

ORDINANCE NO. 99-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74-34, AS AMENDED, REGULATING AND LICENSING THE KEEPING OF DOGS; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 5, RESTRAINT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has found it necessary to further amend Ordinance No. 74-34, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED this 22nd day of February, 1999, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida that Ordinance No. 74-34, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

1. SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

Restraint: A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this ordinance if he is controlled by a leash, at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper, or a hunting dog under the control of his owner. However a hunting dog shall not be considered to be at large when he is found to be within an area designated as a hunting area.

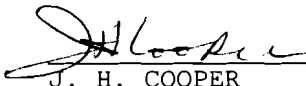
2. SECTION 5. RESTRAINT

The owner ~~shall keep his dog under restraint at all times and~~ shall not permit such dog to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, unless ~~under the control of a competent person~~ the dog is under restraint. However, a hunting dog shall not be considered to be at large when he is found to be within an area designated as a hunting area. If a person owns, keeps or harbors any dog, within the county, and said dog is not restrained pursuant to the provisions herein, the Animal Control Officer may issue a citation to the owner or individual who is keeping or harboring the dog. If the owner or person who is

keeping or harboring said dog does not contest the citation, the fine shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense; one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense; and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense thereafter. If the person who owns or harbors the dog contests said citation, then the maximum penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per offense.


3. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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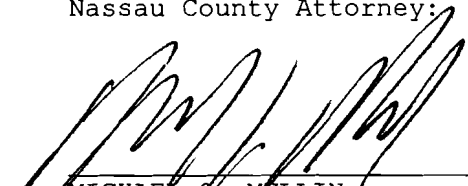
J. H. COOPER
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MOLLIN