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**RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND RULE CHANGES IMPACT PET OWNERS,
RECYCLING, AND NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION**

April 5, 2019 – (Pascagoula, MS) - In two recent meetings of the Pascagoula City Council, action was taken on ordinances and regulations that impact citizens. The changes are highlighted and explained below, and all went into effect upon approval.

INCENTIVES FOR NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED

In their March 22nd meeting the Pascagoula City Council voted to extend an ordinance called the “Residential Incentive Package”. It was designed to give those building a new house in Pascagoula for personal residence abatements on their fees and permitting costs. First passed in late 2015, it encourages residential construction in excess of \$150,000.00. The Council voted to extend the exemption for permitting and utility connections when homeowners begin their construction. For more information please visit Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement offices at 4015 14th Street.

More than 20 new home owners have taken advantage of the incentives, since the inception of the program. “I applaud my colleagues on the Council, and the recommendation of our Building, Code and Zoning Director, for continuing this program,” said Mayor Dane Maxwell. “Everything we can do to encourage home construction and renovation that puts single family dwellings on our tax rolls, and makes it more attractive for people to live here in their own home is smart growth and good business,” he said.

THE POINT and NEW AMPHITHEATER AREA BECOME MORE PET FRIENDLY

Also in recent legislative action, the Council approved new boundaries and locations for dog owners who want to take their pets to City locations. In the attached maps citizens can find the new boundary for having a dog “off leash” at Pascagoula Beach. That area now includes the area between Market Street and Hague Street, but requires owners to have command of their pets at all time and increases the fines for not picking up and properly disposing of feces. Included in the legislation is specific legislation allowing dog owners to have their pet on a leash at Point Park. “With the completion of the new amphitheater, and the new sidewalk and amenities connecting the Beach Avenue Promenade to the Point, we wanted to make sure responsible pet owners could bring their entire family along for outings and enjoy this beautiful area,” said Mayor Dane Maxwell.

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The “off leash” dog park at River Park remains available to pet lovers, along with a designated area at I. G. Levy Park North, adjacent to the Scranton Nature Center. Dogs must be on a leash in the remainder of I. G. Levy Park North, and are not allowed at all in I. G. Levy Park South. Fines for failing to collect and properly dispose of pet waste when on city property has been increased to \$500.00. **SEE BELOW TO VIEW THE MAPS WITH BOUNDARIES.**

GLASS IS PROHIBITED IN RECYCLING BINS – PREVENTING COST INCREASE TO RESIDENTS

This past Tuesday night the Council approved a Resolution disallowing glass from being included in Recycling bins. The recommendation was from Waste Pro, the city’s trash contractor, and reflects a change occurring throughout the Gulf Coast area, due to the high costs associated with transport and processing. Customers are advised to place glass items in their regular garbage bin. Visit Waste Pro’s website at www.wasteproUSA.com for a list of recyclable materials.



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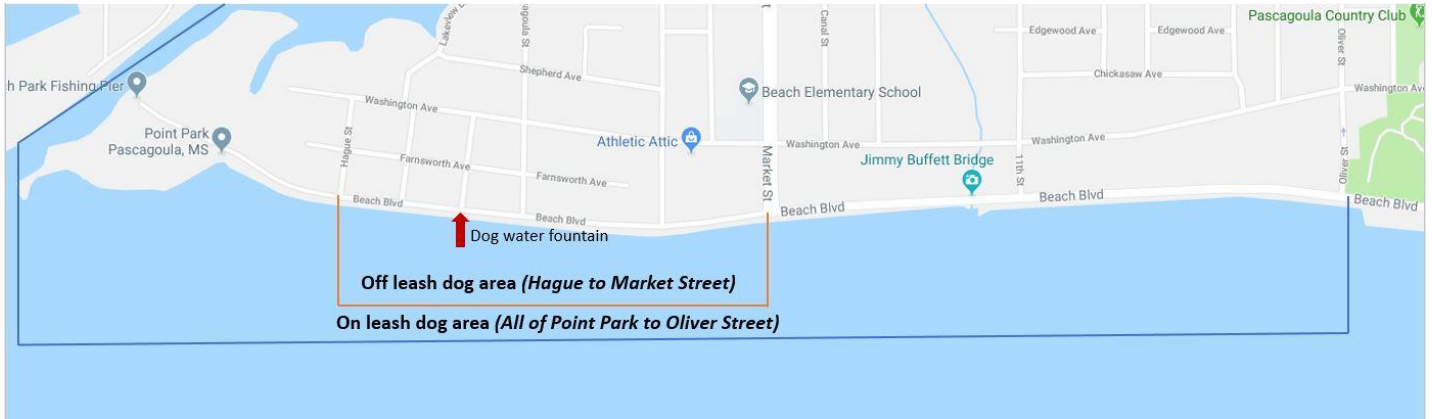


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DOG MAPS WITH BOUNDARIES
Point Park and the Beach Promenade:



I.G. Levy Park NORTH:

