



BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM

GATEWAY TO LONG BEACH ISLAND

1621 Long Beach Boulevard

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Beach Driving and Usage

Observe Licensing Requirements:

- Beach buggy permit is required
- The operator must have a valid driver's license
- Your vehicle must have a current registration and insurance
- No vehicle (except municipal, state, and agencies) shall be operated on the strand or beach front during the period from the third Saturday in May to the third Saturday in September
- No vehicle shall be operated on the strand of beach front at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour
- No vehicle shall be operated on the beach front at night without adequate lights

Drive Safely:

- Proceed with due caution and consideration for other beach users
- Slow down and detour around other people on the beach
- Drive slowly and be alert for people lying, standing, or walking on the beach

Avoid Damaging Vegetation:

- Enter and leave the beach only at designated access ramps
- 5th Street, 17th Street and 31st Street have been designated as beach access streets
- Drive only on that portion of the beach which lies between the foot of the dunes and the ocean
- Do not drive on the dune area

Some Reminders:

- Dogs are allowed on the beach between October 1st and May 1st
- All pets must be kept on a leash
- State Drinking and Driving Laws apply to all areas No open containers of any alcoholic beverages

Tips and Hints For Beach Driving:

- Use only a four-wheel drive vehicle on the beach
- Lower the pressure in all the tires The softer the sand the lower the pressure needed Police vehicles generally drive with 18-20 pounds of pressure while patrolling the beach

- Drive at a slow, steady speed. If the tires start to spin, back up in your tire tracks for several car lengths. Accelerate slowly as you move forward. Additional tire deflation may be necessary.
- Salt water and spray is highly corrosive. It is recommended that you wash the vehicle after each outing.

Recommended Equipment to Carry:

- Small Shovel
- Good tire pressure gauge
- First aid kit
- Jack, and Jack support (wood plank's etc.)
- Tow rope
- Litter bags
- Fire Extinguisher
- Flashlight