

The following Ordinance was introduced by Wayne Martin in regular session of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District convened on August 13, 2008.

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following Ordinance, having been previously introduced, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of the Commission, was offered for final adoption by Wayne Martin, seconded by Douglas Cheramie.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 0801**

**An ordinance setting rules for using Fourchon Beach from Thunder Bayou to Belle Pass within the authority of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District as granted by Ordinance No. 4039 of the Lafourche Parish Council dated April 24, 2007.**

**WHEREAS**, SECTION 24:1406 of Lafourche Parish Council Ordinance No. 4039 ordains that the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District shall have the authority to enact ordinances necessary for the zoning and development of property located in the District, however, such ordinances shall only apply to property that is a beach as defined in Ordinance No. 4039, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District convened in Regular Session on October 22, 2008, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District does hereby establish the following regulations for using Fourchon Beach from Thunder Bayou to Belle Pass within the authority of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District, with its primary enforcement agency being, but not limited to, the Port Fourchon Harbor Police.

**A. Regulations for public usage of Fourchon Beach**

- a) The Speed limit for vehicle traffic on Fourchon Beach shall be set at 10 miles per hour.
- b) All “joy riding”, “cutting doughnuts”, racing, demonstration of rapid acceleration, or other unsafe driving shall be prohibited.
- c) The use and possession of glass bottles or other glass containers shall be prohibited.
- d) Open fires, such as bon fires, shall be prohibited. Containerized charcoal and/or propane fires used for cooking only shall be allowed.
- e) The use of fireworks or any other pyrotechnic products shall be prohibited.
- f) The possession and handling of firearms and/or discharge of same shall be prohibited.
- g) The operation of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV’s), trail bikes, mini-bikes, motor scooters, dune buggies, golf carts or any other off road vehicles shall be prohibited on the beach. Riding animals shall also be prohibited. **All dogs shall be required to be on a leash. Operation of law enforcement and first responders employing the use of ATV’s, off road vehicles, police horses or dogs for beach patrol, shall be exempt.**
- h) Trespassing on adjacent properties along the natural shoreline shall be prohibited.
- i) The dune area shall be off limits to any activity, including walking, moving or parking vehicles and/or camping.

- j) Camping shall be limited to tent and open air camping only. Campers, “pop-up” campers, buses or motor homes shall be prohibited.
- k) The Beach shall be closed to vehicular traffic during high tide events, storms and other extreme conditions. Port Fourchon Harbor Police shall have the authority to close the beach to vehicular traffic under these conditions. Operators of vehicles entering the beach by passing through the closure barrier shall be considered trespassing.
- l) Children under the age of thirteen (13) shall be required to wear a United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while in the water.
- m) The breakwaters (ROCK BARGES THAT ARE PARALLEL TO THE SHORELINE) shall be off limits to all beach goers.
- n) All motorized watercraft including but not limited to, personal water craft, otherwise known as “jet skis”, shall travel at idle speed in the area from the shoreline to breakwaters.
- o) Recreational fishermen, including crabbers, shall be required to pick up and dispose of their “trash” catch properly and shall remove all fishing gear upon completion of fishing.
- p) Littering shall be prohibited.
- q) Loud music with profanity shall be prohibited.
- r) Vehicles entering the Fourchon Beach shall do so at their own risk. Neither the Port Fourchon Harbor Police nor the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District shall be obligated to free vehicles stuck in the sand.

**SECTION 2.** Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than Six (6) months in jail, or both in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.

**SECTION 3.** If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, items of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions of the Ordinance are declared severable.

**SECTION 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances by the South Lafourche Beachfront Develop District conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of the regulations of Title 33, Sections 7571 et seq., of the Louisiana Revised Statutes or Lafourche Parish Ordinance No. 4039, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District in the manner provided by law.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of the Commission, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole; and the vote thereon being as follows:

**YEAS:**        **Douglas Cheramie**  
                   **Edmond Cheramie**  
                   **Rickey Cheramie**  
                   **Allen Danos**  
                   **Wayne Martin**

**NAYS:**        **None**

**ABSENT:**    **None**

And this ordinance was declared adopted on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2008.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective on the tenth day after final publication.

  
Allen J. Danos, Chairman  
South Lafourche Beachfront Development District

I JULIA C. MAYET do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District charged with keeping the records, and that the above is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 0801 enacted by the Assembled Commission in Regular Session on October 22, 2008, at which meeting a quorum was present, and finally adopted on October 22, 2008.

  
Julia C. Mayet, Secretary  
South Lafourche Beachfront Development District

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DATE EFFECTIVE: 11/15/08