

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE FORT MYERS BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “SPECIAL EVENTS”; AND AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 6, 14, AND 34 OF THE FORT MYERS BEACH LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, PERTAINING TO SPECIAL EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; CONFLICTS OF LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal service, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Article X of the Town Charter of the Town of Fort Myers Beach empowers the Town to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to update the Chapters of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Code of Ordinances and Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code regulating special events to clarify, improve, simplify, and create consistency among sections of the Code of Ordinances and Land Development Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town also recognizes that both its economy and the quality of life of its residents are enriched by the proper regulation of special events and temporary uses; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2020 the Local Planning Agency, after giving consideration to the staff recommendation, public testimony, and consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, recommended approval of the proposed amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2020 the Town Council held a first reading of the proposed Ordinance; and.

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2021 the Town Council held a second reading of the proposed Ordinance; and.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH AS FOLLOWS:<sup>1</sup>**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct, and incorporated herein by this reference and are hereby adopted as the legislative and administrative findings of the Town Council.

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<sup>1/</sup> Additions to existing text are shown by underline, changes to existing text on second reading are shown by double underline, and deletions are shown as ~~strikethrough~~.

Section 2. Chapter 22 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Code of Ordinances entitled “Special Events” is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Chapter 22 - Special Events**

#### **Sec. 22-1. - Definitions.**

*Political demonstration.* A public gathering, procession or parade, the primary purpose of which is the exercise of the rights of assembly and free speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

~~*Special event.* Any activity conducted on public or private property that will or has the potential to substantially affect the ordinary and customary use of beaches, public streets, rights of way, sidewalks, and other public forums, including any temporary activity conducted on private property that is not authorized by the certificate of use or certificate of occupancy issued for any business operating on the property where the activity is planned, or any temporary activity conducted on private property where the area of the activity coincides with parking spaces required for the operation of any business~~ An activity within the boundaries of the town of Fort Myers Beach which would inhibit the usual flow of pedestrian or vehicular travel or which occupies any public area or building so as to preempt use of said area by the general public or which deviates from the established use of said area of building, but such term does not include the following:

- (1) Any usual and customary noncommercial accessory use of a residential dwelling unit;
- (2) Any use or activity specifically approved by a development permit issued by the city; or
- (3) Private gatherings that will make no use of a public property other than for lawful parking;
- (4) ~~Any garage sale conducted in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

#### **Sec. 22-2. - Permit required.**

No person or entity ~~can initiate, sponsor, organize, promote,~~ may conduct ~~or advertise~~ a special event unless a permit has been obtained from the town.

**Sec. 22-3. - Exemptions from permit requirement.**

The following do not require a special event permit:

- (1) Private events that will make no use of a public property other than for lawful parking.
- (2) Events conducted solely for the purpose of exercising a group's first amendment right of free speech and/or assembly. If an event has any commercial aspect, or is a political demonstration as defined in section 22-1, or requires the closure of roadways, sidewalks or the use of Town or County staff, then this exemption will not apply.

**Sec. 22-4. - Fees.**

All fees that relate to special events and special events permits will be as stated in the current Town of Fort Myers Beach Fee Schedule.

**Sec. 22-5. - Permit fee exemption for special events conducted by the town.**

The town is exempt from all permit fees relating to special events conducted by the town.

**Sec. 22-6. – Types of events requiring a special event permit.**

The following types of events will require a special event permit. Events, other than these specifically listed, may also require a special event permit.

- (1) Carnivals, Fairs, Festivals and Circuses;
- (2) Farmer's Markets and Flea Markets;
- (3) Art Shows;
- (4) Running, Walking or Bicycling Events;
- (5) Concerts;
- (6) Fireworks;
- (7) Parades;

(8) Similar events requiring off-site parking, street or sidewalk closures, sound amplification or use of public property or Town staff.

**Sec. 22-67. - General criteria and limitations.**

The following general criteria and limitations apply to special event permits:

(1) The activity proposed must be compatible with the surrounding land uses.

(2) An individual applicant may not receive a special event permit more than six times within a calendar year, provided, however, that the town council may grant businesses or entities approval for a recurring event permit that is not subject to this limitation (see section 22-7) and provided further that the town council has the authority to permit an individual applicant to exceed the six event annual limitation in its discretion.

(3) ~~For any special event that will include a temporary use regulated by LDC chapter 34 (see LDC sections 34-3041 through 34-3051) a temporary use permit may also be required.~~ For any special event that will take place all or in part upon the beach will be subject to all requirements contained in ~~LDC section 14-11~~ this chapter and any requirements of state or federal agencies relating to activities that take place on the beach.

