

Hillsborough County
Animal Ordinance 00-26
As Amended by Ordinance 03-8

Section 14 of this ordinance 00-26 reads:

SECTION 14. ANIMAL WASTE REMOVAL: Any feces deposited by a dog, cat, or pet pig on public property, public walks, recreation areas or the private property of others must be immediately removed by the person who has custody or control of the animal unless otherwise authorized by the property owner."

The penalties for violations of Section 14 of this ordinance, cited in the "Frequently Asked Questions" reads:

VIOLATIONS: Failure to remove animal waste as required by Section 14 .

FIRST OFFENSE

\$50 Fine

SECOND OFFENSE

\$100 Fine

THIRD OFFENSE

Mandatory Court Appearance"

Section 10 of the same Ordinance 00-26 reads:

"SECTION 10. CONFINEMENT TO PROPERTY; DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE; EXCEPTIONS

1. Excluding public right-of-way on an owner's private property, no DOG or CAT shall be allowed to stray, run or go, AT LARGE upon any public property or street, sidewalk, park, or on the private property of another without the consent of the property owner....

"In order for a dog or cat to be allowed on a public street, road, park or other public property, excluding public right-of-way on an owner's private property or unless otherwise specifically permitted, the dog or cat shall be under the direct control of the owner or keeper...."

The penalties for a violation of Section 10 of this ordinance, cited in the answer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" about Section 10, include:

VIOLATIONS: Dogs ... at large as prohibited by Section 10 .

FIRST OFFENSE

\$100 Fine

SECOND OFFENSE

\$200 Fine

THIRD OFFENSE

Mandatory Court Appearance

Lastly, to clarify the language in Section 13 concerning "direct control" as cited in the Frequently Asked Question for this Section 13,

"13. What does direct control mean? "Direct control is the immediate, continuous physical control of an animal such as a fence, leash, cord or chain of such strength to restrain the animal at all times.