

Department of Sustainable Development

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RE: Important Information - Segment III Beach Renourishment & Beach Enforcement

Dear Beachfront Condominium Owners.

We are excited to share essential updates regarding the much-awaited Segment III Beach Renourishment - Shore Protection project, scheduled to begin on November 1st in the City of Hallandale Beach. This crucial initiative, funded entirely by the federal government through the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE) program, aims to restore our shoreline's resilience post-Hurricane Irma.

PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Duration: Anticipated completion within 3 months.

Work Schedule: Primarily Monday through Friday, with some Saturdays as needed. **Staging and Beach Access:** South City Beach Park, temporary fencing installed.

Contractor: Continental Heavy Civil Corporation (CHC).

A secondary portion of Segment III will be to place a secondary dune system to stabilize the beachfront where feasible. This secondary dune system will be consistent with the City's Dune Management Plan and is pending final design and approvals. Work will begin once the plan is finalized after the Segment III project is complete.

Updates are available on the city webpage: www.coHB.org/Beach. For further details or inquiries about the project, please reach out to Cathie Schanz, Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Director, at CSchanz@coHB.org.

BEACH ENFORCEMENT & REGULATIONS:

In addition to this project, we want to reiterate the importance of adhering to beach regulations, especially in light of this renourishment effort. A letter dated May 1, 2023, was sent to beachfront property owners, outlining the expectations and code requirements for beach usage.

To reiterate, it is extremely important that the beach remains clear from the pre-set furniture for the city to be successful with our daily clean-up. In accordance with Sections 16-4 and 16-7 of the City Code, the practice of "pre-setting" with beach furniture and the use of flags on the public beach is considered a violation of the City Code. Citations will be issued when this practice is observed. Please note that enforcement of these regulations will be observed every day: weekdays and weekends. As a reminder, beach furniture cannot be stored on the public beach and must be stored on private property.

We kindly request your cooperation in complying with these regulations and sharing this information with your guests or tenants. By working together, we can ensure the continued enjoyment of our beautiful beaches and protect our delicate ecosystem.

For questions regarding code enforcement, please contact the Department of Sustainable Development, Code Compliance Division, at codeissue@cohb.org or (954) 457-2220 option 3.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we strive to safeguard our exquisite coastline for future generations.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Leroy

Director



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400 S Federal Hwy Hallandale Beach, FL 33009 Phone (954) 457-1489 May 1, 2023

RE: Use of Public Beaches

Dear City of Hallandale Beachfront Property Owners:

As we approach the summer season, we would like to share some important information regarding the use of our public beaches, the sea turtle nesting season, and the upcoming seaweed (sargassum) accumulation. The City of Hallandale Beach is committed to ensuring that our beach remains clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone, while protecting our natural environment.

Sea Turtle Nesting Season:

We are currently in the sea turtle nesting season, which runs from March 1st to October 31st. It is essential that we all do our part to protect these endangered species by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Do not disturb sea turtle nests or hatchlings.
- Remove all beach furniture, toys, and trash from the beach at night.
- Turn off or shield outdoor lights that may be visible from the beach, as they can disorient hatchlings.

Seaweed (Sargassum) Accumulation:

Over the coming weeks, we expect a significant amount of sargassum to accumulate on our beaches. While this is a natural occurrence, it can also create challenges for beachgoers and our local ecosystem. The City has engaged various departments to monitor the situation and efficiently remove the seaweed from the beaches. We will begin our daily beach clean-up immediately following the County's survey of the sea turtle nesting areas, which occurs on a daily basis. Additionally, to help ensure compliance, we will also be posting signage to inform visitors about the phenomenon and the importance of not disturbing the seaweed in sensitive areas. Please advise your residents and visitors to heed the following guidelines:

- Stay away and do not block moving tractors during clean-up.
- Do not dump Sargassum in the trash to avoid clutter.
- Avoid touching or swimming near seaweed to avoid stinging or irritation by organisms that live in it.
- Always supervise children at the beach.

For more information, please visit www.coHB.org/Sargassum.

City Code Compliance – Beach Furniture and Flags:

It is extremely important that the beach remains clear from the pre-set furniture for the city to be successful with our daily clean-up. In accordance with Sections 16-4 and 16-7 of the City Code, the practice of "pre-setting" with beach furniture

and the use of flags on the public beach is considered a violation of the City Code. Citations will be issued when this practice is observed. Please note that enforcement of these regulations will be observed every day: week days and weekends. As a reminder, beach furniture cannot be stored on the public beach and must be stored on private property.

As a beachfront property owner, we kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these regulations and guidelines and sharing this information with your guests or tenants. By working together, we can ensure the continued enjoyment of our beautiful beaches and protect our delicate ecosystem.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Sustainable Development, Code Compliance Division at (954)457-1637.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Vanessa Leroy, Director

Department of Sustainable Development

cc: Dr. Jeremy Earle, City Manager Sharon Ragoonan, Assistant City Manager

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March 21, 2022

RE: Use of Public Beaches

Dear City of Hallandale Beachfront Property Owners:

In light of recent questions, as well as the recent start of sea turtle nesting season, we thought it prudent to provide some clarification regarding the City's Ordinances on public beaches.

Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, of the City of Hallandale Beach Code of Ordinances, regulates the use of public parks with the City. Pursuant to Section 16-1, Definitions, "public beaches" are included in the definition of a public park. As all the beaches in Hallandale Beach are State-owned and maintained by the City, they are considered public parks and subject to the regulations outlined within Chapter 16 of the City Code.

Occasionally, the City receives complaints regarding beach furniture and flags used to reserve and mark areas of the beach which must remain accessible to the public. In accordance with Sections 16-4 and 16-7 of the City Code, the practice of "pre-setting" with beach furniture and the use of flags on the public beach is considered a violation of the City Code. As such, citations will be issued when this practice is observed. As a reminder, beach furniture cannot be stored on the public beach and must be stored on private property.

Additionally, as you may be aware, sea turtle nesting season has begun. Section 6-11 specifically covers the requirements of beachfront lighting concerning the welfare of sea turtles and mirrors the State's guidelines.

A copy of the code sections mentioned in this letter is attached for your reference.

If you have any questions regarding these, or any other code-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mitch Posner, Code Compliance Offical at (954) 457-1637.

Vanessa Leroy CESD Director

Attached: Chapter 16 & Section 6-11 of the City of Hallandale Beach Code of Ordinances

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