



Beach Driving Permit Rules and Regulations

1. **ALL** North Carolina Motor Vehicle laws apply to vehicles operating on the beach strand.
2. Beach Driving stickers **are required** to be permanently affixed and displayed in the lower left hand corner (driver's side) of the windshield. Loose or unattached stickers **will be confiscated** by the police department. All previous years stickers **are required** to be removed from the windshield. Lost or stolen stickers will not be replaced. This sticker may **NOT** be transferred to another vehicle.
3. The speed limit on the beach strand is **20MPH**.
4. Pedestrians have the right of way. Vehicles should reduce speed and avoid driving near beachgoers.
5. Avoid sea turtle nests and other wildlife while operating your vehicle on the beach strand.
6. Driving on the dunes is prohibited. Vehicles should stay a minimum of 10 feet away from the primary dunes.
7. Beach driving hours are:
 - September 15th to November 6th – 5:00am to 9:00pm
 - November 7th to March 12th – 5:00am to 7:00pm
 - March 13th to April 30th – 5:00am to 9:00pm
 - Beach driving will NOT be allowed from April 15 through April 25, 2022 to coincide with the Easter holiday.
8. All vehicles must be off the beach by the closing time. Vehicles not off the beach may be cited by the police department.
9. Authorized beach access ramps for entry and exit are located at the following locations:
 - Ocean Drive Ramp - dog leg (East end near mile marker 15 on NC 58)
 - Black Skimmer Ramp – Black Skimmer Drive (across from the police department)
 - Point Ramp – at the terminus of Inlet Drive and Bogue Ct.
10. The Town Manager has the right under EITO Section 5-63 to close all or certain portions of the beach strand to beach driving. Vehicles shall not enter any area posted as **CLOSED**.
11. Permit holders are required to notify the Emerald Isle Police Department of any changes to the information provided for this permit.
12. **If you sell, trade in or otherwise dispose of your vehicle, you must remove the permit sticker and bring it in to receive a replacement sticker.**
13. Permit holder acknowledges that the Town of Emerald Isle is NOT responsible for any damages or losses to the permit holder's vehicle or other property, or injuries to permit holder, passengers or other persons while driving on the beach.

Beach driving is a privilege that may be revoked by the Town of Emerald Isle at any time for violations of the rules and regulations. **NO** refunds be will be given if your permit is revoked.

Disclaimer: By Purchasing a Beach Driving Permit, holder understands that there will be no refunds or discounts issued due to beach closures of any kind (nourishment, beach conditions or other unavoidable events) Vehicles shall not enter areas posted as CLOSED.