

***Orange County Zoning Division***

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# **Work Session Dog Friendly Dining**

**June 5, 2018**



# Presentation Outline

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# Overview

- Dog-friendly dining a growing trend
- Promotes walkable urban spaces
- Many local governments have approved ordinances allowing use:
  - Seminole County
  - Osceola County
  - Orlando, FL
  - Edgewood, FL
  - Winter Garden, FL



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# Overview

- **FS Sec. 509.233 allows local governments to adopt exemptions to regulations adopted by the Florida Division of Hotels and Restaurants for dogs only**
- **Allow patrons' dogs within certain outdoor portions of public food service establishments**
- **Statutes set forth detailed requirements**
  - **Requires ordinance to be codified in land development code**



# Statutory Requirements

## Permit Requirements

- Name and location of food establishment
- Division of Hotels and Restaurants – issued license number
- Days and hours of operation (including times when dogs are permitted)
- Detailed diagram and description of the outdoor dining area designated for patrons' dogs



# Statutory Requirements

## Regulations and Enforcement

- Strict cleanliness and sanitary requirements for employees, patrons, tables, and chairs
- Dogs shall be kept on a leash and attended to
- All dog waste cleaned immediately and the area sanitized
- Signs reminding employees and patrons of the rules
- Dogs not allowed on tables or chairs
- Dogs not allowed to travel through indoor portions of restaurant
- Permit is non-transferable



# Statutory Requirements

## Regulations and Enforcement

—Provide Division of Hotels and Restaurants with:

1. Timely reports of all complaints and the County's response to those complaints; and
2. Copies of all approved applications and permits issued





# Local Provisions

## Permit Requirements

- Permit is issued / valid for one year
- Late renewal requires payment of a late fee
- Indemnification and hold harmless
- Insurance requirement
- Restrictions on “dangerous dogs”



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# Local Provisions

## Regulations and Enforcement

- Code Enforcement shall enforce violations
- Report any and all incidents of dog bites, attacks, endangers and/or inflicted injury on patrons, employees or other animals



# Summary

- Dog-friendly dining a growing trend
- Would be optional only for restaurants with outdoor seating
- Requires Code amendment to establish permit standards and regulations



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# Board Direction

- Amend Chapter 38 to add definitions, consistent with Florida Statutes for the following terms:
  - Division of Hotels and Restaurants
  - Dog
  - Outdoor dining area
  - Patron
  - Public food service establishment
- Allow in zoning categories where outdoor dining is permitted





# Board Direction

- Requesting Board direction on the preparation of ordinance and scheduling of public hearings



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