

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, VACATION RENTALS AND OTHER TRANSIENT LODGING FACILITIES TO PROVIDE WARNINGS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO VISITORS ABOUT THE INHERENT DANGERS OF THE OCEAN, INCLUDING THE DANGERS OF RIP CURRENTS AND THE MEANINGS OF WARNING FLAGS AT THE BEACHES; DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH THE VARIOUS TRANSIENT LODGING FACILITIES TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach is gravely concerned about the possibilities of injury and death of visitors who are not educated concerning the inherent dangers of the ocean, including, but not limited to, the dangers of rip currents; and

WHEREAS, understanding the meanings of warning flags at the beaches is crucial to protecting the lives of visitors who visit the beach; and

WHEREAS, hotels, motels, vacation rentals and other transient lodging facilities have direct interactions with many visitors to the Cocoa Beach area; and

WHEREAS, providing warnings and educational materials to visitors about the inherent dangers of the ocean, including the dangers of rip currents and the meanings of warning flags at the beaches would be appropriate when visitors check in at transient lodging facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach respectfully wishes to request the assistance of the various transient lodging facilities in the Cocoa Beach area to work with the City of Cocoa Beach in an effort to distribute educational information to visitors to protect visitors from the inherent dangers of the ocean, to educate visitors as to the meaning of warning flags at the beaches, to provide information about the dangers of rip currents, and assist visitors in having a safe and pleasant visit to the Cocoa Beach area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION. The City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach respectfully requests all hotels, motels, vacation rentals and other transient lodging facilities in the City of Cocoa Beach to work with the staff of the City of Cocoa Beach to provide educational materials and warnings to visitors concerning the inherent dangers of the ocean, including the dangers of rip currents, and the meanings of warning flags at the beaches.

SECTION 3. DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF. City staff is hereby directed to work with all hotels, motels, vacation rentals and other transient lodging facilities in the City of Cocoa Beach, as well as the Space Coast Office of Tourism and Brevard County Ocean Rescue to assist them in providing educational materials and warnings to visitors concerning the inherent dangers of the ocean, including the dangers of rip currents, and the meanings of warning flags at the beaches.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become in full force and effect upon adoption. Upon Motion by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, this Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach, Florida, held on the ___ day of _____, 2019.

Ayes: _____
Nays: _____
Absent or Abstaining _____

Ben Malik,
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:

Loredana Kalaghchy, MMC City Clerk