



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: June 5, 2018 – Work Session
Dog Friendly Dining

Dog friendly dining establishments have become popular destinations in urban areas allowing restaurant patrons to take their pets out for a meal. Mayor Jacobs asked staff to explore amending the Code to allow dog friendly dining in unincorporated Orange County. Florida Statutes allow for a local government to establish an exemption to certain regulations adopted by the Florida Division of Hotels and Restaurants to allow patron's dogs within certain designated outdoor portions of restaurants. Most local ordinances provide for this as an option, with specific requirements about working with the State regarding complaints and enforcement.

At the work session, staff will discuss various provisions of a potential ordinance amending Orange County Code Chapter 38, including definitions, the types of facilities that may apply, and any permit conditions including diagrams of designated outdoor seating areas, insurance and liability, operational requirements, and signage for employees and patrons. The ordinance would also address complaints, reporting, and enforcement.

This work session is for informational purposes, only; and no action is required by the Board.

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