



LOCAL LAW HANDBOOK

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Introduction:

Welcome to the Village of West Hampton Dunes. Our village is home to endangered species, abundant wildlife, endless outdoor activities and incredible views. If you enjoy fishing, surfing, observing nature, or simply laying out on the beach, West Hampton Dunes is for you. The people here enjoy the quiet and comfortable atmosphere and have an excellent quality of life. The West Hampton Dunes Police Constabulary is responsible for maintaining this quality of life for everyone. Whether you are a visitor, renter, guest or owner they are here to preserve this quality of life for all. The village has created many local laws which are designed to continue to preserve our way of life so everyone can enjoy all West Hampton Dunes has to offer. This guide is designed solely to provide a brief description of many of the common local laws but should not be used as reference guide. To read these laws in full visit the village website located at www.whdunes.org.

Parking:

Parking of vehicles on any village roads is prohibited. Vehicles left in the public roadway will be ticketed and/or towed. The term “Vehicles” includes (but not limited to) motor vehicles, boats, trailers, motorcycles, bicycles and construction equipment.

During overnight hours each residential home is permitted to have parked one car per bedroom plus one extra. For example, if you have five bedrooms you can park six cars on your property. If you have additional vehicles to park make sure you obtain permission before you use another person’s property. Vehicles left on private property without permission may be towed at the property owner’s request.

Noise:

Noise pollution is one of the most reported local law violations. Persons found creating noise, shouting, loud music, etc., which creates a disturbance between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am are in violation of local law. Amplified music may also be a violation at any time if it is found to be causing a disturbance.

Dogs:

During the period between Memorial Day through Labor Day on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday dogs **MUST BE LEASHED** from the hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm in all public areas. During all other times dogs can be off leash but must be under the owner’s control.

Construction:

Exterior construction is only permitted during the following periods:

Memorial Day to Columbus Day- Monday through Friday

Columbus Day to Memorial Day- Monday through Saturday

Exterior construction on Sundays is prohibited at all times.

Trash/Garbage:

Trash/household garbage must be placed in closed leak-proof containers and placed on the side, rear or underneath the house. Basically, if you can see the containers from the road, it's likely in violation of local law. Garbage bags, construction debris and other waste placed on the ground is also a violation. It is the responsibility of every tenant, owner and/or persons under control of the property to have appropriate closed trash containers. The village does NOT have municipal trash removal services or provide any trash containers. Check the local phone directory to choose your own private carting company.

Boat Access:

The village does not have any public boat launching ramps. The launching of boats, sail boats, jet skis and other personal watercraft must take place at designated facilities. The closest such facility is located off Library Avenue in Westhampton Beach.

All Terrain/Motorized Vehicles:

All-terrain vehicles (ATV'S) cannot be operated on any of the village roads, beaches or any other public areas. ATV's operating in these areas will be impounded and the persons operating them will be ticketed. It is also illegal to operate any motorized vehicles in the tidal wetlands.

Beach Driving:

Beach driving is PROHIBITED during the summer season due to public safety concerns and the protection of endangered species. Off-season, four wheel drive vehicles with a valid Southampton Town Off-Road Permit can drive on the beach as indicated by signs placed at Pikes Beach. Beach driving at Cupsogue County Park is permitted year-round in specially designated areas by permit.

Pedestrian Access Bay/Ocean Beaches:

It is **ILLEGAL** to walk over or on the dunes. The entire ocean beach is considered public and is accessible to everyone. In order to access the beach you must use a designated public walkover. These areas are easy to locate as the pavement adjacent to them is marked as a crosswalk. Those persons staying at or have permission from

someone with a private walkover may also use those. Access to the bay is more limited. There are public access points to the bay located at Pikes Beach, the West Hampton Dunes Overlook & Cupsogue County Parks.

Fireworks:

Fireworks are illegal in New York State and are a misdemeanor and/or felony depending on the classification. Persons found to be in possession of them and/or use them will be subject to confiscation, summons and/or possible arrest.

Bonfires:

Bonfires are allowed by special permit only. These permits are available at no charge and are issued by the Police Constabulary. The fires must be conducted in a safe manner using only natural wood materials and a fire extinguishing device must be present. A full list of requirements is provided when you apply for the permit.

Tents:

Tents placed on private and public property are subject to a permit process. This permit process is designed to simply ensure the safety and wellbeing of the persons attending. Contact the village for further information on how to obtain a tent permit.

Endangered Species:

The village is home to the endangered piping plover, the least tern and various protected beach plant life. The beach is often covered with hundreds of feet of symbolic string fence accompanied by signs stating the area is closed due to bird nesting or to protect special plant life. These areas are restricted to people and pets. Persons found inside these areas or disturbing the protected wildlife may be subject to arrest and/or summons.

Hunting:

Hunting of any kind is prohibited within the boundaries of the village.

Clamming:

Those persons interested in clamming must obtain a Southampton Town Non-Commercial clamming license. If you are interested in clamming, contact Southampton Town regarding the requirements to obtain this license.

Fishing:

Some of the best sport fishing anywhere is available in the village. Check the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Laws prior to taking any marine life. There are species and size restrictions as well as seasons. Persons found in violation of these laws will be subject to summonses as well.

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