(4) For any special event where alcoholic beverages will be sold, the applicant ~~must~~ may need to obtain a temporary one-day permit as ~~prescribed~~ described in LDC section 34-1264, as applicable. Applicants must obtain any required permits from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

(5) The following types of special events must be approved by the town council:

a. Special events with a duration of four days or more where alcohol will be served;

b. Special events with an anticipated attendance of more than 500 people;

c. Recurring special events (see section 22-76);

d. Any special event that includes a waiver of the town's open container regulations (see Code chapter 4, article IV);

e. Special events held annually, once initially approved by town council, may be administratively approved by the town manager (i.e., without formal action by town council) for subsequent years, so long as they do not include a noise ordinance waiver request (~~see subsection (6)g~~) of this section, or a material change in the nature of the annual special event. Material changes include an anticipated increase in attendance of ten percent or more, an increase of the area of the special event of ten percent or more; changes or additions to the parking plan for the special event; or other changes as determined in the sole discretion of the town manager;

f. Special events for which a waiver of ~~parking or other town~~ fees is requested. If the waiver was previously approved by the town council in conjunction with approval of a recurring special event or annual event and special event is subject to administrative approval, then the related waiver may also be administratively approved; and

g. Special events for which a waiver of the ~~Fort Myers Beach Noise Ordinance~~ noise regulations is requested.

h. Special events, which require the closure of streets or sidewalks.

(6) Special events that occur on or near the beach or dune.

a. Due to the potential for adverse impacts, certain special event activities may not be compatible with sea turtle nesting areas. In some cases, this is due to the type of activity where permit conditions alone cannot provide adequate protection. In other cases, the density of sea turtle nesting prevents certain activities from being conducted safely.

b. Special events that occur on or near the beach or dune, or where lighting from the special events directly or indirectly illuminates sea turtle habitat, may contain special conditions for protection of the beach, dune and sea turtles. These conditions are in addition to the basic requirements of the town's special events permit provisions, which must still be met in full.

1. Along with the regular application for an event permit, a site plan must be submitted depicting the property corners and the dimensions of the area where the event is proposed to occur, the location of existing vegetation, structures, and any existing sea turtle nests, and a summary of the activities proposed. A lighting plan that includes the location, number, type, wattage, orientation, and shielding for all proposed artificial light sources that will be used must also be submitted. All lighting must be in compliance with §14-75 of the Fort Myers Beach Code of Ordinances.

2. Prior to the granting or denying of the application, an on-site inspection will be conducted to determine if the proposed event conforms to the requirements of this section and if any native vegetation or sea turtle nests exist to be protected.

3. Based upon the information contained in the application and the site inspection, the application shall be approved or denied.

4. Site-specific conditions may be attached to the permit relating to identifying, designating, and protecting any existing vegetation and sea turtle nests in accordance with this code. These conditions are in addition to the following standard permit conditions for all special events on the beach:

i. During the sea turtle season (May 1 through October 31), special

event activities including construction shall be confined to daylight hours and shall not begin before 8:00 a.m. or before completion of daily monitoring for turtle nesting activity by a FWC-authorized marine turtle permit holder, whichever occurs first. However, no activity shall take place until after a daily sea turtle nest survey is conducted as indicated below.

ii. During sea turtle nesting season (May 1 through October 31), the permittee is responsible for ensuring that a daily sea turtle nest survey, protection, and monitoring program is conducted throughout the permitted special events area. Such surveys and associated conservation measures shall be completed after sunrise and prior to the commencement of any activity. The sea turtle survey, protection, and monitoring program shall be conducted only by individuals possessing appropriate expertise in the protocol being followed and a valid F.A.C. Rule 68-E permit issued by the FWC. To identify those individuals available to conduct marine turtle nesting surveys within the permitted area, please contact the FWC, Bureau of Imperiled Species Management, at (850) 922-4330.

iii. All turtle nests will be marked with wooden stakes, flagging tape, and a FWC sea turtle nest sign. No activities (including the placement of equipment or the storage of materials) are allowed within 30 feet of the marked nest. The permittee shall ensure that all personnel are briefed on the types of marking utilized and be able to easily contact the

individual responsible for the nest survey to verify any questionable areas.

5. A violation of the special or standard conditions will automatically invalidate the permit. Periodic compliance inspections will be conducted to insure compliance with the permit conditions and this article.

6. The release of balloons is prohibited in accordance with F.S. § 372.995, except as permitted by that statute.

**Sec. 22-78. - Recurring special events.**

To qualify as a recurring event, the event must be the same type of event and must be held in the same location. Examples of a recurring event include, but are not limited to, farmers' markets, "sunset celebrations," and music or art themed events. Recurring special events are subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Each event must be held at the same location at the same time of day.
- (2) All dates for the recurring event must be listed on the original application.
- (3) Each individual event must be of the same genre with similar anticipated attendance.
- (4) A recurring special event may not occur more often than weekly over a period of one year based upon a single application.

