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Pasco County Ramps Up Dog Dining Ordinance Enforcement

~~Restaurant owners who allow dogs in designated areas must be permitted~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- [Pasco County Code Enforcement](#) is reminding restaurant owners of the [Outdoor Dog Dining](#) ordinance, and that failure to comply can cost them. Despite the popularity of allowing patrons to dine with their dogs, only a handful of local restaurants are in compliance with the 2017 [ordinance](#).

“While the Outdoor Dog Dining ordinance gives restaurants the flexibility to provide designated, dog-friendly seating areas, compliance is key,” said Development Services Assistant County Administrator Don Rosenthal. “These rules help foster a safe and sanitary experience for all guests.”

Restaurants without a permit in violation of the ordinance could receive a \$500 per-instance fine for a dog on the property. Some requirements of the Outdoor Dog Dining ordinance include:

- Restaurants must provide separate access for dogs from the outdoors
- There must be waterless hand sanitizer at every table
- Dogs cannot be on the furniture
- The establishment owner can have selected hours and days that the dogs are welcome
- The establishment owner must clearly identify the dog dining area

Interested restaurant owners can apply for a Dog Dining Permit through [Pasco County Central Permitting](#).

The application is available online at: bit.ly/DogDiningApp. There is a one-time \$50 fee, and applications must be submitted in person at 8731 Citizens Drive in New Port Richey.

Be sure to check out the live [Central Permitting Wait Times](#) feature on the [MyPasco App](#) or our [website](#) to help plan your visit.

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