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# Surfing

The Town of Surfside Beach welcomes surfers to its beautiful beach but encourages everyone to exercise caution and obey our laws.

## Applicable Town of Surfside Beach Code Ordinances

### §12-64. Surfing

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a surfboard or any other similar device of a hard or solid nature between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in any location other than the area starting at the swash two hundred seventy (270') feet south of 12th Avenue North and extending northward to 14th Avenue North and between the area starting three hundred (300') feet north of 13th Avenue South and extending southward to the southernmost boundary of the town.
- b. Surfing will be allowed anywhere along the beach before the hours of 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., except within three hundred (300') feet of the fishing pier.
- c. During the off-season, (September 15 to May 15), surfing will be allowed anywhere along the beach from sunup to sundown. Exception: surfing is not allowed within three hundred (300') feet of the fishing pier.
- d. Telephone poles shall be placed at the dunes' base to mark the designated summer season surfing area. The poles should be marked in such a manner that surfers will be able to view the poles from the ocean.
- e. All surfers shall be required to wear a surfing leash at all times, having a stretch factor no less than six (6) feet.
- f. Surfers must navigate the surfboard in such a way that it does not become a hazard to others in the ocean or on the beach. The individual will be responsible for his or her actions while navigating the surfboard.

### §12-65. Dangerous operation of boats, skis, surfboards.

- a. No person shall operate any motorboat or vessel or manipulate any skis, surfboard or similar device in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.
- b. No person shall operate any motorboat, boat, or vessel, or manipulate any water skis, surfboard, or similar device when under the influence of alcohol, any narcotic drug, barbiturate, marijuana, or hallucinogen.