

BEACH ACCESS PERMIT

Locality: Oak Island
CAMA Minor Permit Office
As authorized by the State of North Carolina
per the Coastal Area Management Act of 1974

Permit #_____
Date previous
permit issued_____

Applicant Name_____
Co-Applicant Name_____
Address_____
City_____
Phone #_____
Authorized Agent_____

Project Location Information

Street Address(es)_____
Adj. Water Body_____
AEC: <input type="checkbox"/> IH <input type="checkbox"/> OE

Type of Project Description of Activity:

Notes or special conditions:

Project Drawing

Owner's Name (Print)

LPO Signature

Signature (owner or agent)

Issuance Date Exp. Date

Owner's Name (Print)

Signature (owner or agent)

RULES FOR BEACH ACCESS PATHS (FROM 19TH PLACE EAST TO THE POINT)

- direct access pathway across the dune will be allowed for all properties from 19th Place East to the west end of the island (the Point)
- a direct access pathway for each property in this area will be allowed, though neighbors are strongly encouraged to share an access path
- permit required, but there is no fee
- every footpath across the dune must be permitted by the Town and installed before it can be used
- walking across the dune without a properly permitted and installed footpath access will be a violation of the Town's ordinances
- post-and-rope can mark new or existing pathways extending from one toe to the other, as long as permissible conditions are met
- rollout matting can only be added over dune areas with existing natural and stable vegetation

Now that both FEMA sand projects are complete, direct pathway accesses across the dune will be allowed from 19th Place East to the west end of the island (the Point). Permits for various beach nourishment projects have had different rules for pedestrian access to the beach. Since 2000/2001, the sections of beach included in the Wilmington Harbor Project area and the turtle project (from SE 63rd Street to 19th Place East) were required to use shared accesses placed approximately every 180 feet, in addition to the Town's street end accesses.

For properties from 19th Place East to the western end of the island, a direct access pathway for each property will be allowed, though neighbors are strongly encouraged to share an access path on the common property line. A permit will be required to install a beach access path, but there is **no fee** for the permit.

A pathway can be a maximum of six feet (6') wide, as permitted by CAMA regulations, and must be identified through installation of post-and-rope. to mark new or existing pathways extending from one toe to the other. Composite or wooden rollout matting can be added over dunes with existing natural and stable vegetation.

A pathway to be shared by abutting properties may be a maximum of eight feet (8') wide, must be centered on the common property line, and must be identified by post-and-rope OR the optional use of non-permanent, slatted wooden or composite roll-out matting. An individual property may have only one shared access pathway; shared access pathways will not be allowed on both sides of a property. An individual property may have either one shared access or one individual access, but not both.

Town-installed footpath accesses will not be removed immediately; they can be used as the permanent footpath access for a single or shared access but a Town permit will still be required. If using post-and-rope to define the footpath access, the following conditions must be met:

- Posts must be 4" x 4" x 6' #2 pressure treated lumber, should not use concrete footers, and should maintain spacing of at least 7 feet between posts. The posts shall be installed with 3 feet above ground
- Posts should only be installed by hand without the use of heavy equipment
- Only rope railings – no wooden or other railing systems will be allowed. The rope shall be of high quality 1" nylon strung through holes drilled in the center of the post 6" from the top. The ends of each rope shall be heat-fused, to prevent unravelling, and secured with a double knot to prevent the ropes from being pulled through the drilled holes.
- Rope railings should be at least 3 feet above ground in order to prevent sea turtle interactions
- Paths should be shore-perpendicular only for access to the beach; should not extend more than 6 feet waterward of planted vegetation or the toe of the constructed slope, whichever is more landward; post-and-rope shall not obstruct recreation access or emergency vehicles; and shall in no case extend below the high water line

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL/SHARED ACCESS

A permit is required to establish an individual or a shared access path, however, there is **no charge** for the permit. Information on the property and the property owners' or authorized agent's signature, along with a drawing of where the path is to be located, will be required for the permit. The permit application may be completed and filed by the property owner, and post-and-rope or non-permanent, slatted wooden or composite roll-out matting may be installed by the property owner.

To apply for a permit (or to ask questions about planting sea oats or installing sand fencing) contact:
Courtney Milliron

Town of Oak Island
Floodplain Administrator/CAMA-LPO
Phone: 910-201-8047
cmilliron@oakislandnc.gov

Beach access permit: www.OakIslandNC.gov/AccessPermit

Sand fence permit: www.OakIsalndNC.gov/SandFence

ENFORCEMENT

It's important to protect the dunes, and the Town has several ordinances designed to do just that. A new Beach Services Unit, under the Town's Police Department, will help make sure the rules are followed throughout the season.

Every footpath across the dune must be permitted by the Town and installed before it can be used. Walking across the dune without a properly permitted and installed footpath access will be a violation of the Town's ordinances.

Violations of the dune protection ordinances (ARTICLE III. - Protection of Sand Dunes, Sea Turtles and Other Wildlife Habitat; Sand Management Projects) are punishable under Sec. 1-7 with fines up to \$500 or 20 days in jail. Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Walking, running, playing, climbing, or other pedestrian traffic of any kind except in approved designated access areas
- Placing anything in or on sand dunes or the designated access areas
- Attaching anything to sand dune access area posts, ropes, sand fences or Town signs
- Vehicular access of any kind other than Town or emergency services vehicles in operation of official duties
- Cutting or removing dune vegetation
- Throwing refuse on the dunes or designated
- Physically altering the dunes or sand management project areas without a permit
- Development activities without a valid building or CAMA permit
- Digging in the dunes
- Mining or mechanical alteration of the dunes or access areas

