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September 17, 2026

Charissa Murray (by email)
Tybee Festival Association, Inc.
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**Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Tybee Island Pirate Fest, Shore Protection Act (SPA)
Jurisdiction, South Beach Area, Tybee Island, Chatham County, Georgia.**

Dear Ms. Murray:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to host the Tybee Island Pirate Fest Friday October 9, through Sunday, October 11, 2026, in the South Beach parking area. Setup for the 2025 Tybee Island Pirate Fest will commence no sooner than 15 days after the date on this letter and be completed Monday October 12, 2026.

The request includes closure of the public parking lot, the pedestrian sidewalk, and temporary placement of amenities to create a festival zone in association with Tybee Island Pirate Fest in the parking area south of the Tybee Pier and Pavilion Wednesday, October 7 through Monday, October 12, 2026. All activities proposed in association with the 2026 Tybee Island Pirate Fest will occur within the confines of the paved parking area and sidewalks landward of the sand dunes.

The event includes the designation of a festival zone within the City of Tybee Island's (COTI) 16th Street Parking lot. All vehicular traffic on 16th Street will be diverted to The Strand due to closure of the 16th Street parking lot. The festival zone will be established using construction fence, and will include vendor tents, food trucks, entertainment stages, children's activities, carnival rides, bars, a petting zoo, portable restrooms, dumpsters, and other temporary amenities associated with the event. The entire 16th Street parking lot, the eastern sidewalk landward of the sand dunes, and the 17th Street dune crosswalk will be closed to the public. COTI amenities seaward of the festival zone including public restrooms, showers, and changing rooms will also be temporarily closed to the public.

Within the paved parking lot, festival amenities will include two (2) tents for vendors, including one (1) bar on a 24ft. trailer, and main stage that measures approximately 24ft. x 40ft. with an associated sound truck. Additional amenities include no fewer than six (6) portable restrooms, two (2) 16ft. x 19ft. performance stages, a minimum of two (2) food trucks, one (1) dumpster, one (1) portable ice machine, a 40ft. x 80ft. Petting Zoo with a 20ft. x 20ft. tent, and as many as sixty-four (64) 10ft. x 10ft. vendor tents with associated tables and chairs for vendors and patrons within the festival zone. Two (2) mobile lighting trailers will be installed near the entrance gate. The festival zone will be identified by event banners and flags and will be serviced

by the COTI's existing electrical infrastructure within the 16th Street parking lot. Electric cables will be appropriately identified, bundled, and temporarily run along the closed sidewalk. No generators are proposed to power any festival amenities in SPA jurisdiction. The festival zone and entertainment areas are depicted in the attached plans. A fee will be charged to enter the festival zone.

All zip ties associated with the temporary installation of the festival zones must be collected, placed in appropriate trash receptacles, and removed from the public area during breakdown. No impacts to the sand sharing system are proposed and access to the beach is available to the public along The Strand to the north and south of the festival zone.

The Department authorizes the temporary activities associated with the events as depicted in the attached project 2026 Event Site Plan. It is the applicant's responsibility to minimize any additional impacts at the site and to protect the shore jurisdictional areas.

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. This LOP is valid for the above referenced project only.

If you have any further questions or concerns in regard to this or any other projects, please feel free to contact Deb Barreiro at 912.266.3695.

Sincerely,



Doug Haymans
Director

Enclosure: Tybee Island Pirate Fest equipment inventory and 2026 site plan

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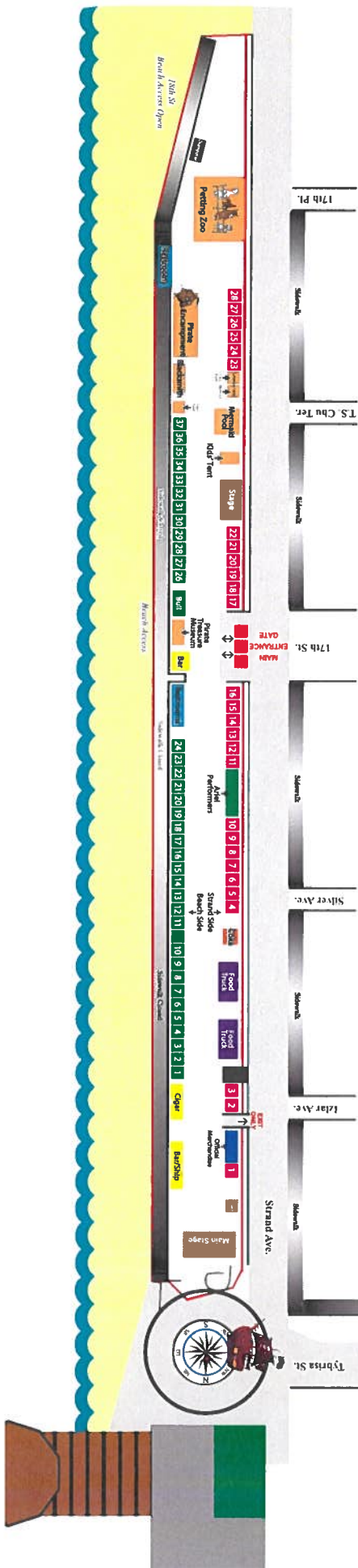
	Main Entrance
	Stages
	Official Festival Merchandise
	Strand Side Merchandise Vendors
	Beach Side Merchandise Vendors
	Performers & Activities
	Kids' Activities
	Food Trucks
	Bars & Cigars
	Coke/Water Booth
	Restrooms

