



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

CC: Marcus Davila, Director of Community Services

From: Kelli Funkhouser, Special Events Manager

Subject: **File ID: 26-5374 – An Ordinance of the City of Key West, Florida amending Sec. 26-72.c., Regulation of wedding ceremony on the beach., Div. 3 – Use of Beaches., Article II. – Nuisances. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida to replace the language of “three specific areas at Smathers Beach to “specific areas on City-owned public beaches”**

Introduction

The purpose of this request is to amend the language in the regulation of wedding ceremony on the beach ordinance to replace the language requiring a beach wedding ceremony to include all city-owned public beaches, rather than just three area locations on Smathers Beach specified in the original ordinance.

Background

The current ordinance only provides for the city to obtain a beach wedding ceremony permit on three areas at Smathers Beach. There is no provision to obtain a permit for a beach wedding ceremony on other City-owned public beaches.

There are 13 beach access locations on Smathers Beach that are available for beach wedding ceremonies. Also, with Higgs Beach recently conveyed from Monroe County to the City of Key West, it would benefit the City financially to expand the City’s beach wedding permit process to designate areas of additional City-owned public beaches.

Procurement

There are no expenses, costs or budget adjustments associated with the request for revisions in this ordinance.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Mayor and City Commission to approve the amendments to Sec. 26-72.c., Regulation of wedding ceremony on the beach., Div. 3 – Use of Beaches., Article II. – Nuisances. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida to replace the language of “three specific areas at Smathers Beach to “specific areas on City-owned public beaches.”