RESOLUTION 2025- 86

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, PUBLISHING FEES FOR PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 22 OF THE WALTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, PUBLISHING FEES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 22, AND UPDATING THE BEACH VENDOR PERMIT SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCESS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary to publish established fees for permits, as well as fees and fines for violations of Chapter 22 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners has previously enacted such fines and fees by resolution and hereby desires to update and replace those fines and fees; and

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary to publish the established beach vendor permit suspension/revocation process contained in Chapter 22 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners desires to revise the suspension/revocation process to create a points-based system whereby violations of the provisions of that Chapter are assigned point values and that the accumulation of certain point totals within a vendor season should result in pre-determined suspensions or revocations; and

WHEREAS, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners has determined the process stated herein is in the best interests of the public and provides a reasonable and just manner of enforcement of Chapter 22 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, as follows:

1. **Authority; Intent.** Chapter 22 of the Walton County Code of Ordinances (Chapter 22) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) to set and amend fees and fines for designated activities and violations, and to suspend and revoke permits issued pursuant to this Chapter. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens, visitors, local businesses, and the overall economy of Walton County to establish fees for

permits, fines for certain uncontested violations, points-based penalties for violations and suspensions and revocations of permits based on the accumulation of points and specified offenses, of Chapter 22. Nothing in this resolution can or is intended to affect judiciary discretion in setting fines or ordering costs to be paid by violators in a contested proceeding.

2. **Fees for Certain Permitted Activities.** The following fees are set and may be amended by the Board as necessary for activities permitted as follows:
    a. Dog on Beach - $30.00 per dog (plus $10.00 processing fee)
    b. Bonfire:
        i. Propane - $50.00
        ii. Wood - $100.00
    c. Beach Driving Permit (all amounts shall have a $10.00 processing fee added thereto):
        i. Private Vehicle - $125.00
        ii. Private Trailer - $30.00
        iii. Charter Vehicle - $200.00
        iv. Charter Trailer - $30.00
    d. Beach Special event:
        i. $150.00 (1 to 30 people)
        ii. $250.00 (31 to 50 people)
        iii. $500.00 (51 to 75 people)
        iv. $1,000.00 (76 or more people)
    e. Developments with commercial entitlements shall submit a calendar of events for the calendar year and be subject to a fee of $1,000.00 per calendar year.
    f. The fee for non-profit organizations shall be waived upon showing proof of the organization's non-profit or tax-exempt status.
    g. Appeal of any suspension or revocation to Code Compliance Special Magistrate- $250.00.

3. **Fees for Beach Vendor Permits (not within the Managed Vendor Program).** A separate permit is required for each category of operations:
    a. Chair & Umbrella:
        i. Site Specific:
            (a) $1,000.00 for initial location
            (b) $500.00 for each additional location
        ii. Delivery - $1,500.00
    b. Bonfires - $2,500.00
    c. Events/Picnics - $1,000.00
    d. Water Based Activities:
        i. $1,000.00 for initial location
        ii. $500.00 for each additional location
    e. Personal Watercraft Operations:

i. $1,000.00 for initial location plus
ii. $250.00 per vehicle
iii. $500.00 for each additional location plus
iv. $250.00 per vehicle

f. Parasail Operations:
   i. $1,000.00 plus $1000.00 per location
g. Miscellaneous Operations (anything not covered above):
   i. $250.00 per type and location

4. **Fines for Uncontested Violations.** The following fines are set and may be amended by the Board as necessary for uncontested violations as indicated below. The fines are minimum fines and do not affect any fines or costs that may be incurred through a contested civil citation hearing.
   a. Violations of Chapter 22 not otherwise listed below are as follows:
      i. First violation - $100.00
      ii. Second violation - $200.00
      iii. Third and subsequent violations – Fine up to $500.00
   b. Violations of Section 22-54(a) (Overnight camping):
      i. First violation - $200.00
      ii. Second violation - $300.00
      iii. Third and subsequent violations – Fine up to $500.00
   c. Violations of section 22-54(b)(1)(a) (Fire on beach without permit):
      i. All violations $500.00
   d. Violation of Section 22.54(b)(1)(e) (Failure to clean up after bonfire):
      i. All violations $500.00
   e. Violation of Section 22.54(g)(2)(c) and 22-60(d)(6): (State of emergency):
      i. All Violations $500.00 and 12 month revocation of vending permit upon conviction
   f. Violation of Section 22.54(h)(3) (Double red flag violation):
      i. All violations $500.00
   g. Violations of Section 22-57(a) (driving on beach without a permit):
      i. All violations $500.00
   h. Violation of Section 22-57(b) (Failure to permanently affix decal to vehicle; altered or modified permit decal):
      i. First violation - $200.00
      ii. Second violation - $300.00
      iii. Subsequent violations – Fine up to $500.00
   i. Violations of Section 22-57 (q) (Driving permitted vehicle on beach after hours):
      i. First violation $100.00
      ii. Second violation $200.00
      iii. Third and subsequent violations – Fine up to $500.00
   j. Violation of Section 22.60(b) (Vending without a permit):
      i. All violations $500.00

5. **Clerk Administrative Fees**
The Walton County Clerk of Court ("Clerk") shall assess and retain a Clerk Administrative Fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for uncontested citations and a Clerk Administrative Fee of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) for contested citations to cover its costs of processing citations and providing case management services. The Clerk Administrative Fees shall be imposed in addition to the County's fine collected by the Clerk pursuant to Section 4 of this Resolution.

