

**HARBOR ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
RENTER RULES**

WELCOME TO HARBOR ISLAND, A LITTLE PIECE OF PARADISE AMONG THE COASTAL SEA ISLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA. PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF WHILE OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING RULES OF THE ISLAND TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ALL ABLE TO ENJOY THIS ISLAND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THIS ISLAND IS THE PERMANENT HOME OF MANY FAMILIES, AS WELL AS ENDANGERED WILDLIFE. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE TREAT IT WITH THE CARE AND RESPECT THAT YOU DEMONSTRATE IN YOUR OWN HOME.

**MOTORIZED VEHICLES DO'S AND DON'TS**

Recreational vehicles (RVs) and pop-up campers are not permitted on the island.

Motorized vehicles are permitted only on the roads and the driver must be licensed. Unauthorized motorized vehicles are not permitted on the beach or on the beach access boardwalks. There is an island speed limit of 25 mph, unless otherwise posted. Please be cautious around hikers and bikers. Riding bicycles on the boardwalks is prohibited.

Rental golf carts are prohibited on Harbor Island. Renters may not bring their own golf carts onto the Island. If a renter is utilizing an owner's golf cart, the driver must be of legal age for operation and have in their possession a valid driver's license or have a learner's permit and be accompanied by a licensed driver. The golf cart must be registered with the Association and display a decal issued by the Association. Golf carts are not allowed on the beach unless special authorization is granted by the Association. Golf carts without headlights and/or taillights may not be driven between dusk and dawn. Drivers must adhere to the speed limit of 25, unless otherwise posted, must be adhered to. Motorized scooters, mopeds, pocket bikes, and the like are also prohibited.

**SAFETY ADVISORY**

Road shoulders are soft sand and will trap the unwary driver. Please safeguard the roads and your good humor by staying on the roads. Parking is permitted in designated areas only.

Please be aware that there are extremely strong rip tides (currents) that flow along our beach. Swim at your own risk. Be aware of the 9-foot difference between high and low tides. You may be able to walk out quite a distance at low tide, but an incoming high tide can cut you off from the beach by deep water.

**PROTECTING OUR WILDLIFE**

Endangered sea turtles are an important part of our island scene and come up on the beaches to nest during the summer. **Federal law protects them.** Please do not disturb them or their eggs. There should not be any lights on the beach from May 1 through October 31, which is turtle season. This includes flashlights, porch lights, camera flashes, or other lights that can be seen on the beach from any condo or home on the ocean side.

If you encounter a live or dead stranded sea turtle, dolphin, whale, manatee or seal, immediately contact the Security Gatehouse at 838-4890 or 838-9985. They will contact the appropriate trained personnel to handle the situation. Under no circumstances should you try to return the creature to the water.

South Carolina law prohibits the feeding or disturbance of alligators. Violators will be subject to a \$200.00 fine and possible imprisonment.

There are also various protected species of birds on this Island, such as the Osprey and the wading birds in the rookeries. Do not disturb them or their nests.

Fishing is prohibited in the lagoons and ponds.

Enjoy collecting seashells, but do not take live sand dollars, starfish, shells containing hermit crabs, live whelks or other living sea creatures that you cannot eat.

County law requires leashing your animal at all times, both on the beach and off. The law is enforceable on Harbor Island. Do not run the risk of having your animal impounded. Pick up and properly dispose of waste created by your dog. Trash receptacles have been provided by the Harbor Island Owners Association at each beach boardwalk access. **PLEASE USE THEM.**

### **PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

The primary dunes are our only protection from the forces of nature. As such, state law protects them. Please keep off and warn young children to do the same.

Wild sea oats provide the base that is necessary to hold the primary dunes in place. State law also protects them. Please do not damage them.

Fires are not permitted on the beach.

Towels may not be hung from the porch, balcony or like area, on any house or condominium on the Island. Leaving any items on the beach or dunes after dusk is prohibited as it can interfere with nesting or hatching sea turtles. Items may be stolen, strewn or destroyed due to weather conditions. Security will remove any items found on the beach after dusk.

Please dispose of trash in proper receptacles. The condominium trash dumpster is for the condominiums only and the dumpster at the Beach & Racquet Club ("BRC") is to be used only for the BRC's refuse. Keep our island and beaches clean for you and others to enjoy. Do not take your trash cans/bags to the road. Trash cans/bags should be left in the cans in the enclosure provided, as the trash service companies will empty them from the enclosure. Trash cans/bags are not to be visible from the roads.

Property abandoned on our beaches will be removed by Security after dusk. Items of value will be held at the Lost and Found for 7 days, after which they will become the property of the Harbor Island Owners Association.

Please adhere to all Beach & Racquet Club rules as mandated by SCDHEC.

### **PRESERVING PEACE ON OUR ISLAND**

Owners and visitors to the island are reminded that they should not interfere unreasonably with the peace and enjoyment of others. Noise that can be heard beyond the perimeter of your lot should cease by 10:00 p.m. Please be thoughtful of your neighbors. If Security receives and responds to a noise disturbance call or similar incident involving a renter on Harbor Island, the offending party, the Security Supervisor, and the rental agency will be notified. A written warning will be issued to the offending party warning them that a second call will result in the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office being called out to escort them off of the Island. If any damage occurs, the renter will be held responsible for the damages.

Fireworks are not permitted on the island or beaches.

Your Guest/Visitor tags must be visibly displayed at all times that your vehicle is on the Island.

Please do not call the security gate for maintenance or to enter a unit if you are locked out. You need to contact the person or agency from whom you are renting the property.

### **A FINAL NOTE**

Our officers are instructed to strictly enforce these rules for the safety and benefit of owners and visitors to Harbor Island. The refusal to follow a Security Officer's instructions may result in significant fine, or possible expulsion from the island.

Please remember that this is a fragile barrier island and we cherish its peaceful atmosphere and beautiful environment. Please act in such a manner that the island will be here for all of us to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you for your cooperation.