

Bald Head Island, NC Code of Ordinances

**ARTICLE XVII.  
UNRESTRAINED DOGS**

**Sec. 4-520. Definitions.**

*Leash* means a physical tether not to exceed ten feet in length, one end of which is attached to a dog and the other is held by the dog's owner or custodian and by which such owner or custodian is physically capable of controlling the dog.

*Owner* means any person owning, keeping, or harboring a dog or cat. The head of the household shall be presumed to be the owner of any dog or cat kept or harbored by any person residing in the household.

*Turtle season* means that period of time from May 1 through November 15 of each year.

*Unrestrained dog* means any dog which is not:

- (1) Under the immediate control of its owner;
- (2) Within the limits and boundaries of the private property on which its owner or any person authorized by the owner to keep the animal shall reside; or
- (3) On or in any vehicle being operated or parked upon any public or private street and physically confined within the vehicle so as to prevent exit therefrom.

(Ord. No. 2009-0901, 9-18-2009)

**Sec. 4-521. Unrestrained dogs prohibited.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner to maintain an unrestrained dog within the confines of the village, whether by intentional or negligent act or omission of the owner.

(b) From sunset to sunrise of every day during turtle season, any dog on any beach must be physically restrained by a leash.

(c) The owner or custodian of any dog or cat that excretes any feces on public property, including the beach strand, or on private property without the consent of the owner or person in lawful possession thereof shall immediately remove such feces deposited by such animal and dispose of the feces in an appropriate manner.

(d) Any violations of this article shall be deemed a civil violation, punishable by a civil fine pursuant to article VII of this chapter. To the extent article VII does not apply to a violation of this article, the violation shall be punishable by a civil fine of \$50.00. In addition, a violation of this section shall be punishable pursuant to G.S. 14-4 as a class 3 misdemeanor with a fine that shall not exceed \$500.00 in the discretion of the court.

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