beach Park in relation to dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi Code Section 21-19-9 grants municipalities jurisdiction to regulate animal control; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi Code Section 21-37-3 grants municipalities full jurisdiction in the matter of parks and the right to maintain the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to allow dogs at Beach Park under limited circumstances as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula hereby amends Chapter 10, Article I and Chapter 58, Article III of the Code of Ordinances, as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PASCAGOULA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-2, Subsection (e) is hereby amended to read as follows: "An animal control officer is authorized to issue tickets, summons, or other process in the same manner as police officers of the city, but in the enforcement of this Chapter and Chapter 58 only."

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 58, Article III, Section 58-63 is hereby amended to include the following Subsection (d):

(d) Dogs may be allowed at Beach Park north of Beach Boulevard under the following conditions:

- (1) Dogs may only be allowed upon approval by the City Council. The person or organization requesting the allowance of dogs shall comply with any conditions or restrictions imposed by the City Council as part of such approval.
- (2) All dogs shall be under the immediate control of a responsible person at all times.
- (3) Any feces produced by a dog while on such park shall be immediately collected and removed in a sanitary manner by the person having it under control. Failure to properly clean and dispose of such animal waste could result in a fine of up to \$500.00.
- (4) No dog shall be permitted upon the pavilions located in the parks. Dogs should remain in the grassy areas of the parks.
- (5) No dog shall attack any other dog or human.
- (6) No dog nor its responsible person involved in a violation of this subsection shall again be permitted in such park.

**SECTION 3.** The existing Subsection (d) of Chapter 58, Article III, Section 58-63 is hereby renumbered to Subsection (e), and the existing Subsection (e) is hereby renumbered to Subsection (f).

**SECTION 4.** The amendments to these Chapters shall become effective as provided by law.

The above Ordinance was introduced in writing by Mayor Willis, seconded for adoption by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_, and received the following vote: Mayor Willis voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ “\_\_\_”, Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”, and Councilman \_\_\_ voted “\_\_\_”.

Passed this the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

APPROVED:

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Jay Willis, Mayor

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Karen Kennedy, City Clerk