



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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Just a Friendly Reminder to “Scoop the Poop”

Dear Residents,

Over the past few weeks, Code Compliance has received complaints regarding dog waste being left behind by pet owners while walking their dog(s). Dog waste often contains bacteria and harmful germs, allowing it to transmit disease to children and other dogs. It is not only unsightly and smells bad, but it also pollutes our groundwater, and is potentially harmful to our ecosystem. We should all take responsibility of our pets and help keep our home clean and beautiful. The City of Key West thanks you in advance for your prompt attention and cooperation in this matter. As always, in order to maintain our mission of achieving voluntary compliance in these types of issues, Code Compliance is here to serve you, so feel free to contact us directly at 809-3740 with any questions you may have.

Sec. 10 - 8 –Removal of dog feces

(a) It is unlawful for a dog owner or keeper to permit the dog, either willfully or negligently, to defecate upon:

- (1) Any public park, ball field, beach or school ground, other than in an area designated for that purpose;
- (2) Any private property without the permission of the property owner; or
- (3) Any public right-of-way

(b) This section shall not apply to a service animal when the animal is performing service animal duties. Where this section is violated, the owner or keeper shall immediately remove any feces deposited by the dog in a sanitary manner. A code compliance officer has the authority to issue citations for violations of this section.