**Sec. 22-89. - Application requirements.**

- (a) Any person or entity seeking issuance of a special event permit must file a written application with the town manager on forms provided by the town.
- (b) If any town council actions are required in connection with a planned special event, the application for the permit must be filed at least 60 days prior to the date of the planned event.

(c) Applications for special event permits that do not require town council action must be filed at least 15 days prior to date of the planned event.

(d) Incomplete applications will not be processed for approval.

(e) Applications received less than the specified days before the date of the planned event, may be accepted at the discretion of the town manager. If the late application is accepted, the town manager has the discretion to impose additional permit fees, as per the Town of Fort Myers Beach Fee Schedule, to facilitate timely review and approval.

(f) A complete permit application must include, but may not be limited to, the following:

(1) The name of the special event and its purpose in general terms.

(2) The name(s) of the person(s) or organization(s) sponsoring the special event, together with the addresses and telephone numbers of all such persons or organizations.

(3) The proposed date or dates of the special event.

(4) The expected number of persons who will attend the event.

a. Events with an anticipated attendance exceeding 500 people requires approval by the Town Council.

(5) The specific location(s) within the town where the special event is to be held. The applicant must submit a general site plan that identifies the area(s) of the property used for the event activities, any and all tents, canopies, recreational vehicles, or accessory structures that are to be utilized in connection with the special event activity. A parking plan must be included as part of the special event permit application. The location of any parking and accessory structures may not obstruct traffic or violate any applicable town, county or state laws.

(6) In instances where a proposed special event will be held within 500 feet of residential property and will include any amplified sound, the applicant shall provide notice to

such owners and advise them of the nature of the event and the dates and times when the event will be held. The 500 feet shall be measured from the perimeter of the site where the event will take place and for condominium properties, a single written notification to the condominium association will be sufficient. The notification shall advise the owner of their right to submit a letter of objection to the town manager, and shall include the date by which any such letter of objection must be submitted.

(7) Whether any street closings are requested and, if so, which streets and the times when they will be closed.

a. A request to close any streets requires approval by the Town Council.

(8) Whether any alcoholic beverages will be sold or served. If alcoholic beverages will be sold the applicant must obtain all necessary permits as described in section 22-67.

a. A request to waive the Town's open container regulations requires approval by the Town Council.

b. Any event four days or longer and where alcohol will be served requires approval by the Town Council.

(9) If any entertainment will be included, details as to the type of entertainment, times and location must be provided.

(10) Whether utility services such as electrical power or water will be required.

(11) ~~Whether the applicant is requesting have a banner hung in association with the event, see section 22-15. A proof of the proposed banner is required~~ All proposed signage shall be in compliance with Chapter 30 Signs of the Land Development Code. The applicant shall provide application for signs or shall propose signs exempt from the ordinance per LDC Sec 30-6.

(12) Proof indicating approval of the event from all applicable outside state and local agencies.

(13) In instances when the sound emanating from a proposed special event is anticipated to exceed the limits

established in ~~Code~~ Section 14-23 of the Fort Myers Beach Code of Ordinances, the applicant must provide proof of application for a waiver for relief from the maximum allowable noise levels in accordance with section 14-25 of the Fort Myers Beach Code of Ordinances. As part of the waiver application process, the applicant is required to provide notice to all property owners within 500 feet of the location of the proposed special event, advising them of the nature of the event and the dates and times when the event will be held. The 500 feet is measured from the perimeter of the site where the special event will take place; and for condominium properties, a single written notification to the condominium association is sufficient.

a. A request to waive the noise regulations requires approval by the Town Council.

~~(14) Proof of application for approval of any temporary use permits required in conjunction with the special event, see sections 34-3041—34-3051 of the Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code.~~

~~(154) An affidavit, signed by the applicant, that all the information provided in the application is a complete and accurate description of the proposed event and that permission has been obtained from the owner of any land upon which the special event is to be held, unless the event is to be held exclusively on public property.~~

~~(16) An affidavit, signed by the applicant, that permission has been obtained from the owner of any land upon which the special event is to be held, unless the event is to be held exclusively on public property.~~

~~(175) The town manager has the authority to require any reasonable additional information from the applicant that the town manager deems necessary.~~

#### **Sec. 22-~~910~~. - Review of application.**

Upon receipt of an application that contains all of the items listed in section 22-~~89~~ and required application fees, the town manager will forward copies of the application to all affected town departments for their review.

