

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH,  
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE  
PERMITTING AND REGULATING OF WEDDINGS HELD  
ON CITY BEACH AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC  
RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
APPLICATION PROCEDURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission, for its residents, businesses, and visitors, desires to keep its beaches clean, safe, and to preserve the surrounding natural areas at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission receives a significant number of requests to conduct weddings on its beaches, which are allowed by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has received complaints from residents, businesses, and visitors that some beach weddings interfere with their peace and quiet enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to adopt new rules, regulations and permitting criteria to allow for beach weddings; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One:** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

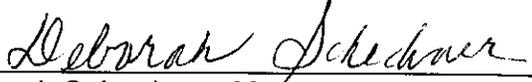
**Section Two:** The City Commission hereby adopts the attached "Beach Wedding Rules and Regulations" dated September 9, 2016, which may be amended from time to time by the City Commission or by the City Manager with City Commission Authorization.

**Section Three:** The City Manager shall cause to be prepared a "Beach Wedding Permit Application" consistent with the content of the "Beach Wedding Rules and Regulations" as adopted hereto.

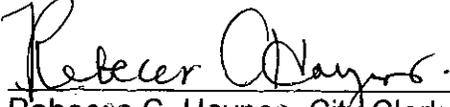
**Section Four.** This Resolution shall be effective fifteen (15) days after adoption and signature of the Mayor or alternate.

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Passed and approved by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
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Deborah Schechner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

# Beach Wedding Rules and Regulation Policy

## **Purpose:**

To provide guidelines and expectations to individuals and businesses that obtain beach wedding permits on the public areas of St Pete Beach. A permit is required by the city in order to conduct a wedding on our public beaches. The beach wedding application can be found at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com). All applications must be received at least 14 days prior to the wedding date.

## **Policy:**

**City beaches are to be kept clean at all times.** The recipient of a beach wedding permit is responsible to ensure that no arches, chairs, fence, ribbons, bubble bottles, beverage containers, cigarette butts, decorations, or any other wedding paraphernalia is remains on the beach after the wedding.

Only real, undyed flower pedals shall be allowed on the beach for use at beach weddings. Fake flower petals made of silk, plastic, nylon or other non-natural materials shall not be permitted.

## **Equipment and setup for beach weddings.**

- Amplified sound is allowed provided it complies with the City's noise ordinance.
- Decorations cannot be attached to City property, including but not limited to signs, dune walkovers, trash receptacles.
- Tents must be 10' x 10' or smaller.
- No items that need a vehicle to transport on the beach is permitted.
- All beach wedding equipment must be off the beach after the ceremony, at no time is it permitted to remain on the beach overnight.
- Each beach wedding permit is for no more than a 5 hour timeframe. This timeframe includes all deliveries, set up and clean up.

## **Restrictions.**

- No open flames, glass, alcohol, fireworks, pets or animals are permitted.
- No lit Chinese lanterns or balloons are allowed to be used or released.
- No helium balloons, rice, birdseed, confetti and streamers are permitted due to environmental concerns.
- No generators, or motor vehicles are permitted on the beach.
- No portion of the public beach access shall be obstructed or utilized for a wedding ceremony. No beach access, pathway or sidewalk can be obstructed for access by the general public.
- Ceremony must be set up outside a 50 foot radius from the end of the beach walkover
- No vehicles are allowed on the beach at any time.
- No Alcohol is permitted on the beach at any time.

## **Parking.**

- All wedding related parking must be in legal, designated parking spaces only. This includes loading and unloading ceremony materials.
- Parking is paid metered parking from 8 am – 8 pm. Parking spots are public and cannot be restricted.
- All parking restrictions and regulations must be obeyed.
- Public or private driveways shall not be blocked at any time.
- All public parking spaces used in association with the beach wedding shall be paid for. All vehicles in violation of this regulation shall be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.
- Day parking passes may be purchased from the City's Community Development Department located at city hall, 155 Corey Avenue. The Department's phone number is 727-363-924.
- A beach wedding permit does not include special or additional parking privileges. No special parking permits shall be issued for the wedding or small ceremonies to accommodate additional parking needs.

**Wedding photography.** The City recognizes that the City's beaches have many natural and beautiful settings for wedding photos. All beach wedding photography must adhere to environmental rules and obey the beach signs. No beach wedding photography shall be allowed on rock jetties, beach dunes, and other pristine natural areas.

**Beach Wedding Receptions.** The City does not permit private receptions on the public beach before or after the wedding ceremony. However, there are many commercial venues for wedding receptions by contacting the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber Information Center at (727) 360-6957 or at [www.tampabaybeaches.com](http://www.tampabaybeaches.com). The City shall not assist in beach wedding planning.

**Turtle Nesting Season.** April through October of each year sea turtles lay eggs along all beach areas in the City, and the hatchlings emerge 50-60 days later. Hatchling survival relies on keeping the beach clean and flat, and dark between dusk and dawn when they head towards the water, looking for reflections on the water of stars and the moon. Any artificial lighting visible to the hatchlings will disorient them. During the turtle nesting season, no lights (tiki torches, string lights, lamps, etc.) are permitted on the beach after sunset. Leaving the sand flat is best practices during this season. Holes and mounds can cause nesting mothers or hatchlings to get stuck. If they are stuck after the sun comes up, they are likely to die.

**Permits.** The City's beach wedding permit can be obtained at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com). All beach wedding permits must be received by the City at least 14 days prior to the wedding date. No beach wedding permit shall be issued on Memorial Day Weekend (Friday – Monday), the 4th of July holiday, Labor Day Weekend (Friday – Monday) or for any location that will interfere with a major special event. Other dates may be excluded at the discretion of City administration.



## City of St. Pete Beach Beach Wedding Permit Application

The Couple's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Contact/Coordinator (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Marrying Couple: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Set Up Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Up Time: \_\_\_\_\_

*Each beach wedding permit is for no more than a 5 hour timeframe. This timeframe includes all deliveries, set up and clean up.*

St. Pete Beach Public Beach Locations:

*Pass-a-Grille Beach: from 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave beach access to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave beach access.*

*Upham Beach: from 71<sup>st</sup> (North Beach) Ave to 67<sup>th</sup> Ave (South Beach)*

Exact Location of Ceremony: *Please specify the beach access point (i.e. between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave beach access points on Pass-A-Grille Beach):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Locations may be limited depending on the time of year.*

Will you be putting up an arch?                      Yes                      No

Will you be setting up any chairs?                      Yes                      No

If so how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be setting up any other equipment for the ceremony?

If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Rental Equipment Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the City of St Pete Beach's *Beach Wedding Rules and Regulation Policy*. The recipient of a beach wedding permit is responsible to ensure all the rules and regulations are followed.

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Signature of wedding contact

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Date

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Print Name

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Please return this application to Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director at [rddirector@stpetebeach.org](mailto:rddirector@stpetebeach.org) or mail to:

City of St Pete Beach  
Attn: Jennifer McMahon  
155 Corey Ave  
St. Pete Beach, Fl 33706

**Beach Wedding Fees:** *Effective July 1, 2016*

St Pete Beach Resident: \$100

Non-Resident: \$250

Beach wedding without commercial support (no equipment, chairs, etc) limited to 20 people.

St Pete Beach Resident: \$50

Non-Resident: \$75

Permit fees can be made over the phone with a visa or mastercard by calling 727-363-9245 or by mailing a check to the address above made out to THE CITY OF ST PETE BEACH.