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Michelle Owens  
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**Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Temporary Activities, July 4th Event, South Beach, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia (GPS 31.9919, -80.84605)**

Dear Ms. Owens:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to host the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks on the South Beach area of Tybee Island within Shore Protection Act (SPA) jurisdiction. This is a one-day event that will occur on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and be completed the same day.

The event includes the placement of temporary crowd control measures in order to create a fireworks safety zone in association with the 2026 July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 event, additional trash cans will be located landward and seaward of the City of Tybee Island public access dune crosswalks from 14<sup>th</sup> Street south to 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The trash receptacles will be maintained by the City of Tybee Island and can be installed no closer than 10ft. seaward of the seaward toe of the most seaward dune. Special monitoring around high tide is strongly recommended. Additionally, all debris associated with the fireworks display must be removed immediately after the event is completed, this includes zip ties and spent fireworks that land on the beach or pier. All debris must be disposed of in a fire-safe container and removed from the public beach at the end of the event.

Because the project will occur between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Andrews".

Jill Andrews  
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosure: 2026 July 4th Site Plan

cc: Robyn Rosner  
City of Tybee Special Events Coordinator  
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# TYBEE ISLAND

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## GEORGIA

### 2026 Beach Permit needed for July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Show

#### 1. Event Details

- Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026
- Location: Tybee Island Pier
- Time: 9:15 p.m.

#### b. Setup & Teardown

- Fireworks and cone setup: Approximately 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Teardown: Immediately following the completion of the fireworks display
- Trash receptacles will be placed on the beach for waste management. The cans will not be placed in new areas. Approximately 2-3 additional trashcans will be placed in locations where trashcans already exist; specifically at each crossover between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> street (see crossover map below). However, we will not place trashcans at 15 1/2 and 16<sup>th</sup> Street crossovers while the event perimeter is in place. These locations will receive them after the event for the duration of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

#### c. Fire Safety Zone & Enforcement

- The Tybee Island Police Department will establish and maintain a fireworks safety zone surrounding the pier.
- The safety perimeter will extend approximately 450 feet from the fireworks launch site (final distance to be confirmed by the fireworks contractor).
- The area will be secured with cones/stanchions and rope barriers.
- Tybee Island Police will monitor and secure the restricted zone throughout the day and during the event.

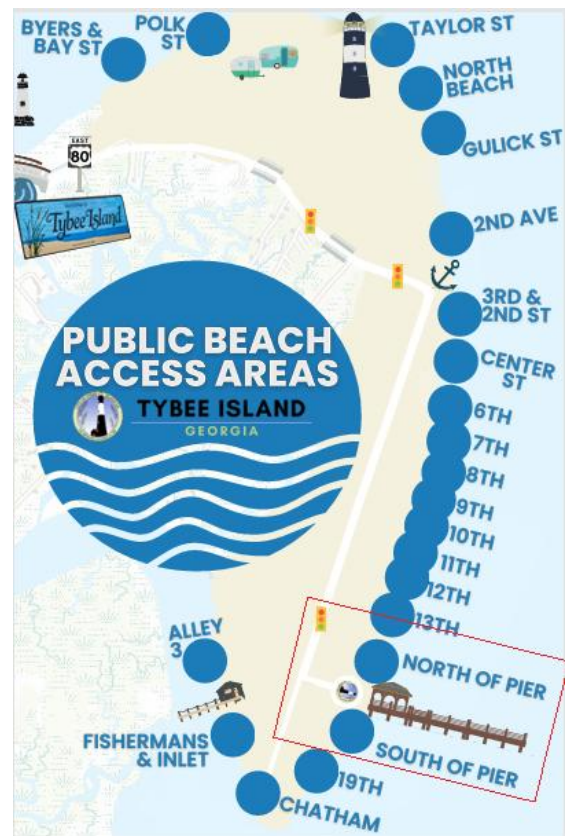
#### d. Night Visibility Measures

- Red glow sticks will be attached along the rope barriers to clearly define the restricted area in low-light conditions.

## 2. Fireworks Safety Zone

The Fireworks Safety Zone will be determined in coordination with the fireworks contractor and is expected to be approximately a 450-foot radius from the launch location. (See site plan below).

- The perimeter will be marked using cones and/or stanchions connected by rope.
- The Tybee Island Police Department will secure and maintain this area before and during the fireworks display.
- Red glow sticks will be placed along the perimeter for visibility at night.



2-3 trashcans will be placed at crossovers indicated in the red boundary box.