

HOW TO OBTAIN A PERMIT

ONLINE Permit Submittal

After information is submitted and fees are paid using our easy online service, a receipt and certificate showing your annual approval as a Doggie Dining Friendly Restaurant will be printable. Please post in a clear and visible location. Certifications will need to be renewed annually. For detailed instructions on how to use our citizen

permitting portal, see our website at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov. Online informational packets are also available on our main website.



In Office Permit Submittal

Forms and an informational packet is available at our permitting office at 18400 Murdock Circle. Please select the "Zoning" option at the lobby kiosk for quick service. After submitted and reviewed, a receipt and certificate showing your annual approval as a Doggie Dining Friendly Restaurant will be provided. Please post in a clear and visible location. Certifications will need to be renewed annually.



Permitting Fee is \$22.00



Need More Information?

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY Community Development Department

Doggie Dining



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I take my service dog into a restaurant?

Yes, all types of service animals are permitted in restaurants as long as the service animal is controlled by its handler. The service animal is only permitted in areas that are not used for food preparation and that are usually open for customers, such as dining rooms and sales areas.

May I bring my cat or other pets to the designated outdoor dining area?

The law applies only to dogs. Other animals remain prohibited from food service establishments..

Can I transfer a (Doggie Dining) permit that was issued to the previous owner of the public food service I recently purchased?

No. The law states that permits are not transferable and expire upon sale of the establishment. You must apply for a new permit from the local government to continue to allow pet dogs in a designated outdoor dining area.

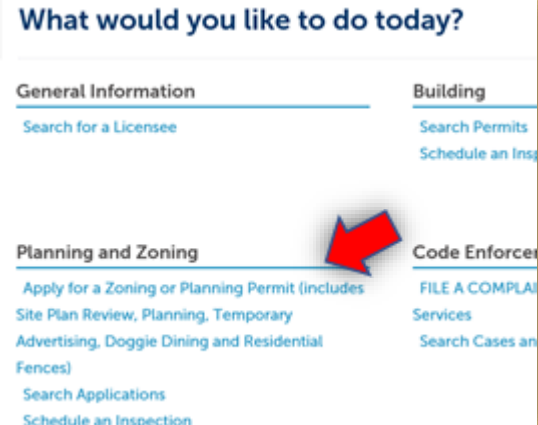
Are emotional support animals allowed in restaurants?

Americans With Disabilities cites that **emotional support** dogs or **animals** do not have the training to do specific tasks in assisting a person with disability or impairment, unlike service **animals**. Hence, the pets may not be **allowed** to accompany their owner in public places ie. **restaurants**, stores, hotels.

What are the minimum health or food safety conditions that must be met to allow pet dogs?

There are several parameters involved with the conditions to be met for allowing pet dogs into restaurants. For the most comprehensive review of these items, please refer to the 2018 Florida Statutes 509.233.

APPLYING ONLINE FOR YOUR PERMIT

1. After accessing Accela Citizen Access (ACA), go to “What would you like to do today?”. Under the Planning and Zoning heading, select “Apply for a Zoning or Planning Permit (includes Site Plan Review, Planning, Temporary Advertising, Doggie Dining and Residential Fences)”.

4. Once you’ve selected the permit type and continue the application, the next few screens will allow you to input the job address, parcel and owner information. When entering an address, less is always better. Example: 123 Main Street Englewood, FL 33333 should only be entered as 123 Main and then click Search. The system will automatically populate the parcel and owner information for you.
6. Fill out the next screens which will all be applicable to the permit type being applied for.
7. At the end of the application process, you will be able to review all information prior to continuing to the payment screen and completing your submittal.
8. Payments are accepted online using VISA or MASTERCARD. Once the fee is paid, your permit application will be submitted for processing.

2. After accepting the disclaimer, the next screen will allow you to choose the permit type you want to apply for (in this case “Dog Dining”)