Direct Access & Sand Fencing Options

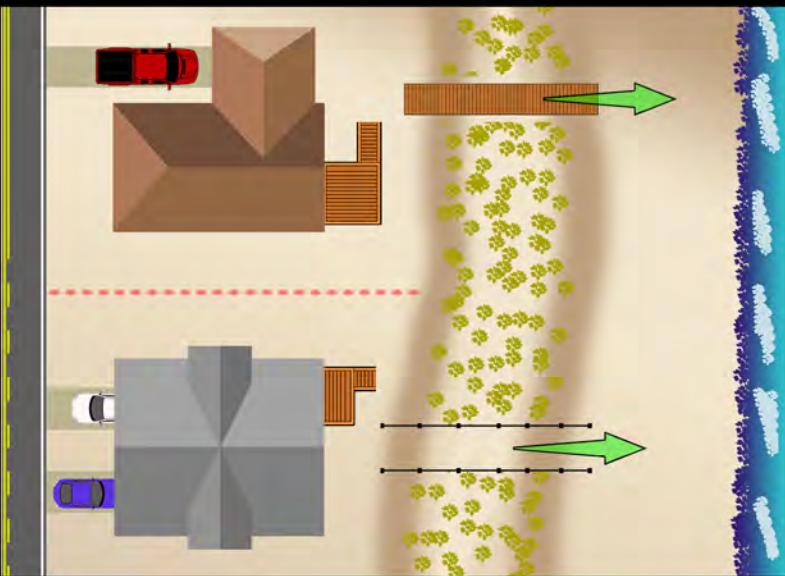
19th Place East to West End (The Point)



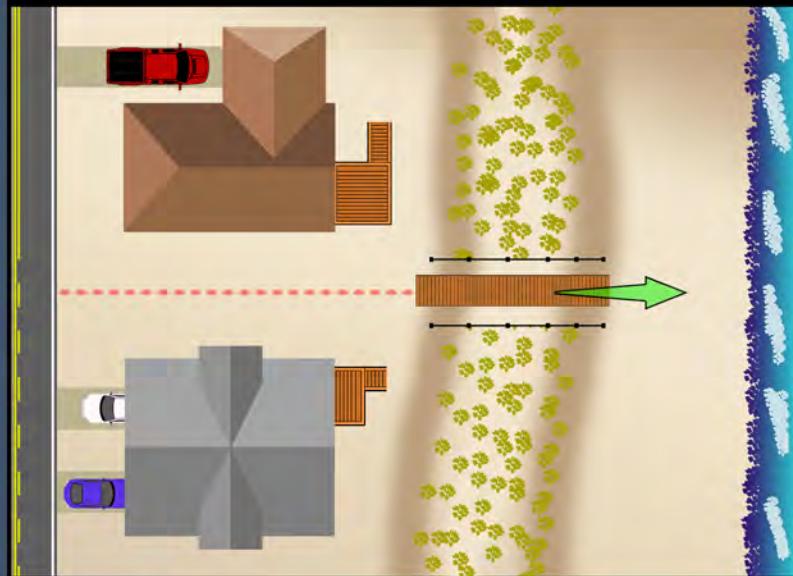
TOE-to-TOE: Post-&-Rope can mark new pathways extending from one toe to the other. Rollout Matting* can be added to dunes with stable vegetation.

Permits required for ALL options, available at: www.OakIslandNC.gov/AccessPermit.

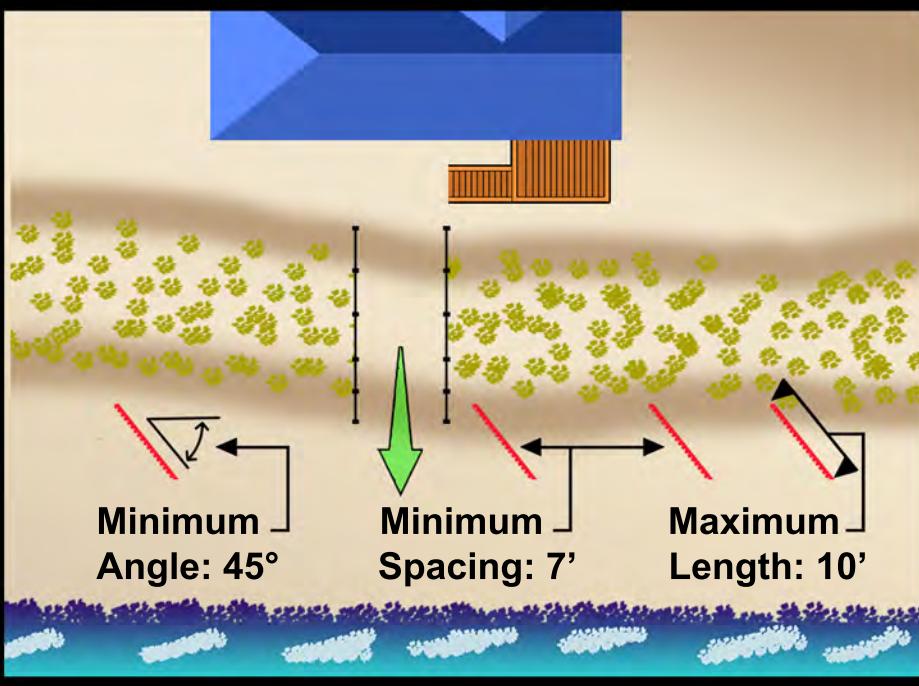
DIRECT ACCESS provides pathways up to 6' wide on individual property.



SHARED ACCESS provides single 8' wide pathway, centered on property line.



SAND FENCING permits are required prior to installation, and are available on the Town Website at: www.OakIslandNC.gov/SandFence



MATERIALS accepted include post-&-rope, slat fencing, and wood / composite rollout mats*.



*NOTE: Rollout Matting can only be added over dune areas with existing natural and stable vegetation.