

ARTICLE III. BEACH DEBRIS

Sec. 42-30. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to ensure the public beach and beach access areas of the city remain free from obstruction of any item of **personal property** in order to protect public ingress, egress and use, to promote public safety, protect citizens and visitors of city beaches, maintain a safe, welcoming and healthy beach and recreation environment, preserve the natural resource that are the city's public beaches and to protect endangered sea turtles.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-31. Definitions.

Public beach means all beaches within the city. The public beaches are limited to and means that area of unconsolidated material within the city that extends landward from the mean low-water line of the United States Gulf of Mexico to the frontal dune, or where there is no frontal dune to the line of permanent vegetation or construction, whichever is more seaward.

Public beach access areas means those public beach access points within the city, including boardwalks, walkways and dedicated parking areas and the areas on the public beach beginning at the entrance of the beach access point perpendicular with the applicable road right of way to the water's edge.

Camping means the construction or erection of a shelter or similar structure for the purpose of sleeping; or lying upon the beach on a bedroll, blanket or other protective garb for the purpose of sleeping.

Dune means a mound, bluff or ridge of loose sediment, usually sand-sized sediment, lying upland of the beach and deposited by any natural or artificial mechanism, which may be bare or covered by vegetation and is subject to fluctuations in configuration and location. In the absence of a discernable dune, the seaward boundary of a dune will be deemed to be the line of native vegetation.

Personal property means all types of personal property used for swimming, sunbathing or beach recreation, including but not limited to tents (including tent frames), canopies, cabanas, umbrellas and other shading devices, beach chairs, hammocks, picnic tables and other furniture, volleyball nets, coolers, clothing, toys, towels, fishing poles or equipment, kayaks, canoes, catamarans, floats, sailboats, surfboards, kites, jet skis, sailboats, water cycles and other watercraft.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-32. Obstructions on the beach.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave an item of **personal property** unattended on the public beaches or within the public beach access areas between the one hour after sunset and sunrise of the following day, except as otherwise permitted by section 42-33.
- (b) Any item of **personal property** left on the public beach or within the public beach access area in violation of this article shall be deemed discarded by the owner and shall become the property of the city.

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- (c) In the confiscation of any item under this section, the city's designated agency or officer is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith dispose of the property in accordance with directions of the city manager.
 - (d) Unattended or abandoned items of **personal property**, and unattended unfilled holes in the public beach are in violation of this article and shall be deemed a public nuisance.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-33. Exceptions.

From one hour after sunset and sunrise of the following day, items of **personal property** that are relocated as close to (but not on) the dune or native vegetation, or where there are no dunes or native vegetation as close as practicable to an existing permanent structure or the line of buildings, will not be considered discarded by the owner, abandoned or in violation of this article, provided:

- (a) Such items shall not be placed on the dune or on native vegetation; and
- (b) Such items shall be stored in a neat and orderly manner; and
- (c) Such items shall not inhibit access to the public beach from the nearest public access area, nor obstruct access on the public beach, nor impact native vegetation, nor significantly affect sea turtles; and
- (d) Private property owners may store items under or adjacent to their private dune walkovers or boardwalks; and
- (e) Items shall not be placed on any public beach access point or within 20 feet of any trash receptacle.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-34. Digging holes on the beach.

It shall be required that all holes dug on the beach are to be attended at all times and shall be completely filled and restored to their original level condition prior to leaving the beach the same day it is created.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-35. Camping.

It shall be unlawful to camp overnight on public beaches in the city.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-36. Notice.

The city shall provide notice of this article by posting a permanent sign located at the entry of every public beach access point.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-37. Leave no trace informational signs in rental units.

In each rental unit rented by the day or week, or longer period, within the city, there shall be posted or placed in a plainly legible fashion, in a conspicuous place in each rental unit for each occupancy, a sign in form and

substance approved by the city manager that explains the "Madeira Beach Leave No Trace Ordinance" prohibiting tents and **personal property** on the public beach at night; and other most notable regulations that include:

- (a) Warning beachgoers that any unattended tents or property left on the public beach at night shall be deemed discarded by the owners and become the property of the city and may be removed and disposed of by the appropriate authority.
- (b) All holes on the beach are to be filled in the same day they are created.
- (c) Camping, bonfire and glass regulations.
- (d) Breach of the peace, sound restrictions and disorderly conduct.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-38. Enforcement.

- (a) The city is authorized to enforce this article and may follow the established procedures and schedule of violations and penalties set forth below to be assessed by law enforcement officials and code enforcement officials through its county court.
- (b) Violation of any provision of this article shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - i. First violation: \$100.00 fine.
 - ii. Second violation: \$200.00 fine.
 - iii. Third violation: Fine not to exceed \$500.00 pursuant to F.S. § 162.22.
- (c) Each violation of this article shall constitute a separate offense. In the initial stages and implementation of this article (implementation period not to exceed July 1, 2016), code enforcement officials may provide violators with no more than one written warning.
- (d) The city shall reserve its rights to such civil remedies in law and equity as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article, including but not limited to injunctive relief to enjoin and restrain any person from violating the provisions of this article and to recover such damages as may be incurred by the implementation of specific corrective actions.

(Ord. No. 2016-03, § 1, 4-12-16)

Sec. 42-39. Reserved.