Beach Rules: Ordinance Highlights*

* Public Beachfront Access (T.O.J. Code Sec. 14-97)-Public access to the Town’s Beachfront shall occur only at designated access points. Traversing a natural dune anywhere other than at designated access points shall be a violation.

* Florida Litter Law (Section 403.413 F.S.)-Unlawful for any person to dump litter in any manner or amount. Dumping litter not exceeding 15 pounds in punishable by a civil penalty of $50.00.

* Animal Waste (T.O.J. Code Sec. 5.16)-Owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his/her animal upon any public walks, or recreational areas.

* Animals Creating Nuisance (T.O.J. Code Sec. 5-14)-Any animal which habitually barks, whines, howls, or chases or runs after persons or vehicles, or which is otherwise offensive to the public so as to annoy, disturb, or endanger the comfort, peace or safety of the citizens.

* Lease Law (T.O.J. Code Sec. 5-47)-Under the restraint or control of a competent person, by means of a leash, or is suffi ciently near its handler to be under his or her direct control, and obedient to that handler’s commands.

* Unlawful to Lodge or Settle upon Public Lands (T.O.J. Code Sec. 11-7)-Unlawful for any person to willfully lodge or settle upon public lands, including but not limited to, public streets, public parks, open spaces, recreational land, or real property owned by the town, county, or state, without consent.

* Unauthorized Storage of Abandoned Property or Debris (T.O.J. Code Sec. 13-2)-Unauthorized or illegal storage of abandoned property upon any public or private property within the town is declared to be a public nuisance.

* Littering in Parks, Ocean Front (T.O.J. Code Sec. 14-73, 14-74)-No person shall deposit or leave litter in any park, ocean front beach, ocean or other body of water within the town.

* Glass Bottles and Containers Prohibited (T.O.J. Code Sec. 18-2)-Unlawful for any person at any time to occupy, lodge, or sleep in the open on private property or upon any public beach between the hours of 12:00am and 6:00am, without permission.