

City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina

Welcome to the City of Isle of Palms! We hope you enjoy your visit and take home great memories. Please be considerate of others and treat all residents and visitors and their property with respect. Help us keep the Isle of Palms a great place to live and visit.

To help you obey the laws on the Isle of Palms, the following list contains some common violations. While we have made a reasonable effort to be accurate, this list should be considered only as a general guide and is not to be relied on in defense of your actions. If necessary, please contact the Isle of Palms Police Department at 843-886-6522 for details or interpretations.

Fireworks: Shooting fireworks is against the law. Although fireworks are sold in neighboring communities, discharge on the Isle of Palms at any time, including July 4th and New Years Eve is prohibited. Sparks can ignite roofs, decks, brush, pine straw and mulch. For similar reasons, fires of any kind on the beach are prohibited. The fine is up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Dogs: Dogs may only run free on the beach from 5AM to 8AM with the owner present and in control of the dog. Otherwise, dogs must be leashed at all times, whether on the beach or a street. Dog excrement must be picked up (take baggie with you) and may be discarded in the City's yellow trash barrels located on the beach. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Noise: Please respect the privacy of your neighbors. Voices carry for long distances in the wind when sitting on your deck. The noise ordinance, which also covers stereos, televisions and any other noise, requires quietness after 10:00pm and before 10:00am Sunday through Thursday and after 11:00pm and before 10:00am Friday and Saturday. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Alcohol: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the beach and public streets. The police patrol the beach looking for violators. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Littering: The Isle of Palms is famous for its clean beaches. Littering is forbidden anywhere, including the beach. Please use ashtrays and do not dispose of cigarette butts from your deck as it can start a fire in the pine straw or dunes below, endangering people and houses. If trash blows off your deck, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. The penalty for littering is a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail for each offense.

Sand Dunes: The dunes provide natural protection from hurricanes, which is why it is very important for people and their pets to stay off the dunes. It is a violation to pick sea oats or other vegetation growing on the dunes. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Sea Turtles: Each year Isle of Palms provides numerous nests for the endangered sea turtles. Turtle teams patrol the beaches daily to monitor the nests. Starting at dusk, between May 1st and October 31st it is a violation to use ocean front porch lights because the baby turtles follow the light to return to the sea. It is a crime to disturb the nests or turtles. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Kite boarding/Surfing/Personal Motorized Watercraft & Motorboats: The law requires that you stay at least 100 feet from swimmers for safety reasons. Swimming and surfing are prohibited within 200 feet of the fishing pier. No beaching of personal watercraft or motorboats is allowed. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 or thirty days in jail, or both, for each offense.

Waste & Trash: Only City issued rollout carts may be used for trash and garbage collection. The carts are to be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00pm the night before pick up and must be removed no later than 9:00am the day after pick up. The schedule pickups are as follows:

October 1st – April 30th: Monday: Breach Inlet to 30th Avenue
Tuesday: 31st Avenue to 57th Avenue and Wild Dunes

May 1st – September 30th: Monday & Thursday: Breach Inlet to 30th Avenue
Tuesday & Thursday: 57th Avenue to Wild Dunes

By signature below, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations outlined above.

Signature of Guest

Date