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Ordinance 2026-XX-XX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES, NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE I. Purpose(s) and Authority.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chap. 160A, the Town has duly codified the Town’s Code of Ordinances (the “Town Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-174 the Town may enact and amend ordinances that define, prohibit, regulate, or abate acts, omissions, or conditions, detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the Town, and may define and abate nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Southern Shores (the “Town Council”) finds that it is necessary to regulate certain activities upon the ocean beaches of the Town to ensure the public enjoyment and safe recreation upon the public beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Town further finds that in accordance with the findings above it is in the interest of and not contrary to the public's health, safety and general welfare for the Town to amend the Town Code of Ordinances as stated below.

ARTICLE II. Construction.

For purposes of this ordinance amendment, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Town Code language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. Any portions of the adopted Town Code which are not repeated herein, but are instead replaced by an ellipses (“...”) shall remain as they currently exist within the Town Code.

ARTICLE III. Amendment of Town Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores, North Carolina, that the Town Code shall be amended as follows:

PART I. That **Sec. 34-55. General penalty; Beach and dune management.** Be amended as follows:

1 **Sec. 34-55. Beach and dune management.**

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5 (b) *Beach and dune protection.* The following activities shall be considered unlawful on
6 the beach, as defined in section 34-55:

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10 (2) Leaving unattended personal articles on the beach between the hours of ~~5~~7:00
11 p.m. and ~~7~~6:00 a.m. These items may include, but shall not be limited to,
12 volleyball nets, badminton nets, poles, tents, chairs, cabanas, sunshades,
13 horseshoe stakes, croquet courses, umbrellas or any other personal property
14 items. Unattended personal articles left on the beach between ~~5~~7:00 p.m. and
15 ~~7~~6:00 a.m. are subject to removal and disposal;

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19 **ARTICLE IV. Severability.**

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21 All Town ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance amendment are
22 hereby repealed. Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare this ordinance
23 amendment or any part thereof to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining
24 provisions of this ordinance amendment nor the Zoning Ordinance or Town Code of the
25 Town of Southern Shores, North Carolina which shall remain in full force and effect.

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27 **ARTICLE V. Effective Date.**

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29 This ordinance amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after the ____ day of
30 _____, 2026.

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Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

34 ATTEST:

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37 Town Clerk

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40 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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43 Town Attorney

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45 Date adopted:

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Motion to adopt by Councilmember:

Motion seconded by Councilmember:

Vote: ___AYES___NAYS