STRAND SIDE

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BEACH SIDE

	Romeo's Mobile Cigar Lounge	B27	Delgado Unique Gifts
B1-2	SuckerPunch Sam's Curios	B28	M.F. Hot Sauce
B3-4	The Pirate Store	B29	Trip Flops Bakery
B5-7	Pangea	B30	Seashore Vintage
B8-9	Stormieght's Enchanted Hallows	B31-34	The Jackyl's Horde
B10	The Twisted Dragon	B35	The Bees Knees Candy Co.
B11	Alchemy and the Sea	B36	Blood Connection
B12	Elate Apparel	B37	Santas





2026 Tybee Island Pirate Fest Supplemental

A. Additional Information

A-1. Dates and Times

a) Pirate Fest dates and times

- Friday 10/9/26 Festival Hours 5pm-11pm
- Saturday 10/10/26 Festival Hours 10am-11pm
- Sunday 10/11/26 Festival Hours 11am - 4pm

b) Lot closure dates and times

- Set up - Wed 10/7/26 - Friday 10/9/26 - Wednesday take roundabout to 17th Street. Thursday 17th to 18th street. Will need 2 French barricades for 17th Street to be delivered Wednesday. Leave Ballards down until Friday 10/9/26 at 3pm.
- Tear down - Sunday 10/11/26 4pm to 8pm - Monday 10/12/26 10am - 2pm

A-2. Parking Arrangements

- TFA request Tybrisa and Strand parking lots
- TFA has hired Breezy Riders to provide free shuttle service from areas around the island to the festival site throughout the weekend.
Shuttle Stops: McKenzie, Campground, NB Parking Lot, Memorial Park, IGA, Parking Services Building for Drop Off.
- TFA requests digital parking signs be used to direct festival goers to available parking areas.
- Parking use in roundabout for loading and unloading of entertainment, Ice Trailer and Coke Trailer.
- TFA requests 14 parking passes for Thursday 10-8-26 - 10-12-26.

A-3. Street Closures

- TFA requests closure of the Tybrisa roundabout Wednesday 10/7/26 - 10/12/26 in conjunction with 16th parking lot closure. Wednesday 10/7 Close Roundabout to 17th Thursday 10/8 close 17th to 18th.
- TFA requests closure of Tybrisa St. to thru traffic beginning 6am Friday 10/9/26 thru 6am Sunday 10/11/26, With allowed access for delivery trucks. We would leave 17th Street to 18th Street open to thru traffic.
- TFA requests the closure of the parade route from 2:45pm - 5pm on Saturday 10/10/26 until the end of the parade.



A-4. Fees

- TFA requests to be released from the following fees:
Building and zoning, permit fees, parking lot usage fees, DPW, Tybee Police including standard parade enforcement, and to include additional release from fees as listed in section D.

A-5. City Space Banner Advertising

- Inclusion on any Website based, social media event advertising and or services provided by the City of Tybee, as city is event sponsor.

A-6. Restrooms

- TFA will provide adequate portable restrooms inside gated festival grounds.
- DPW to remove 4 parking ties on the beachside of Butler to the left of 17th street entrance.

A-7. DPW Request

- 10 French Barricades - 4 for stage, 2 backstage, 2 17th Street, 2 18th Street.
- Dumpster and Recycling trailers to be staged in 18th street lot.
- Trash and Recycling Cans for festival area. 10 of each if possible.
- 2 Mobile Light Trailers to the 17th Street area for use in the children's area and entrance.
- Pirate Flags on Butler Ave to go up week of fest. Pirate Flags at Park of 7Flags also up week of event.

A-8. Police and Fire

a) Police - Hired Off Duty

- Friday 3 Officers - 5pm-11pm
- Friday 1 Officer - 11pm-7am
- Saturday 4 Officers - 5pm - 11pm
- Saturday 1 Officer 11pm - 7am

b) Fire

- Friday 10am - Fill the Swimming Pool next to the kids stage.
- Friday 3pm - Fire Safety Survey and Food Truck Inspection.

A-9. Safety & Inclement Weather

- Will work with both Fire and Police to determine closures due to weather.

B. Site Plan



***Proposed Pirate Fest Layout Inventory**

- Main Stage 24' x 40' portable
- Miller Lite Trailer 8' x 12'
- Coke Trailer 8' x 12'
- Blackbeard's Pirate Ship 26' x 15'
- Beer Tent 10x10 - 2
- Coke Tent 10x10 - 1
- Vendor Tents 10x10 - 64
- Face Painting Tent 10x10 - 2
- Kids Tent 10x10 - 1
- Vendor Tent 10x20 - 2
- Health Department Approved Concession Trailers - 2
- Portable Toilets 4x4 - 6 ADA approved 4x6 - 1
- Swimming Pool 15x15 w/tent on backside.
- Kids Stage - TBD
- Dumpster 1 8' x 20'
- Riding Bull - 1
- Aerial Performance Area - 20' x 20'
- Permission to park Pirate float at roundabout and or loading zone.
- Petting Zoo 40'x80' and 20'x20'
- Encampment - 4 period accurate tents.

C. Parade Information

- Pirate Victory Parade
- Saturday 10/10/26 line-up begins at 1pm, parade will start at 3pm.
- Line Up on 4th street.
- Route: 4th street right on Butler Ave. to Tybrisa St., Left on Tybrisa, right onto Strand Ave. Ends at 17th Street floats will exit on 17th.

D. Anticipated Permits

*In addition to this application, TFA anticipates needing to pursue permits for:

- LOP from DNR - has not started yet.
- Alcohol Licenses - City & State - this is in progress.
- Stage Permit

E. As in previous years, it is necessary that TFA and City of Tybee Department heads schedule a meeting to determine the items/ needs of DPW, Tybee Police, etc. as set forth in section 4:2 of application, as these items/needs will apply to the festival zone.