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May 31, 2023

Cassidi Kendrick City of Tybee Island P.O. Box 2749 Tybee Island, GA 31328

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Temporary Activities within the State's Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, July 4th Event, South Beach, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia

Dear Ms. Kendrick:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to host the July 4th Event on the South Beach area of Tybee Island. This is a one-day event that will occur on July 4th, 2023 and be completed the same day.

Your request includes the placement of temporary crowd control measures to create a fireworks safety zone in association with the 2023 July 4th Event. Working in conjunction with the Tybee Island Police Department, the safety zone will be created using cones to secure the area immediately north and south of the Tybee Pier & Pavilion. The public will be able to traverse the beach landward of fireworks safety zone and spectators will be able to observe the fireworks from a controlled distance. The fireworks safety zone will be delineated using City of Tybee Island Police traffic cones that will be set up the day of the event and removed upon event conclusion. To prevent and minimize marine debris associated with the display, all debris must be removed immediately after the display is completed including zip ties and spent fireworks that land on the beach or pier at the conclusion of the event. All debris must be disposed of in a firesafe container and removed from the public beach at the end of the event.

Because the project will occur between May 1st and October 31st, sea turtle nesting season, an individual with a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit is required to survey the area prior to the work beginning. All turtle nests must be avoided and no equipment may be used within 20ft. of a nest area.

The Department authorizes the temporary activities associated with the activities as depicted in the attached project request. This LOP is not meant to exempt the above referenced activities from future environmental laws. **No unauthorized equipment, materials or debris may be placed, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas.** Any incidental impacts associated with this project must be rectified by fully restoring areas to their pre-construction topographic and vegetative states. Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office could result in the revocation of this LOP and in the required removal of the materials and related structures. This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations.

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If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this or any other project, please feel free to contact Deb Barreiro at (912) 266.3695.

Sincerely,

Jill Andrews

Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosure: 2023 July 4th Site Plan

cc: Robyn Rosner

City of Tybee Special Events Coordinator

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LOP20230056



2023 Beach Permit needed for below event.

- 1. Tuesday, July 4th 2023
 - a. Fireworks on the Pier at 9:15 p.m.
 - b. Fireworks and cone setup approximately at 9:00 10:00 a.m. and teardown after the show is complete.
 - c. Tybee Police will block off the fire safety zone around the Pier with cones and secure it throughout the day approximately 450ft from the fireworks. (See attached diagram)
 - d. I will purchase the same red glow stick for the police to use to secure the Fireworks Zone and make it safe in the dark.



Fireworks Safety Zone: To be determined by the fireworks contract (approximately 450 ft.) radius from the fireworks will be blocked off with cones/stanchions with rope by the Tybee Island Police Department. The Tybee Police will secure the area while the fireworks are on the Pier. Red glow sticks will be around the blocked off area.