
Town Rules

1. Beach Access

- Visitors may access the beach from any of the Town's 36 access points.
- Wheelchair access is available at the 3rd Avenue North entrance, Surfside Pier, and Melody Lane accesses.
 - ◇ Special Beach wheelchairs are available through the Surfside Beach Public Safety Department.
 - ◇ Please visit the Department at 811 Pine Drive or call (843)913-6368 for more information.

2. Parking

- The Town of Surfside Beach provides metered parking spaces at the following 12 beach-area parking lots
 - ◇ 16th-17th Ave. North
 - ◇ 6th Ave. North
 - ◇ 3rd Ave. North
 - ◇ Surfside Pier
 - ◇ Yaupon Drive
 - ◇ 3rd Ave. South
 - ◇ 4th Ave. South
 - ◇ 5th Ave. South
 - ◇ 6th Ave. South
 - ◇ 13th South & Ocean Blvd
 - ◇ 13th Ave. South
 - ◇ Melody Lane

3. Facilities

- Restroom facilities, showers, and foot-showers can be found at the following beach access points
 - ◇ 3rd Ave. North
 - ◇ Surfside Pier 5th Ave. South
 - ◇ 13th Ave. South
- ◇ A picnic shelter can also be found at the 3rd Avenue South beach access. Please click to view a map of all beach access points, parking, and restroom facilities.

4. Rules of the Beach

- To both ensure the safety of our residents and visitors and preserve the unique quality of life that gives our Town its charm, the Town asks all beachgoers to abide by the following rules.
 - ◇ **Vehicles**
 - * No motor vehicles, other than those used by lifeguards, police, or other Town personnel, are permitted to operate on the beach at any time.
 - ◇ **Animals**
 - * Dogs or other domestic pets are not permitted on the public beach during the period between May 15 and September 15.
 - * Horses and other large animals are not allowed on the beach.

5. Boating and Fishing

- Operation of any watercraft in a reckless or negligent manner is strictly prohibited.
- Operation of any watercraft while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is unlawful.
- All sailboats located within the jurisdiction of the Town, or using the public beach, are required to register with the Town
- Launching of watercrafts is limited to the 4th Ave. South beach access only.
- Boat parking-storage is provided for only at the designated parking facility located between 3rd Ave. and 4th Ave. South on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Boats are not permitted to operate any closer than 50 yards from the shoreline.
- Jet skis are not permitted to operate any closer than 150 yards of the shoreline between May 15 and September 15.
- Shark fishing within the Town's limits is prohibited.
- Commercial fishing on the public beach is not permitted.

6. Swimming and Surfing

- Lifeguards, deputies, and other Town officials supervise and regulate surf fishing, swimming, and other activities on the Town's beach. Their instructions are to be obeyed by all beachgoers.
- Lifeguard stations can be found at the following locations
 - * Holiday Inn at 16th Ave. North
 - * 12th Ave. North
 - * 6th Ave. North
 - * 3rd Ave. North
 - * 1st Ave. North
 - * Days Inn at Pier
 - * 4th Ave. South
 - * 8th Ave. South
 - * 11th Ave. South
 - * 14th Ave. South
- Swimmers are to venture into the water no deeper than chest-deep and no further than 50 yards from the shoreline.
- Surfing is prohibited within 300 feet of the fishing pier.
- Summer Season Surfing - During the period between May 15 and September 15, surfing is permitted only in designated areas between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- Off- Season Surfing - Between the periods of September 15 and May 15, surfing is allowed anywhere along the beach from sunup to sundown, except areas within 300 hundred feet of the fishing pier.
- Surfers are required to wear surfing leashes at all times.

7. Safety

- Lifeguard instructions are to be obeyed AT ALL TIMES.
- Umbrellas, tents, etc. must be placed 10' to the rear of guard stands. Please see above for locations of guard stands.
- To report lost children please contact the Surfside Beach Public Safety Department at (843) 913-6368.
- Fireworks are not permitted on the public beach.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the beach.