MARTIN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BEACH FIRE PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Permit:

- Permits are available daily from 5 pm to 11 pm from November 2nd to February 27th outside of sea turtle nesting season.
- To ensure permit process is completed prior to requested date, please submit all requests no less than 48 hours prior to requested booking date.
- Permits are only issued to adults ages 21 years and older. Proof of Driver's License or State-issued ID will be required to obtain a permit.
- Permittee will be responsible for all individuals attending the beach fire activity and will be expected to sign a waiver for the attendees of the beach fire.
- Permits can be applied for online at https://www.martin.fl.us/BeachFire. Once approved a payment link will be emailed to the requestor. Once payment is received a permit will be emailed to the requestor.
- For questions, please contact Martin County Parks and Recreation Offices Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 5 pm by calling: (772) 221-1418.
- Permit Fee: $95.00 plus tax Monday to Thursday $125.00 plus tax Friday to Sunday
- Permits are only issued to an individual or a group for a closed activity of 49 people or less and do not allow for large activities, for special events that are open to the public, or for activities that include vendors, amplified music, tents, entertainment, or any other activity deemed by PRD as outside of the permit scope. If any of these activities are planned, a special event permit must be applied for and obtained.

Locations and Beach Conditions:

- Permits are issued only at full-service beach locations: Stuart Beach. Six locations at this beach are designated as Beach Fire Permit locations and designated fire containers are provided by PRD. This permit is valid for the location, day, and time, listed on the permit only.

- Please note that in the event of high tides or deteriorating beach conditions, locations may be restricted and/or limited and alternative site locations may be designated, and permits may need to be moved to a new location or cancelled. For cancellations made by PRD based on these conditions, PRD will issue a refund or offer another day to permittee as an option.

Weather:

- Unsuitable wind or weather conditions must be taken into consideration prior to and during the time of the permitted beach fire. If unsuitable conditions exist and permit must be cancelled, PRD will contact permittee at the contact phone number provided and by email by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the permit. Due to wind and weather conditions that may arise, PRD has the right to cancel permitted activity at any time or to request extinguishment of fire at any time. Anytime the State or County has issued a red flag warning, or a drought exists, no permits will be issued, and all permits will be cancelled. For cancellations made by PRD based on these conditions, PRD may issue a refund or offer another day

to permittee as an option. For rain or other weather-related issues or should permittee cancel events for any reason, refunds will not be issued so please plan your activity accordingly.

Lightning

- Lighting is a severe hazard that must be viewed seriously. The County will not provide weather warnings prior to or during inclement weather. If there is a perceived risk of lighting and Facility use MUST be discontinued, and participants MUST leave the facilities. The County is not responsible for your safety while using the Facility, and it is your responsibility to remove yourself from any situation you deem dangerous and seek shelter. Trees and open spaces do not provide protection from lighting.

Material and Set Up:

- Vehicles shall not be allowed on the beach, and all material must be hand carried to the site.
- Permittee may only use the designated fire container provided by PRD and may not bring in outside containers or apparatuses.
- Beach fire materials are not provided. Flammable and/or combustible liquids must not be utilized for fueling beach fires. Paper and matches only must be used to ignite your fire and fluid/gasoline is not allowed.
- Beach fire material must not consist of salt treated lumber, tar paper, contents containing any rubber products, creosote treated lumber, glue impregnated material, plastic, foam, or household trash. All burning material shall be free of nails and metal, pallets are prohibited. Vegetation or materials located within the beach park are not allowed to be taken, damaged, or used as material in accordance with Chapter 17, General Ordinances, Martin County Code.
- Appropriate beach fire material must be placed in the provided apparatus assigned to Permittee. Material should not be stacked any higher than provided apparatus and a minimum of three (3) feet clearance from the outer edge of the provided apparatus at all times is required.

Other Regulations:

- Permittee must be on site at all times during scheduled time listed on permit. The approved Beach Fire Permit must be presented upon request of a Fire Official, Law Enforcement Officer, or PRD staff. Martin County reserves the right to check for permit compliance at all times.
- Children under the age of 18 must be chaperoned by an adult 21 years of age or older at all times during the beach fire.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted to the beach, and no glass containers are allowed.
- Permittee must comply with noise ordinance.
- Permittee must comply with all Chapter 17, General Ordinances, Martin County Code. Failure to comply with Chapter 17, General Ordinances, Martin County Code or Beach Fire Permit Regulations may result in cancellation or termination of the Beach Fire Permit, a ticket or fine by the Martin County Sheriff's Office,

and/or revocation of future privileges to obtain a permit.

Clean Up and Restoration:

- All beach fires must be extinguished by 11 pm.
- Upon completion of beach fire, the fire must be extinguished completely for the safety of people as well as wildlife. Water should be used to extinguish fires; sand should not be used. Material or hot ashes may not be buried in the sand or disposed of in a trash container or dumpster.
- Permittee must close lid on fire pit.
- All litter or leftover material must be removed from the beach when Permittee is finished.

For questions or concerns regarding your permit, please contact the Martin County Parks and Recreation Department Office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm at (772) 221-1418.

For fire or safety emergencies, please call 911.