



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Town Code Amendment – Tent Ordinance

ITEM SUMMARY:

Listed below is a summary of the Dare County municipalities' rules as they apply to personal equipment and tents left on the beach.

Duck - Beach tent/ chair, etc. setups may not occur before 6:30 a.m. and must be removed daily from the beach by 6:30 p.m. if unattended.

Kitty Hawk - Beach goers are prohibited from leaving unattended personal equipment such as chairs, umbrellas, canopies and coolers on the beach overnight.

Kill Devil Hills - Overnight placement of beach equipment. Any manner of overnight placement or storage of privately owned beach equipment, left unattended, in the open air or, inside any type of container, box or chest; or, bundled, baled or gathered, covered or uncovered, on the ocean beach between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Nags Head - Beach goers are prohibited from leaving unattended personal equipment on the beach from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. daily. In addition, equipment must not obstruct the passage of vehicles on the beach or the line of sight of lifeguards to the ocean.

Town staff recommend extending beach tent hours to better reflect how people actually use the beach. Currently, tents are allowed from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and must be attended at all other times. The Town Council is asked to consider an amendment to extend these hours to 6:00 am through 7:00 pm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:

Consideration and approval of the attached TCA.