

Ordinance Prohibiting Tents, Canopies, Etc. Left Overnight on Beach

- Examples of communities enforcing such an ordinance:
 - o **Gulf Shores, Alabama / Leave Only Footprints initiative**
 - o Any structures or equipment left on the public beach after 8 p.m. will be removed and disposed of by beach patrol.
 - <http://www.gulfshoresal.gov/378/Rules-Regulations>
 - o Any structures or equipment left on the beach an hour after sunset will be removed and disposed of by beach patrol (except for permitted beach services). This includes tents, chairs and other beach gear.
 - <http://cleanisland.org/>
 - o The goal of the program, which is to ensure trash does not go into the Gulf of Mexico and the path for sea turtles to lay their eggs on the beach is not impeded, has served a dual purpose.
 - <https://www.delmarvanow.com/story/news/local/delaware/2017/05/25/summer-comes/328281001/>

 - o **MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA / Leave No Trace**
 - o Sec. 42-32. - Obstructions on the beach.
 - o (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave an item of personal property unattended on the public beaches or within the public beach access areas between the one (1) hour after sunset and sunrise of the following day, except as otherwise permitted by Section 42-33.
 - (b) Any item of personal property left on the public beach or within the public beach access area in violation of this Article shall be deemed discarded by the owner and shall become the property of the City of Madeira Beach.
 - (c) In the confiscation of any item under this section, the City's designated agency or officer is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith dispose of the property in accordance with directions of the City Manager.
 - (d) Unattended or abandoned items of personal property, and unattended unfilled holes in the public beach are in violation of this article and shall be deemed a public nuisance.
 - http://madeirabeachfl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Ord._2016-03_Madeira_Leave_No_Trace.pdf

 - o **Outer Banks, NC / Leave Only Your Footprints in the Sand**
 - o Remove everything you bring – each day – that includes: Chairs, Game equipment, Tent frames, Umbrellas
 - o All towns on the Outer Banks – including Corolla, Southern Shores, Duck, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head – are enforcing this policy. Below is the notice from the Town of Nags Head:<https://obxbeachaccess.com/dont-be-that-person/>

welcome to
THE TOWN OF Nags Head



NEW TOWN
ORDINANCES

LEAVE ONLY YOUR
FOOTPRINTS IN THE
SAND

When you leave the beach for the day,
please remove everything you brought
with you, including:

- BEACH CANOPIES
- CHAIRS
- UMBRELLAS
- GAMES
- SPORTS NETS
- VOLLEYBALL NETS

Items left unattended on the beach
between 8 pm-7 am will be considered
litter and removed.

Fill in any holes that have been dug in
the sand before you go swimming or
leave the area.

Items left on the beach overnight can
harm emergency personnel as well
as animals.

For more information
ask your lifeguard or visit
www.nagsheadnc.gov.

WARNING
The following ordinance was adopted by the
Town of Nags Head on 12-12-17. It is effective
12-12-17. It is the policy of the Town of Nags Head
to maintain a safe and enjoyable beach for all
visitors. To this end, the Town of Nags Head
prohibits the use of beach obstructions on the
beach. Beach obstructions include, but are not
limited to, beach canopies, chairs, umbrellas,
games, sports nets, volleyball nets, and other
beach paraphernalia. Beach obstructions are
prohibited on the beach between 8 pm and 7 am.
If you have equipment on the beach, please
remove it by 8 pm. If you have equipment on
the beach, please remove it by 7 am. Please
visit www.nagsheadnc.gov for more information.

<https://obxbeachaccess.com/dont-be-that-person/>

- o *Surfside Beach, SC*
- o **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TO AMEND SECTION 12-67. OBSTRUCTIONS, TO ALLOW 10 X 10 TENTS DURING 2017, AND BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 TO PROHIBIT TENTS ON THE BEACH, AND TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY WAY NEXT TO THE SAND DUNES**
- o Sec. 12-67. – Obstructions on the beach.
- o (A) **Hours.** Except for Town of Surfside Beach equipment, it shall be unlawful, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., for any person to leave upon, put, place or set any equipment, but not limited to, chairs, umbrellas, windbreakers, surfboards, air floats, life rafts, tents, cabanas, pavilions, volleyball nets, etc., or to build or erect any fence or other obstruction on the public beach, so as to obstruct, impede or retard the free and unconstrained use and occupancy of the public beach by the public or so as to interfere or obstruct any maintenance operation of the beach, and shall be disposed of pursuant to Paragraph (G) hereof.
- o (B) **Paraphernalia.** Beach umbrellas and other beach paraphernalia shall not be placed in front of the lifeguard stands and shall be placed in a line generally parallel with the ocean strand on either side the lifeguard stands, and shall not be left unattended.
 - <http://www.surfsidebeach.org/Data/Sites/1/media/town-ordinances/17-0842.pdf>

- Texas Beaches

- Crystal Beach
 - Camping is allowed anywhere on the 27 miles of beaches of Crystal Beach and Bolivar Peninsula. You can drive the beach and pick a spot to set up camp.
 - <https://www.crystalbeach.com/faq.html>
- Corpus Christi (McGee Beach, Malaquite Beach, North Beach)
 - To maintain a clean beach, we have several issues to address. First, to remedy the accumulation of trash on the beach, we provide free trash bags to all beach visitors before they enter the beach so that they clean up after themselves and the area — to leave it better than they found it. (*PRETTY COOL!*)
 - Sec. 10-58. - Camping.
 - (b) Except in areas between a residence and the Gulf of Mexico, including a condominium, hotel, or motel, a person may camp on a Gulf of Mexico beach for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days nor to exceed six (6) total days in any calendar month.
 - https://library.municode.com/tx/corpus_christi/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIITHCOOR_CH10BEMACO_ARTVIMAPUBE_S10-58CA
- Galveston
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on any public beach within the city limits between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.
 - https://library.municode.com/tx/galveston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOCI_CH8BEWA_ARTIINGE
- Matagorda Beach
 - Camping is permitted with no additional fee. You may camp for up to 72 hours.
 - <https://matagordabeach.org/beach-rules-regulations/>
- Padre Island National Seashore
 - Campers, including beach campers, must have a camping permit, which is available from the kiosks at the entrances of each campground.
 - <https://www.nps.gov/pais/faqs.htm>
- Port Aransas / Mustang Island
 - Camping is allowed up to three nights in any three-week period. No water, electric or sewer hookups are available on the beach.
 - <http://visitorsguide.portasouthjetty.com/node/843>
 - No person shall camp on the city beach or in or upon any other public place or area within the corporate city limits of the city for a period of time in excess of three (3) nights, during any three-week period. This regulation will apply on an annual basis
 - https://library.municode.com/tx/port_aransas/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIPARCO_CH18PUPLPRSE_ARTIIBE_DIV1GE_S18-20LICA

- Rockport Beach
 - Overnight camping is not permitted in the Rockport Beach.
 - We don't allow overnight camping you may bring tents/EZ ups to set up for shade.
 - <http://www.rockportbeach-texas.com/index.php/beach-q-a>

- Surfside
 - Camping is not permitted on the beach within the Village of Surfside Beach boundaries. Camping is permitted on the county beach located east of the city limits at Beach Access Entrance 1, located 3.0 miles east of Highway 332 on County Road 257 (Bluewater Highway).
 - http://www.surfsidetx.org/page/city.beach_rules
 - (a) No person may camp in a park or on the public beach within the village limits. No person may camp in a recreational vehicle in a park or on the public beach within the village limits.
 - https://library.municode.com/tx/surfside_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH32REVECA