

# **WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **BYELAWS FOR THE SEASHORE**

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Byelaws made under section 82 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 by Worthing Borough Council for the prevention of danger, obstruction, or annoyance to persons using the seashore.

### **Interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Worthing Borough Council;

“designated area” means an area of the seashore which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“seashore” means all that area of beach and foreshore including all steps, ramps, paths and jetties from time to time situated above the level of low water mark of medium tides;

### **Application**

2. These byelaws apply to all areas of seashore that border the Borough of Worthing.

### **Horse riding**

3. No person shall ride or drive any horse or other animal on the seashore in such a manner as to cause danger or annoyance to any other person.
4. No person shall ride or drive any horse or other animal on the seashore between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive between the hours of 10am and 8pm.

### **Public shows and performances**

5. (a) No person shall deliver any lecture, sermon or speech or perform any music, or hold any entertainment except in a designated area for such performances.  
(b) No person shall use any designated area for performances in such a manner as to cause obstruction or annoyance to any person using it for any purpose for which it has been set apart.

### **Games**

6. No person shall on the seashore play or participate in any game or sport so as to cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to any person.

### **Fires**

7. (a) No person shall on the seashore light a fire, or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.  
(b) Byelaw 7(a) shall not apply—

- (i) in a designated area for barbecues, to the lighting or use in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger of a properly constructed camping stove or barbecue; or
- (ii) to the lighting of a fire on the seashore with the consent of the Council.

### **Unauthorised erection of structures**

8. (a) No person shall erect or place on the seashore any booths, tents, sheds, stands, stalls, shows, exhibitions, swings, roundabouts, or any other structure, whether fixed or movable, except in a designated area for such structures.
- (b) Byelaw 9(a) shall not apply to the use of temporary personal windbreaks.

### **Obstruction**

9. No person shall on the seashore—

- (a) obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
- (b) obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of a contract with the Council.

### **Savings**

10. It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty or for any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of that contract.

Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall—

- (a) operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of the foreshore below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over the foreshore or any part of it;
- (b) prejudice the rights and interests of the Crown;
- (c) prevent the exercise of any public rights;
- (d) affect any right, power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in, over and in respect of the foreshore

### **Penalty**

11. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

### **Revocation of byelaws**

12. The byelaws relating to the seashore which were made by Worthing Borough

Council on 26 April 1996 and confirmed by Secretary of State for the Home Office on 25 February 1997 are revoked.

The Common Seal of THE BOROUGH )  
COUNCIL OF WORTHING was hereunto )  
affixed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May )  
Two Thousand and Nine )  
in the presence of:

JEREMY COOK  
Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services

*(Confirmation by Secretary of State)*