

Leash Law

(a) All dogs within the territorial boundaries of the town or its extraterritorial jurisdiction shall remain under their owners or custodians immediate control. For the purpose of this section, "immediate control by the owner or custodian" shall be construed to mean:

(1) Restrained upon the property of the owner or custodian of the dog either by being tied, chained, within the confines of a fence designed to restrain the dog, or an electronic operated, invisible fence sufficient to restrain the dog upon the property of the owner or custodian; or

(2) While being walked or exercised off the premises or property of the owner or custodian, the dog must be restrained by a leash connected to a collar or harness, sufficient to restrain the dog from breaking loose, the leash to be not longer than twenty-five (25) feet in length (retractable).

(b) The provisions of subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be enforced in the same manner, using the process outlined in section 11-28.

(c) A first and second violation of article II, shall be treated as a civil penalty under this Code of ordinances (see section 1-5). All third and subsequent violations of article II, by an owner shall be treated as a criminal penalty under this Code of Ordinances. (See section 1-5).

Golf Carts

Golf Carts are not authorized to be operated on public streets and highways within the Town of North Topsail Beach. They are also not allowed to be operated on the North Topsail Beach bike/pedestrian path. Golf Carts may only be lawfully operated on private property.

Fireworks

Fireworks that detonate or explode, make a loud report, propel themselves through the air, or are not otherwise authorized by G.S. 14-414 of the North Carolina criminal code are illegal and are not allowed on North Topsail Beach regardless of where they are purchased. There are several professional fireworks displays located in the surrounding communities a short drive away from North Topsail Beach during the July 4th holiday, and we encourage our citizens and guest to attend them.

Holes on the Beach

Please be mindful that unattended holes left on the beach strand can cause injury to others, especially as night falls. Please be sure you fill in any holes before you leave them unattended.

Bike/Pedestrian Path

The bike/pedestrian bike path runs between the North Topsail Beach Town Hall parking lot, to the North Topsail Beach Park on New River inlet Road. This path is not to be utilized for parking, or storage of items such as trailers, boats, construction materials, etc. The path is for bicycle and pedestrian traffic only and must remain unobstructed.

Beach Access #3

Onslow County Beach Access # 3 is located at the north end of North Topsail Beach off of River Rd. The access requires four wheel drive capabilities, and parking must be within the confines of the access.

Parking is not allowed in the entrance, nor is it allowed on the shoulders of River Rd. The speed limit for B.A. #3 is 5mph, and the access is not for joy riding. ATV's, motorcycles, and go-cart type vehicles are not allowed. The launching and recovering of water craft in this area is also prohibited.

Vehicles are not allowed to drive onto the beach strand as is indicated with a posted sign near where the Atlantic Ocean meets the New River Inlet.

Please do not swim in the inlet as the currents are extreme and the tide changes rapidly.