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Pasco County Offers Dog Dining Permits

~~Restaurants can apply for permit to allow customers to dine with their dogs~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The <u>Pasco County Board of County Commissioners</u> has approved a new **Dog Dining** ordinance – allowing customers of permitted restaurants to dine with their dogs. The new ordinance allows diners to bring their dogs to designated, outdoor areas at certain restaurants. Participating restaurants have the right to establish specific dog dining hours.

Interested restaurant owners are invited to apply for a Dog Dining Permit through <u>Pasco County</u> <u>Central Permitting</u>. There is a one-time permit fee of \$50.00.

Applications are available <u>online</u> at: <u>http://bit.ly/2CfohNZ</u>. Applications must be submitted in person at 8731 Citizens Drive in New Port Richey.

Be sure to check out the live <u>Central Permitting Wait Times</u> feature on the <u>MyPasco App</u> or on our <u>website</u> to help plan your visit!

As part of the permit process, dining establishment owners must provide a diagram of the outdoor dining area, including:

- Dimensions of the designated area
- Layout of tables, chairs and any restaurant equipment
- Entryways and exits
- Boundaries of the designated dog dining area, including any off-limit outdoor areas
- Any fences or barriers
- Surrounding property lines and public right-of-ways (e.g., sidewalks, benches, street lights, street signs, fire hydrants, etc.)
- Location of signage for designated dog dining area
- Sample of proposed signage for designated dog dining area

Failure to comply with ordinance regulations can result in the revocation of Dog Dining Permits and a County citation. See the full ordinance here: http://bit.ly/2HHxY7F.

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