

CITY OF CAPE MAY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 535-2024

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 158-9 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING PROHIBITED ACTS ON THE BEACH**

WHEREAS, Section 158-9 of the City Code sets forth prohibited acts on the boardwalk, promenade, beach and environs; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the 2024 summer season, the City provided for the installation of beach mats along the beach strand to improve accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the matter and determined that in order protect and preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare, the City Code should be amended to further clarify the conduct permitted in these areas for residents, visitors, and City officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cape May as follows:

Section 1. Section 158-9(B) of the City of Cape May Code is hereby amended as follows to add the following new subsection **158-9(B)(25)**:

- (25) **Beach mats are for greater pedestrian access and for those utilizing any type of mobility aid, including for example wheelchairs and walkers. No person shall cause or create any obstruction to use or access to the beach mats. No person may ride or park any type of recreational device on the beach mats at any time. Examples of prohibited recreational devices include, but are not limited to, bicycles, scooters, and skateboards.**

Section 2. For purposes of providing clear direction for City signage on the Beach and Promenade, the same or substantially similar language should be used to provide a summary of the above ordinance provision:

BEACH MATS

*Beach mats are for pedestrian access only.
Walking, wheelchairs, and any other mobility aids are permitted.
Please watch your step while utilizing and share the road.*

No Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or any other recreational device are permitted at any time.

Violators are subject to the penalties set forth in § 158-15.

Section 3. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. Should any portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or repeal the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after passage and publication, according to law.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CAPE MAY, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

BY: _____
Zachary M. Mullock, Mayor

NOTICE

Ordinance 535-2024 was introduced at a Work Session meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May, held on June 5, 2024 and will be further considered for final passage during a Work Session Meeting of the City Council, held at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey, on July 2, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at which time a Public Hearing will be held.

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

Roll Call	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Motion	Second
Yeager	X					
Meier	X				X	
McDade	X					X
Baldwin	X					
Mullock	X					

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