



Code Enforcement

Frequently Encountered Issues

For a complete list of codes please view the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code.

General Prohibitions

- Leaf blowers (gas or electric) are prohibited. (8.24.040)
- Smoking in a public place: Pier, Plaza, beach, The Strand, parks, and public parking lots. (8.40.020)
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam) cups or to-go food containers are prohibited.

Signage

- Permanent business signs require a permit. (17.50.040)
- Temporary banners for businesses require a permit and cannot be displayed for more than 90 days per calendar year. (17.50.210)
- Political signs are allowed on private property for up to 15 days after election. (17.50.160)
- A-Frame business signs allowed with a permit and cannot block public right of way.
- Prohibited signs, City wide: Wind signs, balloons, moving signs, off-site signs, offensive signs, and signs that advertise a business not at that location. (17.50.080)



Fences, hedges, and Walls (17.46.130)

- Fences, hedges, or walls cannot exceed 6 feet in height to the rear part of a property.
- Fences, hedges, or walls cannot exceed 42 inches on the front portion of a property.
- Corner lots – fences, hedges, or walls cannot exceed 36 inches.
- Fences or walls being constructed over 42 inches require a permit.

Nuisances Prohibited (8.28.020)

- Stagnant water (i.e. green pools, buckets of water)
- Trash, discarded furniture, machinery, boxes, cans, lumber, junk, or pieces of concrete.
- Abandoned and/or dismantled vehicles outside of a fully enclosed location.
- Any fence or vegetation that is unsightly by reason of its condition or location.

Construction Activity (8.24.050)

- Construction activity must be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and NO work on Sundays or holidays (homeowners ONLY 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).
- Storing of construction equipment or tractors on the public right of way requires a permit through Public Works and cannot be out after the above listed hours.
- Closing of a street, alley, or sidewalk requires a Public Works permit.

Commercial

- All businesses and home occupations require a business license. (5.04.020)
- Only one (1) temporary banner allowed at each location with a permit.
- Signage that covers the windows cannot occupy more than 20% of each window and counts toward the total allowed sign area for the business. (17.50)
- Home occupations cannot have employees that come to the location, no signs advertising the business on the property, no selling of products from the location, and no vehicles with advertising on them allowed in the area. (17.08.020)
- No selling of merchandise on the public right of way without a permit.

Trash Can Storage (8.12.220)

- Trash cans must be stored properly in an enclosed area when not set out for collection.
 - In a garage, gated side yard, shed, or enclosure no less than 4 feet in height.
- Trash cans cannot be put out curbside earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to collection.
- Trash cans cannot be left out curbside later than 10:00 a.m. the day following collection.



Short Term Rentals – Prohibited

- Operating a short term rental in a non-commercial zone is prohibited.
- Advertising a short term rental located in a non-commercial zone is prohibited.
- Renting a short term rental for less than 30 days is prohibited.

Water Conservation (8.56.070)

- NO overwatering to the point where excess water ponds or runoffs onto walkways, sidewalks, driveways, streets, alleys, or storm drains.
- No person shall use water to clean any sidewalks, driveways, patios, alleys, or parking areas, whether paved or unpaved, except for the use of pressure washer or similar low flow technology. Shall not drain onto public property.
- Car washing – only the use of a hand bucket or a positive action quick-release shutoff nozzle.



Helpful Contact Information

Community Development Department: 310-318-0235

**Questions about building/sign permits, zoning questions, and general Code Enforcement.*

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