

## Beach Weddings in Kure Beach, NC

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thank you for your interest in hosting your special day in Kure Beach, North Carolina. The following information has been put together to answer basic questions about having a ceremony on the public beach in Kure Beach. The following information is not comprehensive; if you have a question that is not addressed, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Basic ceremonies involving no setup - music, chairs, decorations, etc. - can be held on any Kure Beach public beach without a permit, but restricting access to the public is not allowed. What this means is you are not allowed to rope off an area of public beach, nor block the entire beach from water line to dune. Room must be left for emergency vehicles and the public to move up and down the beach strand. The Town does not reserve areas of the beach strand for private events. Parking is available in any of the legal, public parking spaces throughout Town.

All beach activity must abide by applicable Town Ordinances. Beach Regulations are listed in the table below.

| <b>CODE SECTION</b> | <b>ORDINANCE</b>  | <b>PENALTY (1st Offense)</b> | <b>PENALTY (2nd Offense)</b> |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3-1                 | No alcohol consumption or open containers of alcohol on beach and public property.  | \$50                         | Misdemeanor                  |
| 4-16                | From October 1 <sup>st</sup> through March 31 <sup>st</sup> , when dogs are allowed on the beach, all dogs are required to be on a leash or restraint lead not to exceed 15 feet. | \$150                        | Misdemeanor                  |
| 4-16-1              | All dog owners are required to clean up their pet's waste.  | \$150                        | Misdemeanor                  |
| 4-17                | Dogs are not allowed on the beach from April 1st through September 30th.  | \$150                        | Misdemeanor                  |
| 10-104              | Unauthorized vehicles are prohibited on the beach strand.   | \$25                         | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-31               | No sleeping on the beach after 12:00 midnight.  | \$25                         | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-32               | Nudity, thong bathing suits or other similar attire is prohibited.  | \$25                         | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-33               | No swimming or surfing within 250 yards of either side of the Kure Beach Fishing Pier.  | \$25                         | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-35               | Litter and glass bottles are prohibited on the beach strand.  | \$150                        | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-37               | No boats & jet skis within 300 feet of high tide mark.  | \$25                         | \$50                         |
| 12-39               | Trespassing on sand dune areas is prohibited.   | \$100                        | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-40               | Fires and grills are prohibited on the beach strand.  | \$100                        | \$200                        |
| 12-43               | Beach equipment (volleyball nets, chairs, umbrellas, fishing gear, etc.) cannot be left on the beach unattended between the hours of 7:00 pm and 8:00 am.                         | \$50 & equipment removed     | \$100 & equipment removed    |
| 12-43               | No equipment of any type is allowed within 15 feet of the dune line or turtle nests or within 25 feet of emergency access points.   | \$50                         | Misdemeanor                  |
| 12-46               | No excavation (sand holes, etc.) permitted on the beach which is not filled in immediately upon completion and sand returned to the condition that existed prior to excavation.   | \$100                        | Misdemeanor                  |

Due to the narrow nature of the beach, Kure Beach cannot accommodate large or elaborate wedding ceremonies on its beach strand. A structure (tent, arbor, etc.) 10'x10' and under in size is allowed, as long as it can be easily carried to and from the beach, and setup with relative ease and quickness. Please limit the number of chairs to 10-20 maximum, and remember those too must be carried on and off the beach and not be left unattended.

When considering decorations, please keep in mind that it is often windy near the water and the weather can change quickly and drastically. Please refrain from using any decorations that can easily turn into litter on the beach or in the ocean. No balloons or confetti may be used as part of any decoration placed on public property. All decorations must be removed from the site immediately following the event. No open flames are allowed on the beach strand, including fireworks, tiki torches, and luminaries.

Any amplified music or PA system on the beach strand must be directed toward the ocean and away from any nearby residences. The volume of the music must not create loud and disturbing noises and all noises (music, loudspeaker, etc.) must be terminated by 11:00 p.m.

The Town has two facilities available to rent for weddings and/or receptions; Ocean Front Park and the Community Center. Information on each of these facilities can be found at this link, <http://www.townofkurebeach.org/events-facilities-and-parks.aspx> (click on the appropriate facility on the left hand side of the page.) Both facilities are within walking distance of the beach. Ocean Front Park is actually ocean front, offering beautiful views without the hassle of sand, and the Community Center is two blocks back, located off 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. They can be rented as a combination package or independently of each other.

All of the information listed above is only applicable to the beach strand within Kure Beach town limits. The Town of Carolina Beach to the north and Fort Fisher to the south have different rules and regulation. Any questions or interest in rental facilities should be directed to the Town of Kure Beach Recreation Manager, Nikki Keely, at 910-458-8216 or [parks@tokb.org](mailto:parks@tokb.org).