(1) If the special event permit can be approved by the town manager administratively, the town manager will grant or deny an application for a special event permit within ten days of receipt of a complete application.

(2) Special event permits requiring town council action will be scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled town council meeting.

(3) The town manager and town council have the right to place conditions on a special event permit to mitigate any anticipated adverse effects on nearby properties.

**Sec. 22-1011. - Grounds for denial.**

(a) The town manager or town council may deny an application for a special event permit if the applicant, or the person on whose behalf the application for a permit was made, has on a prior occasion made a material misrepresentation regarding the nature or scope of an event or activity previously permitted by a special event permit, or, who has previously violated the terms of a prior special event permit, issued to or on behalf of the applicant. An application for a special event permit may also be denied for any of the following reasons:

(1) The application for a special event permit (including any required attachments and submissions) is not fully completed and properly executed;

(2) The applicant has not tendered the required application fee, if any, with the application or has not tendered any other required fees, indemnification agreement, insurance certificate, or security deposit, if any, within the times prescribed by the town manager;

(3) The application contains a material falsehood or misrepresentation;

(4) The applicant or the person on whose behalf the application for the special event permit has been made has on prior occasions damaged town property and has not paid in full for such damage, or has other outstanding and unpaid debts to the town;

(5) A fully executed prior application for a special event permit for the same time and place has been received, and a

special event permit has or will be granted to the prior applicant, authorizing uses or activities which do not reasonably permit multiple occupancy of the area where the event is proposed to be held;

(6) The use or activity intended by the applicant will conflict with previously planned programs organized or conducted by a governmental agency and previously scheduled for the same time and place;

(7) The use or activity intended by the applicant would present an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of the public;

(8) The applicant has not complied or cannot comply with applicable licensure requirements, laws, ordinances or regulation of the state, the county or the town concerning the sale or offering for sale of any goods or services; or

(9) The use or activity intended by the applicant is prohibited by state or federal law or by ordinances or regulations of the county or the town.

(b) If the special event application is denied, the applicant is not entitled to receive any reimbursement from the town for any costs incurred during the application process, including the application fee.

**Sec. 22-~~11~~12. - Notification of denial and right of appeal.**

(a) Any applicant who is denied a special event permit by the town manager will be notified in writing. Said notification will state the reasons for the denial and the right of appeal to the town council, and will be sent by registered mail to the applicant.

(b) The applicant will have ten days from receipt of the written notification of permit denial to request an appeal hearing before the town council. If the appeal cannot be heard by the town council prior to the date when the event is scheduled to be held, the filing of an appeal will not entitle the applicant to conduct the event on that date but, if the appeal is successful, the applicant may hold the event on a rescheduled date that is after the town council meeting at which the appeal was heard.

(c) An appeal of the decision of the town council may be made to the circuit court by filing a petition for writ of certiorari as

provided for under the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. A decision of the town council will be deemed to have been rendered on the date the town council votes to either grant or deny the appeal.

**Sec. 22-~~12~~13. - Litter.**

(a) Special event permit holders are responsible for ensuring that the area where the event is held is free of all litter and debris within 24 hours of the time the special event ends. Events that span more than a 24-hour period are responsible for removing all garbage and litter at the end of each day.

(b) In the event this section is not complied with, the town manager has the authority to contract with a cleaning service and the cost of the cleanup will be the responsibility of the permit holder and, if not promptly paid, may be deducted from any required security deposit (see section 22-14).

**Sec. 22-~~13~~14. - Security for unpaid expenses.**

The town manager may require the posting of a security deposit, or other form of security acceptable to the town, to ensure that any unpaid expenses or damages incurred as a result of the event are satisfied.

**Sec. 22-~~14~~15. - Indemnification and liability insurance.**

(a) Prior to the issuance of the special event permit, the applicant is required to execute an indemnification and hold harmless agreement in a form acceptable to the town attorney.

(b) Prior to the issuance of the special event permit, the applicant is required to obtain, at its sole expense, public liability insurance, with minimum limits as required by the town, that includes coverage for any town property utilized and naming the town as an additional insured.

**~~Sec. 22-15. - Signage.~~**

~~(a) All signage relating to special events must comply with LDC chapter 30.~~

~~(b) Banners across Town of Fort Myers Beach rights-of-way. Special event permit applicants may request to hang a banner advertising the special event across the Town of Fort Myers Beach right-of-way at the base of the Sky Bridge. All banners must be~~

~~approved by town manager. Banners may not contain any commercial information for the purpose of advertising anything other than the special event. Banners will not be approved until approval has been obtained for the associated special event. Banners are hung on a on a first come first served basis. Banners may hang for a period of two weeks prior to the event; provided, however, that the town manager may permit a banner to be hung for a period of up to four weeks if availability allows. All banners must have grommets that are no less than two feet apart on the top and bottom. Banners can be no larger than 16 feet in width and three feet high.~~

~~(e) For any special event where a requested road closure has the potential to affect a sizeable segment of the community, notice of such closure must be provided to the public at least five days prior to event if variable message signs are utilized or 14 days prior to an event if static signs are utilized. Type and placement of signs will be determined by public works director. The applicant is responsible for any fees associated with the static signs or variable message boards.~~

#### **Sec. 22-16. - Revocation.**

The town manager has the authority to revoke a special event permit issued pursuant to this chapter upon violation of any of the requirements contained in the permit or in this Code or the LDC.

Section 3. Section 6-366 of Chapter 6 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **Sec. 6-366. - Location of construction near beaches.**

(a) Except for beach renourishment and for minor structures such as lifeguard support stands and beach access ramps, all construction must be located a sufficient distance landward of the beach to permit natural shoreline fluctuations and to preserve dune stability. In addition to complying with all other provisions of this code, major structures must be built landward of the 1978 coastal construction control line except where a major structure may be specifically allowed by this code to extend across this line. The 1978 coastal construction control line is depicted on the Future Land Use Map as the seaward edge of land-use categories allowing urban development and as the landward edge of the recreation land-use category. This line is also the landward edge of the EC (Environmentally Critical) zoning district.

(b) Occasional minor structures are permitted by right in the EC zoning district if they are placed on private property and do not alter

the natural landscape or obstruct pedestrian traffic (examples are mono-post shade structures, movable picnic tables, beach volleyball courts, and similar recreational equipment, see § 34-652 of this LDC). Artificial lighting and signs may not be installed in the EC zoning district unless approved by special exception or as a deviation in the planned development rezoning process or unless explicitly permitted by §§ 14-5 or 27-51 of this LDC.

(1) Other provisions of this code provide for certain other minor structures in the EC zoning district:

a. Perpendicular dune walkovers are permitted by right in accordance with § 10-415(b) and subsection (d), below.

b. Some temporary structures such as tents may be permitted through a ~~temporary use permit~~ for special events permit held on the beach, in accordance with ~~§ 14-11 of this LDC~~ Ch. 22 of the Code.

c. Licensed beach vendors may place rental equipment and/or a temporary movable structure in accordance with § 14-5, Ch. 27, and § 34-3151 of this code.

Section 4. Section 14-11 of Chapter 14 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code is hereby repealed:

~~Sec. 14-11. Special events on the beach.~~

~~(a) Special events on the beach are any social, commercial, or fraternal gathering for the purpose of being entertained, instructed, viewing a competition, or any other reason that would bring them together in one location that normally would not include such a concentration of people on or near the beach.~~

~~(b) Special events on the beach are temporary, short term activities, which may include the construction of temporary structures; temporary excavation, operation, transportation, or storage of equipment or materials; and/or nighttime lighting that is visible seaward of the coastal construction control line (CCCL). Generally, activities within this category include, but are not limited to: sporting events (e.g., volleyball, personal watercraft races, offshore powerboat races), festivals, competitions, organized parties (e.g., weddings), promotional activities, concerts, film events, balloon releases, and gatherings under tents.~~

~~(e) Due to the potential for adverse impacts, certain special event activities may not be compatible with sea turtle nesting areas. In some cases this is due to the type of activity where permit conditions alone cannot provide adequate protection. In other cases the density of sea turtle nesting prevents certain activities from being conducted safely.~~

~~(d) Special events that occur on or near the beach or dune, or where lighting from the special events directly or indirectly illuminates sea turtle habitat, may contain special conditions for protection of the beach, dune and sea turtles. These conditions are in addition to the basic requirements of the town's special events permit provisions, which must still be met in full.~~

~~(1) Along with the regular application for an event permit, a site plan must be submitted depicting the property corners and the dimensions of the area where the event is proposed to occur, the location of existing vegetation, structures, and any existing sea turtle nests, and a summary of the activities proposed. A lighting plan that includes the location, number, type, wattage, orientation, and shielding for all proposed artificial light sources that will be used must also be submitted. All lighting must be in compliance with § 14-75.~~

~~(2) Prior to the granting or denying of the application, an on-site inspection will be conducted to determine if the proposed event conforms to the requirements of this section and if any native vegetation or sea turtle nests exist to be protected.~~

~~(3) Based upon the information contained in the application and the site inspection, the application shall be approved or denied. approve or deny the application.~~

~~(4) Site-specific conditions may be attached to the permit relating to identifying, designating, and protecting any existing vegetation and sea turtle nests in accordance with this code. These conditions are in addition to the following standard permit conditions for all special events on the beach:~~

