

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION 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 REPLACING THE LANGUAGE “.THE THREE AREAS AT SMATHERS BEACH.” WITH THE LANGUAGE “.SPECIFIC AREAS ON CITY-OWNED PUBLIC BEACHES...” TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO APPLY FOR A BEACH WEDDING PERMIT TO RESERVE DESIGNATED AREAS ON CITY-OWNED PUBLIC BEACHES FOR A BEACH WEDDING CEREMONY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Sec. 26-72. *Regulation of wedding ceremony on the beach.* requires a beach wedding permit and application process to reserve and hold a beach wedding ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 26-72.(c) currently only provides for the public to obtain a beach wedding permit to hold a beach wedding ceremony on “.three areas at Smathers Beach” designated by the City with no provision to obtain a beach wedding permit for a beach wedding ceremony on other City-owned public beaches; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit residents and visitors to the City wishing to reserve and hold a beach wedding ceremony on other designated City-owned public beaches; and

WHEREAS, with Higgs Beach recently conveyed from Monroe County to the City, it would also benefit the City financially to expand the City’s beach wedding permit process to designate areas of additional City-owned public beaches;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That 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 is hereby amended to read as follows**:

"c. The City shall designate ~~three areas at Smathers Beach~~ specific areas on City-owned public beaches for the public to reserve. All applications are reviewed on a first come, first serve basis. No day, time, or space is guaranteed."

** (Coding: Added language is underlined; deleted language is ~~struck through~~ at first reading. Added language is double underlined and ~~double struck through~~ at second reading.)

Section 2: If any section, provision, clause, phrase or application of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall be construed as reasonable and necessary to achieve the lawful purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of said City in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Read and passed on first reading at a regular meeting held
this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Read and passed on final reading at a regular meeting held
this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of
the Commission on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK