



Walton County
Board of County Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

26-1209

Meeting: Board of County Commissioners - Jun 30 2026
Department: Administration
Submitted by:
Staff Contact: Brian Kellenberger, County Administrator

Approved as to Legal Form: N/A **Reviewed by Finance:** N/A

☐ **Consent Agenda** ☒ **Regular Agenda** ☐ **Public Hearing**

TITLE/REQUESTED ACTION:

Update and request for direction regarding beach disability driving permits

ATTACHMENTS:

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Beach Disability Permits

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Current County Accesses:

Walton County Public beach accesses provide handicap parking spaces, beach boardwalks and ramps, and meet the Florida Building Code for compliance with current ADA laws. Additionally, for those with disabilities or mobility issues, six (6) of South Walton's nine (9) regional beach access sites are ADA accessible:

Miramar Beach Regional Beach Access

Fort Panic Regional Beach Access

Dune Allen Regional Beach Access

Ed Walline Regional Beach Access

Santa Clara Regional Beach Access

Inlet Beach Regional Beach Access

Wheelchair-friendly mats are available at Ed Walline and beach wheelchairs specifically designed to traverse the soft sand, are available free of charge through the South Walton Fire District. These are located at Miramar Beach Tower 54, Ed Walline Tower 33, Santa Clara Tower 21, and Inlet Beach Tower 11.

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Historical Data

Valid Beach Disability Permits through 5-31-2026

Disability Parking Permits 2025-2026		
Proof of Disability	TOTAL	%
Disability Parking Permit/Placard	624	73
Disability License Plate	19	2
Disabled Veteran Plate	86	10
VA 100% Disability Letter	125	15
TOTAL	854	100

Number of Disability permits issued by year (valid from June 1 – May 31)	
2022-23	446
2023-24	602
2024-25	693
2025-26	854

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Counties in Florida that allow driving on the beach:

VOLUSIA

- On Beach Parking is allowed at Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Ormond Beach and Ponce Inlet.
- Approx. 17 miles of designated beach driving and parking areas
- Residents – annual no-cost beach parking permit
- Visitors – daily passes \$30 or annual permits \$150

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- 8 ramps and toll booth locations to access beach
- Approx. 12 miles of beaches that allow for vehicular access
- Daily Pass Rate: Resident, \$10 / Non-Resident, \$10 / ADA- Accessible, \$5 / Active-Duty Military, \$5
- Annual Pass Rate: Resident, \$50 / Non-Resident, \$100 / Ada -Accessible, \$40 / Disabled Veteran, Free with proper documentation

NASSUA

- Recently updated their ordinance (2025-037) to ensure no harm or harassment of threatened or endangered species
- Allowed in four unincorporated areas of the county:
 1. Peters Point Road
 2. Lewis Street Intersection
 3. Southerly end of Amelia Island from the Nassau Sound side to the developed resort area on the Atlantic Ocean side
 4. Soctt Road Intersection
- Residents and Property Owners - must provide proof of residency or property ownership
- Non -Residents – Active-Duty Military or Disabled with a valid placard or license plate

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GULF

- Has 6 Beach Driving Access Points: Dunes Drive, Salina's Park Gulf, Ski Breeze Drive, Lee Street, S Higgins St, Indian Pass Boat Launch
- Resident - \$30 Annual
- Non-Homestead Gulf County Property Owners - \$100
- Annual Non- County Resident (not to exceed 200 per annum out of county permits) \$500
- Resident – Senior Citizen (65 or Older)/Disability Citizen \$3 per vehicle
- Commercial drive permits – Local Gulf County businesses for beach rental vehicles, annual fee and quota allotment of permits \$200

DUVAL

- Huguenot Memorial Park only
- \$5 for vehicles up to 6 people (\$1 for each additional person)
- \$99 Annual Pass
- Activity duty and military vets receive half off admission