~~a. During the sea turtle season (May 1 through October 31), special event activities including construction shall be confined to daylight hours and shall not begin before 8:00 a.m. or before completion~~

~~of daily monitoring for turtle nesting activity by a FWC authorized marine turtle permit holder, whichever occurs first. However, no activity shall take place until after a daily sea turtle nest survey is conducted as indicated below.~~

~~b. During sea turtle nesting season (May 1 through October 31), the permittee is responsible for ensuring that a daily sea turtle nest survey, protection, and monitoring program is conducted throughout the permitted special events area. Such surveys and associated conservation measures shall be completed after sunrise and prior to the commencement of any activity. The sea turtle survey, protection, and monitoring program shall be conducted only by individuals possessing appropriate expertise in the protocol being followed and a valid F.A.C. Rule 68 E permit issued by the FWC. To identify those individuals available to conduct marine turtle nesting surveys within the permitted area, please contact the FWC, Bureau of Imperiled Species Management, at (850) 922 4330.~~

~~e. All turtle nests will be marked with wooden stakes, flagging tape, and a FWC sea turtle nest sign. No activities (including the placement of equipment or the storage of materials) are allowed within 30 feet of the marked nest. The permittee shall ensure that all personnel are briefed on the types of marking utilized and be able to easily contact the individual responsible for the nest survey to verify any questionable areas.~~

~~(5) A violation of the special or standard conditions will automatically invalidate the permit. Periodic compliance inspections will be conducted to insure compliance with the permit conditions and this article.~~

~~(6) The release of balloons is prohibited in accordance with F.S. § 372.995, except as permitted by that statute.~~

Section 5. Section 34-2 of Chapter 34 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 34-2. - Definitions**

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*Garage sale or yard sale* mean an informal sale of used household or personal articles, such as furniture, tools, or clothing, held on the seller's own premises, or conducted by several people on one of the sellers' own premises. ~~Garage and yard sales are limited to not more than one week in duration, with sales limited to two garage or yard sales per year.~~ See *Residential accessory use*.

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*Use, temporary* means a use or activity ~~which~~ that is permitted only for a limited time, which will not inhibit the usual flow of pedestrian or vehicular travel on public rights-of-way, subject to specific regulations and permitting procedures. See article IV, division 37 of this chapter.

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Section 6. Section 34-2441 of Chapter 34 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code is hereby repealed:

**~~Sec. 34-2441.—Special events defined.~~**

~~A special event is any social, commercial, or fraternal gathering for the purpose of entertaining, instructing, viewing a competition, or for any other reason that would assemble an unusual concentration of people in one location. Specifically excluded from this definition are any gatherings formed and/or sponsored by any recognized religion or religious society. Sec. 34-2442.—Permits for special events.~~

~~(a) The Town of Fort Myers has established a permitting process for special events through Ordinances Nos. 98-01 and 00-16 and any future amendments.~~

~~(b) No person, corporation, partnership, or other entity shall advertise or sell or furnish tickets for a special event within the boundaries of the town, and no such event shall be conducted or maintained, unless and until that person or entity has obtained a permit from the town to conduct such event.~~

~~(c) Special events on the beach shall also comply with § 14-11 of this code.~~

Section 7. Section 34-3041 of Chapter 34 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 34-3041. - Generally.**

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this subdivision is to specify regulations applicable to certain temporary uses which, because of their impact on surrounding land uses, require a temporary use permit.

(b) *Permit required.* No temporary use shall be established until a temporary use permit has been obtained from the director in accordance with the requirements of § 34-3050 this chapter. ~~Some temporary uses may qualify as special events that are regulated by Ordinance No. 98-01 as amended, or may qualify as special events on or near the beach, which are further regulated by § 14-11 of this code. Ch. 22.~~ A temporary use permit must be obtained for the following uses in compliance with these requirements:

(1) Christmas tree sales lots for up to 45 days prior to the holiday;

(2) Holiday, seasonal or annual sales lots for up to 30 days;

(3) Temporary promotional activities involving the sale and promotion of goods and services available at a business on the premises, subject to the following:

a. Activities that obstruct private parking or are held on the adjacent public sidewalk may be held for up to three consecutive days up to three times per calendar year.

b. Activities that do not obstruct parking and are held on private property may be held for up to ten consecutive days up to three times per calendar year.

c. Outdoor display of merchandise, not associated with a temporary promotional activity shall be in compliance with LDC Sec 34-678 Outdoor display and sales of merchandise and food.

~~(4) Garage sales or yard sales, with a maximum of two permits per parcel per year for a maximum of three consecutive days. Garage sale permits will be free of charge.~~

(5) Construction projects which require storage, parking areas, construction trailers, site screening and/or any other temporary activities during construction of the project and which terminate upon completion of the project.

(6) Temporary wireless communications facilities, as are necessary to meet demand, for up to six (6) months.

(7) One-day permits for consumption of alcohol on-premises associated with a temporary event.

(8) Other similar uses of a temporary nature.

(c) *Lighting.* No permanent or temporary lighting shall be installed without an electrical permit and inspection.

(d) *Time limit.*

(1) All temporary uses shall be confined to the dates specified by the director, on the temporary use permit; provided, however, that:

a. ~~Except as provided for seasonal parking lots in §§ 34-2022 of this chapter and for other uses where specifically provided in §§ 34-3043 through 34-3048 of this chapter, the director may not authorize a temporary use for more than 30 days; and~~ If no time period is specified on the temporary use permit, then the temporary use permit will expire and the use must be abated within 30 days from the date of issuance.

b. ~~If no time period is specified on the temporary use permit, then the temporary use permit will expire and the use must be abated within 30 days from the date of issuance.~~

(2) A temporary use permit may not be renewed or reissued to the same applicant or on the same premises for a similar use more than three (3) times per year. ~~for a period of six months from the date of expiration of the previous temporary use permit.~~

(e) *Hours of operation.* Hours of operation shall be confined to those specified in the permit.

(f) *Cleanup.* The site shall be cleared of all debris at the end of the temporary use and all temporary structures shall be removed within 48 hours after termination of the use. A cash bond of a minimum of \$25.00 and not to exceed \$5,000.00 or a signed contract with a disposal firm may be required as a part of the application for a temporary use permit to ensure that the premises will be cleared of all debris during and after the event.

(g) ~~*Traffic control.* Traffic control as may be required by the county sheriff's department and the county department of transportation shall be arranged and paid for by the applicant. Signs. A sign permit may be required for any proposed signs.~~

(h) ~~*Damage to public right of way.* A cash bond of a minimum of \$25.00 and not to exceed \$5,000.00 may be required to ensure the repair of any damage resulting to any public right of way as a result of the event. In lieu of. Any proposed use, which exceeds the criteria or regulations of this code subdivision, may apply for a Special Event permit.~~

Section 8. Sections 34-3042, 34-3043, 34-3044, 34-3045, 34-3046, 34-3047, 34-3048, and 34-3055 of Chapter 34 of the Town of Fort Myers Beach Land Development Code are hereby repealed:

~~**Sec. 34-3042. Carnivals, fairs, circuses and amusement devices.**~~

(a) ~~Location of amusement devices and other structures. Refer to §§ 34-2142(a) and (b) above, for setback requirements.~~

(b) ~~Off street parking. Refer to § 34-2020(d)(3)g. of this chapter for off street parking requirements.~~

(c) ~~Hours of operation. The hours of operation shall be limited to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., unless otherwise extended by the director in writing.~~

(d) ~~Special event permit. In addition to a temporary use permit, a carnival, fair, circus, or amusement device, or other event may be subject to the provisions of the town's Special Events Ordinance No. 98-01, as amended (see also division 34 of this article). Ch. 22.~~

~~**Sec. 34-3043. Christmas tree sales.**~~

(a) ~~Christmas tree sales may be permitted in any commercial district, provided that:~~

~~(1) No parking lot required for another use shall be used for display of trees; and~~

~~(2) Temporary off street parking for at least five vehicles shall be provided utilizing an existing or approved parking lot entrance or driveway.~~

~~(b) The maximum length of time for display and open lot sales shall be 45 days.~~

~~**Sec. 34-3044.— Temporary contractor's office and equipment storage shed.**~~

~~A contractor's office or construction equipment shed may be permitted in any district where use is incidental to an ongoing construction project with an active building permit or development order. Such office or shed shall not contain sleeping or cooking accommodations. The contractor's office and construction shed shall be removed within 30 days of the date of final inspection for the project.~~

~~**Sec. 34-3045.— Alcoholic beverages.**~~

~~Temporary one-day permits for the service of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in accordance with § 34-1264(d) of this chapter.~~

~~**Sec. 34-3046.— Temporary use of mobile home.**~~

~~(a) Rehabilitation or construction of residence following disaster.~~

~~(1) When fire or disaster has rendered a single-family residence unfit for human habitation, the temporary use of a mobile home or recreational vehicle located on the single-family lot during rehabilitation of the original residence or construction of a new residence may be permitted subject to the regulations set out in this section.~~

~~(2) The maximum duration of the use shall be 18 months after the date the President of the United States issues a disaster declaration. If no disaster declaration is issued, the maximum duration of the use is six months. The director may extend the permit once for a period not to exceed 60 days in the event of circumstances beyond the control of the owner. Application for an extension shall be made prior to expiration of the original permit.~~

