

Administrative Policy

June 13, 2017.

BEACH FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

It is the purpose of this Administrative Policy to further the intent of the adopted Town Ordinance regulating the use of beach furniture within the corporate limits of the Town of Surfside.

A permit issued by the Town is required before a Beach Furniture Operator, as defined in the Ordinance, may place furniture on the beach.

The following are the guidelines for placement of furniture on the beach:

1. Beach furniture may not be placed directly behind of or in front of a lifeguard tower or within 10 feet of the entire perimeter of the lifeguard tower, or obstruct a lifeguard's or emergency personnel's view of the beach or ocean.
2. No Beach Furniture Operator shall place beach furniture in the area immediately adjacent to or directly seaward of the street ends throughout the Town of Surfside.
3. All beach furniture shall be set at no less than 12 feet seaward of the edge of the vegetation line of the dune.
4. Beach Furniture Operator that is a hotel shall submit an operations plan to be reviewed by the Town Manager which includes specifications on set up, number of chairs to be preset (not to exceed 40) and stored, removal procedures, hours, storage, staffing and clean-up.
5. Beach Furniture Operator that is a Condominium Association shall submit an operations plan to be reviewed by the Town Manager which includes specifications on set up, number of chairs to be preset (not to exceed 10% of the number of dwelling units of the Condominium) and stored, removal procedures, hours, storage, staffing and clean-up.
6. Beach furniture shall not be set out in the morning before sunrise, or before completion of daily monitoring for turtle nesting activity by a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission authorized marine turtle permit holder to examine the beach in the area of the authorized activity to ensure any new sea turtle nests are identified and marked, whichever occurs first.

7. The Beach Furniture Operator shall be responsible for ensuring that the beach furniture is clearly identified as to its ownership, maintained in good condition, free from evidence of deterioration, weathering, and discoloration, at all times. Beach furniture shall be approved by the Town Manager and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
8. Beach furniture shall be deployed in a manner to assure public access and to encourage public use of the beach and shall cause no obstruction to the general public.
9. A Beach Furniture Operator may store beach furniture on their property or east of the dune neatly organized and secured to the ground.
10. Any request from a Code Enforcement Officer, or lifeguard to relocate beach furniture shall be complied with immediately.
11. In the event of a declared state of emergency, the Town Manager or designee may issue a warning to the Beach Furniture Operator to remove and secure the beach furniture. If the Beach Furniture Operator fails to remove the beach furniture, the Town Manager or designee, at its option, may remove the beach furniture from the public beach. The Beach Furniture Operator shall be liable for all costs incurred by the Town for the removal and storage of the beach furniture in the event of an emergency.