

## Highlights of City Stormwater Regulations

*Effective November 1, 2009*

### **Chapter 12 - Utilities**

#### **Pet Waste**

*Background:* Pet waste is a serious water quality and public health issue. Stormwater runoff washes bacteria, parasites, viruses, and nutrients from pet waste directly into our waterways. These pathogens can cause disease in humans, recreational swimming advisories, shellfish bed closures, algal blooms, low dissolved oxygen levels, and impaired aquatic habitat. A strong pet waste ordinance encourages citizens to be responsible for cleaning up their animal's waste in order to keep our waterways clean and safeguard public health.



*The City's new pet waste ordinance requires pet owners to:*

- Fully and immediately clean up after pets on any public property.  
*(Public property consists of streets, sidewalks, right of ways, parks, plazas, stream banks, public accesses, pathways, drainageways, storm drains, creeks, officially accepted easements, etc.)*
- Carry a clean-up device (i.e. bag, scooper) at all times.
- Show the clean-up device to a Code Enforcement Official, if requested.
- Bag and dispose of pet waste in a closed trash receptacle or refuse container.
- Do not flush pet waste down the toilet (Cape Fear Public Utility Authority ordinance).
- **Fines for non-compliance with the City's pet waste ordinance are \$250 per occurrence.**