

**CITY OF VENICE**  
**Planning & Zoning Department**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Roger Clark, Senior Planner

**THRU:** Jeff Shrum, AICP, Development Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Dog Friendly Dining Text Amendment (No. 17-02AM)

**DATE:** April 11, 2017

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**Petition Request**

Text Amendment Petition No. 17-02AM is proposed to amend Ordinance No. 2012-16, Dog Friendly Dining, to remove the provision that will cause the ordinance to expire on June 12, 2017. If approved, the existing dog friendly dining ordinance codified in City of Venice Code Section 86-152 thru 86-154 will be retained without change and not be subject to expiration.

**Background**

In June 2011, City Council instructed staff to draft an ordinance permitting pets to be seated with their owner at restaurants that have outdoor seating. The City Attorney's office subsequently prepared an ordinance and transmitted the draft to the Technical Review Committee (TRC) for comment.

The purpose and intent of the ordinance was to implement the local exemption provided by Florida Statute, to allow patron's dogs within certain designated outdoor areas of public food service establishments. As a result, Ordinance No. 2012-16 was approved and adopted on June 12, 2012 with a provision that would cause the ordinance to expire five years after its adoption unless extended by City Council prior to its expiration.

Since the adoption of the ordinance and the implementation of the permitting process consistent with the ordinance, 12 restaurants have applied for and been issued a permit. There is no indication of any Code Enforcement issues regarding this ordinance.

cc: Dave Persson, City Attorney  
Lori Stelzer, City Clerk