

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-56 OF THE
ST. PETERSBURG CITY CODE REGARDING
REMOVAL OF DOG EXCRETA FROM CERTAIN
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Section 4-56 of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section 4-56 is added to read as follows:

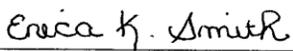
Sec. 4-56 – Removal of dog excreta from certain public and private property.

- (a) Every dog owner or person in charge of a dog shall be responsible for retrieving and disposing of, in a sanitary manner, all excrement from any dog under the person's temporary or permanent custody or control.
- (b) Every dog owner or person in charge of a dog who shall have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a dog who is under their custody or control has defecated on public or private property shall immediately retrieve all such excrement and dispose of such excrement in a sanitary fashion.
- (c) This section shall not apply to a dog that defecates on its owner's private property or on the private property of the person having temporary or permanent custody or control of the dog; however, no dog owner or person having custody or control of a dog shall allow dog excrement to accumulate on their private property in a manner that creates a health hazard or public nuisance (e.g. excrement causes continuous off-site odor offensive to a person of reasonable sensibilities or attracts a large number of flies or other insects or pests). This section shall not apply to a person using a guide or service dog.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable. If any portion of this ordinance is deemed unconstitutional it shall not affect the constitutionality of any other portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. In the event this Ordinance is not vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall become effective upon the expiration of the fifth business day after adoption unless the Mayor notifies the City Council through written notice filed with the City Clerk that the Mayor will not veto the Ordinance, in which case the Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon filing such written notice with the City Clerk. In the event this Ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall not become effective unless and until the City Council overrides the veto in accordance with the City Charter, in which case it shall become effective immediately upon a successful vote to override the veto.

Approved as to form and content:



City Attorney (designee)