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Information regarding Beach Weddings at Cowell and Main Beaches

1. Cowell and Main Beach are public beaches. This means that there will potentially be hundreds of people on the beaches playing in the sand or beach games, other groups, etc.

2. Your reservation entitles you to a section on the beach during your permit times. It is up to you to secure your space which may involve having to ask people to move for your set up. Your area can be coned or sectioned off but only using plastic caution tape or lightweight colorful breakable material (i.e. no rope or cord or sanctions allowed).

3. The beach is regularly maintained, however, your reserved area is not raked prior to your arrival. Please be aware that the beach is a natural setting and there may be seaweed or driftwood on the beach.

4. You may bring chairs, arbors, arches, etc. but you will need to arrange for the transport of them from the parking lot to your beach site. No trucks/autos are allowed on the beach. Most groups use friends or rental companies to carry the chairs, etc. out to the site with hand trucks.

5. The beach works well for a ceremony and then an off-site reception. You may have your reception on the beach as well but be prepared for the challenges of weather conditions (wind,fog), other beach goers, sand, keeping food warm, etc.

6. No alcohol is allowed. No exceptions.

7. No open fires/bonfires allowed on Cowell or Main Beach. The exception being anything that is being designed or manufactured for authorized fire use e.e. tiki torches, fire lanterns, etc. Fire dancing is not allowed. Anything beyond these criteria must be approved by the Fire Department at 831-420-5280.

8. Parking can be difficult, especially during the summer months, since there is an amusement park on the same street. You can reserve a few spaces for load in/out but your guests will need to find their own parking in nearby paid lots, meters or on the wharf.