

ORDINANCE 2010-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 16, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 16-502 RELATING TO CONTROL OF PETS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island adopted Article 16, Chapter 5, Control of Pets as part of its Beach Management Plan, and;

WHEREAS, in adopting Article 16, Chapter 5, the Town attempts to balance the desire of pet owners to allow their pets to run free of leashes while under voice command with the desire of people using the beach for recreational purposes to be safe and not threatened by free-roaming pets, and;

WHEREAS, Article 16, Chapter 5, Section 16-502, sets forth a general requirement that all pets must be secured by a leash or lead or under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's command, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of recent incidents where unleashed pets were not under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that person's command the Town amended Article 16, Chapter 5 and created Article 7 Public Safety, Chapter 2, Section 7-201, Restraint of Pets, and;

WHEREAS, the Town held a Town meeting with a number of citizens expressing a desire to have some opportunity to enjoy their dogs during certain times and in certain designated areas without having their dogs on a leash.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED, by Council of the Town of Kiawah Island, South Carolina and it is ordained by the authority of said Council:

Section 1. Purpose.

This Ordinance is adopted to amend Article 16, Beach Management, Chapter 5, Section 16-502.

Section 2. Ordinance.

Section 16-502, Restraint on the Beach and Dunes is amended as follows:

Owners may unleash their pets year round (in those areas designated as "Dog Use Areas" on the attached "Map of Kiawah Island showing proposed location of critical habitat areas and pet restraint requirements" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) if the pets are controlled by voice command. This provision applies only during daylight hours, i.e. from one half hour after sunrise to one half hour