



City of Folly Beach

RULES FOR EVENTS ON THE BEACH, INCLUDING WEDDINGS

The use of the beach is free, however, you cannot ask anyone to move or reserve a space.

The area of the beach between 3rd Street East and 3rd Street West tends to be very congested from mid-May to mid-October, especially on weekends. Events are discouraged in this area during this time period, because you must not interfere with the lifeguards or beach franchise operations.

Weddings and other events on the beach shall not impede the passage of pedestrians or patrol vehicles on the beach or public walkways to the beach.

Wedding receptions are prohibited on the beach.

The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the beach. Glass containers and cans are prohibited on the beach. Non-alcoholic beverages in cans may be in a cooler, but their contents must be transferred to a plastic or paper cup, then returned to the cooler.

Loud music or other loud noise is not allowed on the beach at any time.

Fireworks and open fires, including tiki torches, are prohibited on the beach. Gas grills are permitted.

Any items that are put on the beach for a wedding or other event (such as tents pulpits, chairs, plants, arbors, or decorations) as well as any other items that were left on the beach after the event, must be removed before sunset or before the tide reaches them, whichever is sooner.

Only environmentally safe materials may be thrown during weddings on the beach, such as bird seed or real flowers or flower petals (no rice).

Access to the beach must be made through a public walkover, unless the event has permission to use a house or vacant lot on the front beach.

No motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are allowed on the beach.

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It is extremely important to remember to stay away from (and to keep your children and dogs away from) the sand dunes and turtle nests. It is unlawful to damage, destroy, alter, level or remove any sand dune or even to be present on the sand dunes, except on the walkovers. It is also unlawful to cut, break, or otherwise destroy sea oat plants or any part of a sea oat plant on public or private property. Each time such an offense is committed, it is subject to a \$500 fine. Damaging or disturbing sea turtle nests is a federal crime.

Parking is a premium on Folly Beach. You may park on any street as long as your tires are not touching the roadway and you adhere to any “no parking” signs. You may not park within 20 feet of an intersection or 15 feet of a fire hydrant. You must park in the same directions as the traffic flow.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Clerk, Mary Cunningham, at 843-513-1836, 843-708-1113, or mcunningham@cityoffollybeach.com.