



## 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
- Vehicle must have current registration and insurance
- No vehicle (except Municipal, State, and Agencies) shall be operated on the strand or beach front during the period starting the SECOND Saturday in May through the LAST Saturday in September
- No vehicle shall be operated on the strand or 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Street, and 31<sup>st</sup> Street have been designated as beach access streets
- Drive only on the 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 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 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 four-wheel drive vehicles on the beach
- Lower the pressure on 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.
- Saltwater and sea spray are highly corrosive. It is recommended that you wash your vehicle after each outing.

Recommended Equipment to Carry:

- Small shovel
- Good tire pressure gauge
- First Aid kit
- Jack and a Jack support (wood planks, etc.)
- Tow rope
- Litter bags
- Fire extinguisher
- Flashlight