

Sec. 8-55.5. High impact events on beach property.

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) Barrier island means and includes beach property as defined herein, up to and including the westernmost bank of the intracoastal waterway to the west. Southeast 17th Street to the south and Northeast 42nd Court to the north.

(2) Beach property means and includes the public bathing beach or beaches on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean in the city extending from the north line of Government Lot 3, Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East extended to the Atlantic Ocean on the south to the northern boundary line of Section 31, Township 49 South, Range 43 East on the north and from North Atlantic Boulevard (State Road A-1-A) on the west to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean on the east, save and except therefrom that area bounded on the east by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, on the west by the easternmost right-of-way of State Road A-1-A, with the northern and southern boundaries thereof as described in those instruments recorded at Deed Book 372, Page 360 and Official Records Book 1213, Page 643 of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, said instruments being on file in the office of the city clerk, and said area generally known as Bonnet House Private Beach, being seven hundred (700) feet of privately owned beach, unencumbered by any public beach easement rights and further excepting therefrom that area shown as Sand Beach on the plat of Lauderdale Beach as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 2, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, which extends from the northern boundary line of Section 31, Township 49 South, Range 43 East on the south to the north boundary line of Oakland Park Beach Boulevard extended to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean on the north and from the east boundary line of Blocks 12, 13, Vista Park, 14, C, D, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of Lauderdale Beach Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 2 of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, on the west to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean on the east, and it is hereby known and designated as "Fort Lauderdale Beach" and is hereby declared to be a public municipal beach and recreational area for the use of the public in general, including the westernmost sidewalk of State Road A-1-A.

(3) Cooler means a container designed for or capable of carrying or storing foods and beverages in cans or bottles.

(4) High impact event means an event or gathering on beach property in the City of Fort Lauderdale during which one (1) or more of the following occur:

a. An event, ~~observed holiday~~, activity or period of time ~~including, but not limited to, an observed holiday~~, that generates a significant spike in social media conversations, increasing audience impressions, and attention on the city, which is expected to generate attendance by more than five thousand (5,000) people for an area of beach property;

b. City parking lots and garages in an area within a 15-block radius of an event that is held on beach property pursuant to a special event permit, or otherwise, are at full capacity;

c. An event is held pursuant to a special event permit which is expected to result in attendance by more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) people on beach property;

d. A maintenance of traffic plan would be required, or is required (e.g., including, but not limited to, street closures, lane closures, shuttle service) based upon the high impact event, or pursuant to a special event permit;

e. Hotel occupancy levels are anticipated to be greater than eighty-five (85) percent in the city; or

f. Law enforcement mutual aid or other assistance from outside law enforcement agencies is required to provide for the safety and well-being of residents and visitors to the beach property.

(b) *City manager's authority to impose immediate measure(s) for high impact events.* Whenever the city manager determines that a high impact event on beach property will occur, or is in progress, one (1) or more of the following immediate measures may be imposed for beach property and the barrier island or a portion thereof, to protect the beach property from damage and property degradation and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public:

- (1) The prohibition of coolers.
 - (2) The prohibition of any inflatable devices.
 - (3) The prohibition of tents, tables, and similar structures.
 - (4) The limitation of live or amplified music.
 - (5) The limitation of traffic routes to prohibit vehicular access to non-residents, and permit access only for residents and those patrons and employees of businesses located in the specific area where traffic routes have been limited.
 - (6) The establishment of occupancy limits for different segments of beach property, and prohibiting access to those areas that have reached those occupancy limits.
 - (7) The prohibition of any consumption of alcohol on the beach property.
 - (8) **The implementation of a temporary curfew that restricts access to specific areas.**
 - (9) **The suspension of sidewalk café permits and the removal of associated café equipment.**
 - (10) **The modification of ~~park and city facilities~~ operating hours for park and city facilities.**
 - (811) Notwithstanding Chapter 27, Article VII, Division 2 of the Code, the prohibition or limitation of dockless scooters and other dockless mobility programs on the barrier island as defined herein.
 - (912) Notwithstanding Chapter 26, Article IV, Division 4, Section 161 of the Code, the implementation of a high impact event parking rate of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per calendar day.
 - (c) *Notification of high impact event measures.* When one (1) or more immediate measures are implemented by the city manager pursuant to subsection b., above, such measures, the charges or rates, and their duration, shall be filed with the city clerk and delivered through all appropriate city communication methods, and news and social media for publication and through local radio and television stations for broadcast. If practicable, signs may be posted in the impacted area(s) advising of the measures during the duration of such measures.
 - (d) *Enforcement penalty.* Any refusal to comply with the measures imposed pursuant to subsection 8-55.5(b)(1—8), above, may be punished as provided in section 1-6 of this Code. Any refusal to comply with the measures imposed pursuant to subsection 8-55.5(b)(9), above, may be punished as provided in Section 26-91 of this Code.
- (Ord. No. C-18-02, § 1, 2-6-18; Ord. No. C-C-19-03, § 1, 2-19-19; Ord. No. C-24-07, § 1, 3-5-24)