

RESOLUTION NO. 19-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PARKS
AND RECREATION RULES AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-32 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board has the authority to make recommendations to the City Commission regarding the establishment of rules and regulations for the operation of city parks, playgrounds and public recreation facilities.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is recommending amending provisions in the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 24, 2019, the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board recommended approval of the amendments to the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 4.0 of the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

4.0 NUISANCES

4.1 Pets. No person shall bring into, permit, have, or keep in any park or City facility any dog, cat, pet of any kind or other animal.

Exceptions:

(a) Service animals

- (1) All dogs must have current rabies vaccination and license. This information must be presented by person responsible for dog, upon request.

(b) Dogs on Riverwalk, subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Dogs shall be on a leash, maximum of six feet in length, at all times.
- (2) All dogs must have current rabies vaccination and license. This information must be presented by person responsible for dog, upon request.

- (3) Owner or Handler must be responsible for their pet. Aggressive dogs may be removed at the City's discretion.
 - (4) A person bringing a dog upon the Riverwalk shall be responsible for disposing of all fecal matter deposited by their dog.
 - (5) Dogs shall not create a nuisance by causing any form of disturbance such as excessive barking or any similar conduct.
- (c) Dogs on the Beach, subject to the following requirements:
- (1) Dogs shall be on a leash, maximum of six feet in length, at all times. Maximum of three dogs per owner or handler.
 - (2) All dogs must have current vaccination and license. This information must be presented by person responsible for dog, upon request.
 - (3) Owner or handler must be responsible for their pet. Aggressive dogs may be removed at the City's discretion.
 - (4) A person bringing a dog upon the Beach shall be responsible for disposing of all fecal matter deposited by their dog.
 - (5) Dogs shall not create a nuisance by causing any form of disturbance such as excessive barking or any similar conduct.
 - (6) Dogs are only permitted beginning at lifeguard tower 16 in a to a point 100-yards section south of on Fort Lauderdale Beach. This section is located from the center Line of Sunrise Boulevard at A1A north to Lifeguard Stand No. 5. This section is posted as a Canine Beach.
 - (7) On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, dogs are permitted on the designated area of the beach (Canine Beach) between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during daylight Savings Time (DST) and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time (EST) only.
 - (8) Each dog's owner or handler must obtain a Canine Beach Permit from the Parks and Recreation Department at the Holiday Park Social Center, 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, 1350 West Broward Boulevard, and such Permit shall be carried upon the person at all times when utilizing Canine Beach.

- (d) Dogs in ~~S.P. Snyder Park~~, designated dog park areas, are subject to the following requirements:
- (1) ~~Areas of S.P. Snyder Park located in the southeast of said~~ Designated dog park areas shall be ~~designated and~~ posted by the City as permitting dogs unleashed within the confines of such areas. Maximum of three dogs per owner or handler.
 - (2) All dogs must have current vaccination and license. This information must be presented by person responsible for dog, upon request.
 - (3) Each dog owner or handler shall keep his or her dog(s) on a leash, maximum of six feet in length, from the parking lot until inside posted area.
 - (4) Each dog owner or handler shall be responsible for disposing of all fecal matter deposited by his or her dog(s) within the posted area.

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SECTION 2. That Section 7.0 of the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

7.0 BEACH REGULATIONS

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7.2 Skin and scuba diving shall be permitted from the Fort Lauderdale Beach under the following regulations:

- 7.2(a) All divers must be accompanied by at least one other diver.
- 7.2(b) Each diver is equipped with a buoyancy compensator.
- 7.2(c) Divers must have an approved diver's down flag displayed in accordance with Statutes of the State of Florida.
- 7.2(d) Scuba divers must remain a minimum of 100 yards offshore, except when entering or leaving the water. All scuba divers must remain on the surface of the water until they reach 100 yards offshore. At that time they are no longer under the supervision of the beach patrol and are permitted to go under the surface.

7.2(e) ~~Divers~~Snorkelers using mask, snorkel, and fins within 50 yards are permitted and are considered bathers. If ~~skin-divers~~ snorkelers desire to go beyond 50 yards, then all other requirements of Rule 7.2 applicable to scuba divers must be met.

7.2(f) The use or possession of spear guns or similar weapons is prohibited on the beach. Such weapons must be transported a minimum distance of 100 yards offshore. During such transportation, weapons must be handled safely in an unarmed condition.

7.2(g) Scuba instruction by private enterprise is prohibited.

7.3 Use of boats and watercraft are subject to the following regulations:

7.3(a) Designated Boat Launching Area – located

- (i) 600 South Atlantic Boulevard on the beach and
- (ii) 1000 North Atlantic Boulevard at the end of Sunrise Boulevard and the beach.

7.3(b) Watercraft permitted to launch in Designated Boat Launching Area:

- (i) Manually powered watercraft (e.g. kayak, stand-up paddleboard, inflatables, outrigger canoes, etc., but not including surfboard activity area).
- (ii) Sail powered watercraft (e.g. Sunfish, catamaran sailboats, kitesurfing, windsurfing, etc.).
- (iii) Watercraft are permitted to launch or return pursuant to the conditions of City Code § 8-173.
- (iv) The Designated Boat Launching Areas and channels are for launching and returning watercraft only. Watercraft may not anchor or interfere with the use of the channel area within the Designated Boat Launching Area.

7.3(c) Designated Activity Area – located between Lifeguard Tower 16 and Lifeguard Tower 20 (N.E. 18th Street)

7.3(d) Watercraft activities permitted in Designated Activity Area:

- (i) Manually powered watercraft (e.g. surfing, surfboards, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, inflatables, outrigger canoes, etc.)

(ii) Wave powered watercraft (surfboards, paddleboards, etc.)

(iii) Sail powered watercraft (kitesurfing, windsurfing, etc.).

7.3(e) No watercraft may be kept on the beach overnight, except those properly registered with the City to stay in designated areas.

7.4 The following beach regulations are intended to reduce safety hazards which may cause injury to beach patrons:

7.4(a) Playing ball, Frisbee, flying kites, or any other game that may endanger patrons on the beach or in the water, is limited to designated times and areas as posted or as determined by City officials.

7.4(b) Fishing or netting of fish is limited to the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. when on the beach and must be conducted in a safe manner. All debris, bait, fish line and hooks, and other fishing equipment or tackle must be removed from the beach after fishing has been conducted.

7.4(c) Dogs and pets are prohibited on the sandy portion of the beach, except for service animals and the area that is designated as Canine Beach (see 4.1 c).

7.4(d) Surfing is allowed in designated surfing area only.

7.4(e) Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the beach.

7.4(f) Glass bottles and glass containers are prohibited on the beach.

7.4(g) Digging holes or erecting tents, ~~canopies~~ and fencing is prohibited. Canopies of any type may be prohibited as well during special events at the discretion of Police or Ocean Rescue.

7.4(h) Unauthorized use of lifeguard towers is prohibited.

7.4(i) Anyone requested to do so must move out of the way of Police, Beach Patrol, Park Ranger, or other Government Service vehicles.

7.4(j) No person shall interfere with Police, Lifeguards or Park Rangers or Park Personnel in the performance of their lawful duties.

7.4(k) Directives given by the lifeguards must be adhered to.

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SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of June, 2019.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI