

APPENDIX E

CITY OF FREEPORT LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

EQUINE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Section 1: General

- A. These regulations apply to the keeping of a horse/equine animal on any parcel that is allowed to keep horses/equine animals pursuant to Section 3.08.17 of Article 3 of the Freeport Land Development Code. For the purposes of these regulations, a “parcel” is a parcel of property as referenced in Appendix “A” of the Freeport Land Development Code.
- B. These regulations apply to the act of equestrian activities (riding/exercising/utilizing equine animals to pull or carry loads of any kind) on any public right of way within the incorporated city limits of the City of Freeport.
- C. For the purposes of interpretation of these regulations, the term “horse” applies to any equine animal, including but not limited to horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, etc.
- D. The provisions of the Freeport Land Development Code and Ordinance 96-1 Freeport Nuisance Ordinance shall be fully applicable to these regulations.

Section 2: Manure Management

- 1. No property owner or horse/equine owner shall allow manure generated by a horse/equine animal kept on a parcel within the incorporated limits of the City of Freeport to remain on the ground in a manner that creates a nuisance as defined in Ordinance 96-1 City of Freeport Nuisance Ordinance.
- 2. Any horse/equine animal which is ridden / led / exercised /utilizing to pull or carry loads of any kind along, on, or within any public right-of-way, driveway or parking lot will be required to be fitted with a manure bag to prevent the scattering or deposit of manure on said public roadway, right-of-way or driveway.
- 3. Any manure which is generated by an equestrian animal and deposited onto any public roadway, right-of-way or driveway must be retrieved and removed immediately by the rider/ trainer/boarder/owner.

Section 3: Enforcement

- A. The provisions of Section 1.10.0 of Article 1 of the Freeport Land Development Code governing interpretations by the Planning Director and the Planning and Development Review Board shall be applicable to the regulations set forth in Appendix E -Equine Management Regulations.
- B. Enforcement of these Equine Management Regulations shall be in accordance with Section 2.01.13 of the City of Freeport Land Development Code. Nothing therein shall be interpreted to preclude the issuance of notices of warning by the City of Freeport, Walton County or other methods of informal resolution of disputes rising out of violations or alleged violations of these regulations. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to divest the City of authority over any subject otherwise governed by these regulations.
- C. In addition to the above enforcement measures; for Section 2 regarding off premise horse manure control, the Walton County Sheriff's office is hereby authorized to issue citations for the deposit of manure on any public street/right-of-way/driveway as follows:
 - 1. First (1st) incident based on rider: \$75.00
 - 2. Second (2nd) incident based on same rider: \$100.00
 - 3. Third (3rd) incident based on same rider: \$125.00 and continuing with an additional \$25 per incident as incidents occur.
 - 4. All fines must be paid through the Walton County Clerk of Court's office as provided by law.

Section 9: Effective Date

- A. Ordinance 2012-03, enacting these Equine Management Regulations and incorporating these regulations into the Freeport Land Development Code as Appendix E, shall become effective December 11, 2012, as provided by law.