

## SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts recognizes the right of disabled individuals to have a service dog accompany them in all areas of its facilities where its guests are permitted to be. However, this right is subject to the following limitations:

1. Control. The service dog must be under the control of its handler.
  - a. The service dog must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered.
  - b. If the service dog cannot be under such physical control of the handler due to the individual's disability or because the use of such physical restraints interferes with the service dog's safe, effective performance of tasks, then the individual must still maintain control of the service dog through voice, signal, or other effective controls.
  - c. If the service dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, the Resort will ask the individual to remove his service dog from the premises.
2. Housebroken. The service dog must be housebroken, e.g. trained to urinate and defecate outside of the premises or in a specially designated area. If the service dog is not housebroken, the Resort will ask the individual to remove his service dog from the premises.
3. Damage to Property. In the event the service dog causes any damage to property, you will be responsible for the reasonable cost to repair the damage.
4. Responsibility for Care/Supervision. The handler, and not Resort staff, is solely responsible for the care and supervision of the service dog.
5. **It is Unlawful to Misrepresent a Pet as a Service Animal.**

Pursuant to South Carolina law, “it is unlawful for a person to intentionally misrepresent an animal in his possession as a service animal or service animal-in-training for the purpose of obtaining any right or privilege provided to a disabled person if the person knows that the animal in his possession is not a service animal or service animal-in-training.” (S.C. Code Sect. 47-3-980(A)(emphasis added).

### **FINES FOR OFFENSE INCLUDE:**

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| <b>(1) First Offense:</b>   | <b>\$250.00</b>   |
| <b>(2) Second Offense:</b>  | <b>\$500.00</b>   |
| <b>(3) Third + Offense:</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |