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### **GUIDELINES FOR BEACHFRONT PROPERTY SAND MAINTENANCE**

Winter winds and waves on Lake Michigan often cause changes to our beaches, sometimes by a significant amount. These guidelines are intended to help homeowners of lakefront property understand what is needed to maintain their property for removal of accumulated sand.

- 1) A Long Beach Land Disturbance Permit is required to move sand on your property above the Ordinary High Water (OHW, 581.5', IGLD 1985) mark of Lake Michigan, if heavy equipment or a contractor is hired to do the work. The fee for this permit is determined by the estimated cost of the work per Ordinance 150.17. You (only if YOU are doing the work yourself) or your contractor can obtain the permit at the Town Center office. The contractor doing work **MUST** also be registered with the town.
- 2) If heavy equipment is to be used and cannot be brought directly onto private property (Ref. Resolution 12-003), a Beach Access permit is required. The fee for this is \$100. This permit also requires a \$5,000.00 bond or deposit to be posted to insure the equipment can be removed if it is abandoned on the beach by the contractor or to pay for damages per Resolution 0002. If traversing town streets with a heavy equipment trailer, a \$10,000 bond and coordination with Long Beach Police is required. Access permits will not be issued unless a Land Disturbance Permit described above is obtained. Hours are restricted during Spring, Summer and Fall (ref Ord. 0501).
- 3) The above permits only grant permission for heavy equipment to access the Town of Long Beach property at Stop 24. It is the responsibility of the homeowner and/or contractor to secure permission from property owners between Stop 24 and their property if the equipment is to be driven on private property above the OHW. Indiana DNR approval is not required to drive equipment below the OHW.
- 4) You may not create an artificial OHW or berm between your property and the water's edge.
- 5) Prior approval from other agencies is required for any construction, filling, water withdrawal, or dredging below the OHW.

If any work is planned below the OHW, the following should be consulted for possible permits and approvals:

- a. Indiana DNR permit applications and public notice forms:  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/2455.htm>.
  - b. US Army Corps of Engineers (312-846-5539 Regulatory Branch) should be contacted for possible permits
  - c. If the sand is to be pushed into the waters of Lake Michigan, contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (317-233-2471)
- 6) In some cases, natural movement of sand may be so great that it is not possible to revert your property back to its previous condition without adversely affecting your neighbor's property. It is suggested that you try to maintain a natural contour to the adjacent properties and the water's edge
  - 7) Except for extenuating circumstances, permits for sand maintenance will not be granted between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Signed,

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