6. **Adoption of Beach Vendor Permit Suspension/Revocation Process.**
The Board adopts the following table in its entirety as the process for suspending and revoking beach vending permits:

Beach Vendor Permit Suspension and Revocation Process POINTS ARE CUMULATIVE		
15 points=3-day suspension 25 points=5-day suspension 35 points = 10-day suspension 45 Points= 20-day suspension 50 points = revocation		
Code Section	**Offense**	**Number of points assigned**
	Failure to request hearing or pay citation fine within 30 days of receiving citation	Revocation per ordinance
	Failure to receive/accept citation after notification	15
22-54(b)(1)(a)	Bonfire on the beach without permit	15
22-54(b)(1)(b)	Bonfire less than 200 feet from turtle nest	15
22-54(b)(1)(c)	Bonfire less than 50 feet from vegetation line or within 100 feet of any habitable structure	10
22-54(b)(1)(d)	Bonfire within 30 feet of another permitted fire on any beach owned, leased, dedicated to, or maintained by the County	5
22-54(b)(1)(e)	Bonfire on the beach without proper disposal	25
22-54(b)(1)(e)	From the first day of March to the last day of October, no bonfire pits, beach equipment, or evidence thereof prior to 5:00 p.m. and all remnants of fire removed by 12:00 a.m. From the first day of November to the last day of February no bonfire pits, beach equipment, or evidence thereof prior to 4:00 p.m. and all remnants of fire removed by 11:00 p.m.	10

22-54(b)(1)(f)	Fire not in an approved container or using potentially hazardous materials	15
22-54(d)	Glass on the beach	5
22-54(e)	Soliciting or canvassing on the beach or public beach parking areas	5
22-54(g)(2)(c) 22-60(d)(6)	Failure to remove any items from the beach within 24 hours of declaration of state of emergency	50
22-54(n)	Breach of peace/disorderly conduct on the beach	25
22-54(o)	Generator use on the beach outside of specifications	5
22-57(a)	Driving on the beach without a permit	15
22-57(l)	Reckless driving on the beach	15
22-59(b)	Holding a special event on the beach without a permit	15
22-60(d)(1)	Proper disclosure of vending co. ownership and principal responsible for operation or	10
22-60(d)(2)	Required telephone or communication device located at land-based operations center	5
22-60(d)(3)	Maintenance of equipment/box/coverings and beach chairs and umbrellas not on the dry beach; beach chairs and umbrellas not properly marked with vendor's name and/or logo	5
22-60(d)(3)a1 22-60(d)(3)b1	Beach equipment not setup and maintained on dry sand	5
22-60(d)(3)a2 22-60(d)(3)b2	15' clear corridor from the seawall, toe of the dune, or line of permanent vegetation (whichever is closer seaward)	5
22-60(d)(3)a3 22-60(d)(3)b3	10' clear corridor at lifeguard tower - water to seawall, toe of the dune, or line of permanent dune vegetation (whichever is closer seaward)	5
22-60(d)(3)a4	Allowance for private setup space and eight (8) foot access aisle through vendor zone	5
22-60(d)(4)	Vending not in designated space or early set up	5
22-60(d)(5)	Vendor trash clean up in designated vending area +100 LF	5
22-60(d)(6)&(7)	Improper storage of vending equipment	5

22-60(d)(8)	Vendor permit identification on beach canvas coverings/box	10
22-60 (d)(10)	Vendor driving on the beach outside designated times	10
22-60(d)(11)	Beach vendor activities that include permanent installation of electricity and water requirement for FDEP and Walton County planning/building	10
22-60(d)(12)	No vending of food/beverage on county owned/maintained beach or parking lots	5
22-60(e)(1)	Watersports operations center with direct access to beach where WS vending services are offered	5
22-60(e)(2)	Access corridors in the Gulf for vessels marked with buoys and cones as described in code section	5
22-60(e)(3)	Watersports chase boat or PWC in good condition, USCG certifications, operational marine radio or cell phone	5
22-60(e)(4)	Watersports vendor requirement for American Red Cross recognized CPR certification or water safety certification.	5
22-60(e)(5)	Watersports fuel storage requirements/restrictions	10
22-60(f)(1)a-h	Parasail vending operations - towboat registration and information requirements	5
22-60(f)(2) & (3)	Parasail Tow boat or PWC registration identification requirements	5
22-60(f)(4)a-m	Parasail vending operations business, equipment, and operations area requirements	5
22-60(g)(1-4)	Personal Watercraft (PWC) vending operations business, equipment, and operations area requirements	5
22-60(h)	Vending operations general liability insurance requirements	15
22-60(j)	Failure for vendor to display a sign or placard describing the county-colored flag system at their vending location or failure to post DRF notification as required	5
	Any violation not mentioned above	5

7. **Non-Exclusive Remedy.** The points-based suspension/revocation process above shall not be deemed an exclusive method of suspension, revocation,

or denial of beach vending permits. The Board may adopt any and all other methods it deems appropriate; however, the adoption or utilization of any other such method shall not serve as a basis for any defense against the process set forth herein.

8. **Severability.** If any provision or portion of this Resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

9. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

DULY ADOPTED this 24th day of November 2025.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Crystal Sconiers

Crystal Sconiers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Donna Johns

Donna Johns, Chair