



**AGENDA
CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING
FEBRUARY 9, 2018
2:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CASES TO BE HEARD

- 2.1 **THOMAS GROFF, CITATION 2018-00000735.** Citation issued for violation of the City of Fernandina Beach Code of Ordinances Section 90-45, Dog control. *Respondent requests appeal of citation.*

3. ADJOURNMENT

Quasi-Judicial – Denotes that the item must be conducted as a Quasi -Judicial hearing in accordance with City Commission established procedure and Florida Statutes.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at such meeting he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact (904) 310-3115, TDD/TTY 711, at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodations.

For information regarding this matter, please contact the Legal Department (904) 310-3275.

Criminal
 Civil

NOTICE TO APPEAR CITATION FOR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL VIOLATION

STATE OF FLORIDA AND/OR CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH VS.

GROFF, THOMAS W.						CCR# ²⁰¹⁸ 20000735	SA#
Last Name		First		Middle		Date Issued	Time Issued
314 N. 9th ST, Fern Bch, FL 32034.						3674244100	
Home Address			City		State	Zip	Phone
M	W	7/1/55	62	511	200	GRY	AZL
Sex	Race	Birth Date	Age	Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color
Social Sec Number							CRIMINAL ONLY
Veh Make		Year	Style	Color	Tag Number	Tag State/Yr	Driver's License Number
State							

In the name of and by the authority of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, the undersigned certifies that he or she has just and reasonable grounds to believe and does believe that:

On 1/13/18 at 2:24 the above named person did unlawfully:
Month / Day / Year Time (am or pm)

commit the offense of DOG w/o LEASH in violation of section 90-45 State Statute Local Ordinance

at the following location BEACH ACCESS #8 within the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida in that the defendant did:
HAVE HIS DOG "NIKEE" w/o A LEASH ON THE BEACH

Co-defendants Name(s) Race / Sex / Date of Birth

1.	2.
Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Complainant	<input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Victim
Name (Last, First MI)	Address
Phone	

I have reasonable ground to believe and do believe the person named above has committed the offense indicated. I swear that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Officer signature and ID number: [Signature] 237

NOTARIZATION: Sworn and Subscribed to me on _____ per F.S. 117.10 as a law enforcement officer _____
Month/Day/Year Notarizing Officer's Signature

This is a **civil citation**. You must pay a fine of \$ 75.00 within 30 days in person or by mail at the Police Department. If you wish to appeal the charges in this citation, you must request an appeal to the special magistrate, in writing, within 10 days of the date of this citation. The written appeal must be accompanied by a \$75.00 appeal fee and filed at the Police Department. The Police Department address is **1525 Lime Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.**

This is a **criminal citation**. You **MUST** appear at the **Nassau County Courthouse** located at **76347 Veteran's Way Yulee, FL** on
 Date _____ at Time _____

I understand that failure to comply or appear as ordered above may result in my being held in contempt of court and a warrant may be issued for my arrest. I hereby agree to comply with the above instructions to appear in court or to pay the prescribed fine.

[Signature]
 Signature of Defendant

[Signature]
 Supervisor Approval

Right Thumbprint

To whom it may concern,

On January 13, 2018 I was issued a citation (CCR# 00000735) for walking my dog off leash. It was a cold, windy day and there was no one else on the beach within 100 yards. I have been a resident of Fernandina since March 2011 and have been to the beach often in that time. The access #8, where we entered, has no signs indicating that dogs must be kept on a leash. I have not seen, nor heard of, anyone been issued this type of citation and I believe that a warning from the officer would have been more appropriate for my actions that day.

I would appreciate you considering repealing the fine and issuing a warning instead.

Thomas Groff
1/17/18

Thank you,
Thomas Groff
314 N 4th Street
Fernandina Beach,
FL 32034

Phone 267 424 4100