

DATE: _____

PERMIT NO: _____

FEE: \$100 per single family home
\$200 per multi family residential building
\$200 per non residential building



BEACH DUNE VEGETATION
TRIMMING PERMIT

PROJECT INFORMATION

OWNER NAME: _____

PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PHONE #: _____

PARCEL SIZE: _____ PROPERTY TAX ID #: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

St. Lucie County Code and Compiled Laws requires that this type of work be done by a licensed contractor. If applying for this permit under the owner/builder exemption, see Disclosure Statement on page 4.

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FLORIDA REG/CERT # _____ ST LUCIE CO. CERT. # _____

A "Beach Dune Vegetation Trimming Permit" application shall be completed and approved prior to the alteration of any dune vegetation, such as Sea Grapes. Please complete the requested information and submit all items to the St. Lucie County Environmental Resources Department.

The removal or destruction of beach dune vegetation, due to untimely or inappropriate maintenance, is a violation of Section 6.00.00 of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code AND Sections 161.053 and 161.054 of the Florida Statutes. The following guidelines are provided in the interest of assisting property owners with maintaining on-site vegetation in an appropriate manner such that visibility and manageability are achieved while the beach dune vegetation is protected and preserved from imprudent activities, such as defoliation and erosion. If you have any questions please contact St. Lucie County Environmental Resources Department at (772) 462-2526.

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APPROVED () _____ DENIED () _____

CONDITIONS/COMMENTS: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: _____ DATE: _____

CONTRACTORS LICENSE DOCUMENTATION VERIFIED (reviewer must initial)

VERIFIED _____ N/A _____

Beach dune trimming guidelines:

- 1) Dead leaves and limbs should not be removed unless they are creating a safety hazard because they protect sensitive understory plants and new growth from salt spray;
- 2) No more than one-third of the height of any plant may be removed in a single year and no more than one-third of the total leaf surface area of a plant may be removed in a single pruning event or in a single year;
- 3) No plant less than six feet (6') should be cut and no plant shall be cut to a height less than six feet (6');
- 4) Trimming shall be done once per trimming season, between March 1st and October 1st, to prevent plant vulnerability to disease and weakness during winter months; and
- 5) Trimming of dune vegetation shall not be performed in such a manner that will adversely affect the lighting conditions with regards to the SLC Sea Turtle Protection Regulations. Potential for disorientation and subsequent injury or mortality of hatchling marine turtles exists due to increase illumination of the nesting beach as a result of over pruning. Marine turtle mortality resulting from increased illumination may be considered a violation of Chapter 370.12 FS, and the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. Such a violation could subject the responsible party to prosecution by both the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with fines up to \$10,000.
- 6) Florida Department of Environmental Protection permitting requirements must also be satisfied.

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS NOTARIZED:

I CERTIFY THAT: (CHECK ONE)

- A. I AM THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND WILL BE CONDUCTING THE WORK AS OWNER/BUILDER.

Disclosure Statement: State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own contractor with certain restrictions even though you do not have a license. You must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction yourself. You may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. You may also build or improve a commercial building, provided your costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence must be for your own use or occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved for sale or lease. If you sell or lease a building you have built or substantially improved yourself within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption. You may not hire an unlicensed person to act as your contractor or to supervise people working on your building. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances. You may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done. Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your direct supervision and must be employed by you, which means that you must deduct F.I.C.A. and withholding tax and provide workers' compensation for that employee, all as prescribed by law. Your construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

- B. I AM NOT THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY; HOWEVER, I HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT AS AGENT FOR THE OWNER OF RECORD. (St. Lucie County Code and Compiled Laws requires that this type of work be done by a licensed contractor. **PLEASE PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION**).

I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

 OWNER/ AGENT SIGNATURE
 STATE OF FLORIDA,
 COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, who is personally know to me or has produced _____ as identification.

 CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE
 STATE OF FLORIDA,
 COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, who is personally know to me or has produced _____ as identification.

 Signature of Notary

 Type or Print Name of Notary
 Notary Public _____ Title _____
 _____ Commission Number

 Signature of Notary

 Type or Print Name of Notary
 Notary Public _____ Title _____
 _____ Commission Number

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