~~(b) Rehabilitation or construction of damaged business or commercial uses following disaster.~~

~~(1) Business or commercial uses damaged by a major or catastrophic disaster that are necessary for the public health and safety or that will aid in restoring the community's economic base may be permitted to use a mobile home or similar type structure to carry out their activities until the damaged structure(s) is rebuilt or replaced according to applicable development or redevelopment regulations.~~

~~(2) The maximum duration of the temporary use is nine months after the date the President of the United States issues a disaster declaration. If no disaster declaration is issued, the maximum duration of the use is six months. The director may extend the permit once for a period not to exceed 60 days in the event of circumstances beyond the control of the owner. Application for an extension shall be made prior to expiration of the original permit.~~

~~(e) Conditions for use.~~

~~(1) Required water and sanitary facilities must be provided.~~

~~(2) The mobile home or recreational vehicle shall be removed from the property within ten days after the certificate of occupancy is issued for the new or rehabilitated residence, business, or commercial use, or upon expiration of the temporary use permit, whichever occurs first.~~

~~Sec. 34-3047. Temporary telephone distribution equipment.~~

~~Telephone distribution equipment may be granted a temporary use permit during planning and construction of permanent facilities, provided that:~~

~~(1) The equipment is less than six feet in height and 300 cubic feet in volume; and~~

~~(2) The maximum length of the use shall be six months, but the director may extend the permit once for a period not to exceed six additional months in the event of circumstances beyond the control of the telephone company.~~

~~Application for an extension shall be made at least 15 days prior to expiration of the original permit.~~

~~**Sec. 34-3048. Ancillary temporary uses in parking lots.**~~

~~(a) The following ancillary temporary uses may be permitted in parking lots upon application and issuance of a temporary use permit (see § 34-3050 of this chapter):~~

- ~~(1) Seasonal promotions.~~
- ~~(2) Sidewalk or parking lot sales.~~
- ~~(3) Fairs and carnivals (see § 34-3042 of this chapter).~~
- ~~(4) Tent sales.~~
- ~~(5) Flea markets by nonprofit organizations.~~
- ~~(6) Welcome stations in accordance with § 34-3051 of this chapter.~~

~~(b) In approving a temporary use permit, the director shall require that the area of the lot to be used is clearly defined and that the use will not obstruct pedestrian and vehicular movements to portions of the lot not so used.~~

~~**Sec. 34-3055. Special events.**~~

~~(a) A special event is any social, commercial, or fraternal gathering for the purpose of entertaining, instructing, viewing a competition, or for any other reason that would assemble an unusual concentration of people in one location.~~

~~(b) See division 34 of this chapter for a summary of permitting rules for special events.~~

Section 9. The Town Council intends that the provisions of this ordinance be made a part of the Fort Myers Beach Code of Ordinances, and that sections herein may be renumbered or re-lettered and the words or phrases herein may be changed to accomplish codification; regardless, typographical errors that do not affect intent may be corrected with notice to and authorization of the Town Manager without further process.

Section 10. Whenever the requirements or provisions of this ordinance are in conflict with the requirements or provisions of any other lawfully adopted ordinance or statute, the most restrictive shall apply.

Section 11. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason, declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared.

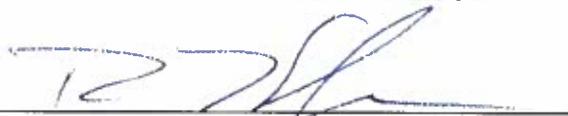
Section 12. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Town Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Council Member Atterholt and seconded by Council Member Allers, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

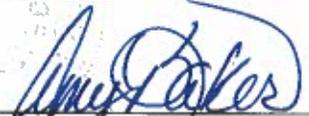
Raymond P. Murphy, Mayor	Excused
Rexann Hosafros, Vice Mayor	Aye
Dan Allers, Council Member	Aye
Jim Atterholt, Council Member	Aye
Bill Veach, Council Member	Aye

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

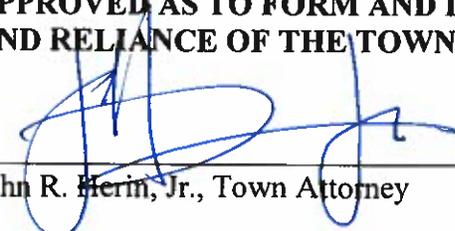
**TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH**

  
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Rexann Hosafros, Vice Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amy Baker, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE  
AND RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH SOLELY:**

  
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John R. Herin, Jr., Town Attorney

This Ordinance was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this 21 day of January, 2021.