

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

BEACH BYE-LAWS FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF GALWAY

The Council of the County of Galway in pursuance of the powers conferred on it under Part VII of the Local Government Act 1994 and in the interests of the common good hereby makes the following bye-laws for the beaches set out in the schedule hereto in the County Health District of Galway: _

1. These Bye-Laws shall be cited as the Galway County Council Beach Bye-Laws 1997.
2. These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the 1st day of June 1997.
3. In these Bye-Laws the following definitions shall apply:

"The Council" means Galway County Council

"The Act" means the Local Government Act 1994

"Beach" means and includes the foreshore and any coastal waters, bank, cliff, footpath, road, car-park, sands, sand dunes and rocks contiguous to the foreshore.

"Authorised Person" means a person authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of Section 40 of the Act.

"Jet Ski" means a power operated pleasure craft propelled by water jet capable of travelling at high speeds.

"Fast power boat" means a power operated craft other than a jet ski capable of travelling at high speeds whether engaged in towing other appliances or not.

"Summer Season" means the months of June, July, August and September.

4. Prohibited Acts

No person shall do or cause any of the following acts on the beach namely:

- (a) light a fire or do anything which may cause damage by fire
- (b) damage any grass, sand dunes, plants, shrubs, wall railing or fence on or along the beach
- (c) deposit any soil, seaweed, stones, or similar material
- (d) act in a disorderly or offensive manner
- (e) use radio, t.v" mobile players or musical instruments in a manner as to cause a nuisance..
- (f) throw stones or any other substance
- (g) spread, fix or leave any nets, bait, lines, boxes, fishing gear, fish or shells
- (h) play football, hurling, tennis, cricket, volley-ball, golf or any other game in a manner as to cause a nuisance to people on the beach.
- (i) use or ride a bicycle or similar vehicle, motorbike or any other mechanically propelled vehicle
- (j) bring onto or ride, wash, drive or lead any horse, pony, ass, mule or any similar animal on the beach
- (k) drive, bring to, or place, or leave on the beach any motor-car, motor-cycle, van trailer, carriage, truck, wagon, lorry, barrow or other vehicle
- (l) encamp or place or erect or cause to be placed or erected on the beach any tent, caravan or other temporary dwelling.
- (m) paint; write. cut or carve or in any manner inscribe letters, figures or marks upon any rock, wall or any structure- .
- (n) park a dormobile, caravan or camper overnight on a road or car-park at the beach
- (o) cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons using the beach or wilfully obstruct an authorised person in the:execution of his/her duty or in the proper execution of any work in connection with the enforcement of these bye-laws..

(p) interfere with or damage any life buoy, rope, marker; hut, cabin, sign or flag pole, flag or information board or any other thing placed on the beach by Galway County Council.

(q) bury animals on the beach.

(r) save in accordance with a licence issued by Galway County Council, place any object on the beach for the purpose of sale or hire including any booth, stand, stall paddle boat, boat, kayak, canoe, surf-board, surf-ski, sail-board, lilo, sails, equipment, jet ski or other water craft.

(s) cause a nuisance or do any act likely to cause a nuisance thereon

5. On the beaches specified in the schedule hereto, no person shall in the interests of the safety of swimmers, use a jet-ski or fast power-boat within 200 metres of the waters edge at the time of use, except for the purpose of rescue.
6. The Council may at its sole discretion grant a licence for the use of a part or parts of a beach for the purpose of placing thereon for sale or hire any object including any booth, stand, stall, paddle boat, boat, kayak, canoe surf-board, surf-ski, sail-board, sails, lilo, dingy or equipment.
7. A person who applies to the Council for a licence shall furnish to the Council the information requested in the application form together with such other information as the Council may request for the purpose of the exercise of its powers and functions under these bye-laws.
8. On the granting of a licence the applicant shall pay a licence fee of £30 per square metre of beach per Summer Season or part thereof in respect of which the licence is granted, subject to a minimum payment of £150.
9. The Council reserve the right to refuse any application.
10. Nothing contained in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously effect the rights and interests of the State in the foreshore_
11. Any person who contravenes a provision of these Bye-Laws or of any licence or condition or conditions of any licence granted under these Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence: and shall be liable on summary conviction_ on to a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds. .
12. If the contravention of a provision of these Bye-Laws is continued after conviction, the person causing the contravention shall be guilty of a further offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one: hundred pounds per day..

- 13(a) An authorised person may request any person who appears to be contravening or to have contravened, a provision of these Bye-Laws to refrain from such activity and may remove any person failing to comply with such request.
- (b) A person who obstructs or impedes or refuses to comply with the request of an authorised person acting in the exercise of his/her functions under these Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence.
- (c) Where an authorised person is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which these Bye-Laws relate the authorised person may demand the name and address of such person and if that demand is refused or the person gives a name or address which is faulty or misleading that person shall be guilty of an offence.
- (d) If requested to do so, an authorised person under these Bye-Laws shall produce evidence of his/her appointment as an authorised person for the purpose of the Bye-Laws.

SCHEDULE

Beaches to which these Bye-Laws apply:

The beach known as Furbo Beach in the townland of Ballinahown
Tál na mBán in the townlands of Spiddal West and Spiddal Middle
The beach at Spiddal New Pier in the townland of Bohona East.
The beach at Trá Mhór, west of Spiddal Village in the townland of Kilroe
Tracht Beach, Kinvara in the townland of Dooras
Beach at Clifden in the townland of Clifden Demesne
Gurteen Beach, Roundstone in the townlands of Errisbeg West and Ervallah
Dogs Bay Beach, Roundstone in the townland of Errisbeg West
Trá an Doilin, An Cheatru Rua in the townland of Carraroe South
Beach at Kilmurvey, Inis Mór in the townland of Kilmurvey
Beach at Inisheer in the townland of Inisheer
Beach at Barna in the townland of Seapoint
Furnace Beach, Lettermullen in the townland of Furnace
Callowfinish Beach, Ardmore in the townland of Callowfinish
Omey Beach in the townlands of Claddaghduff: Patches, Cartoorbeg and Sturrakeen
Rossadillisk Beach, Cleggan in the townland of RossadiUisk.
Cleggan Beach, Cleggan in the townland of Trean.
The White Strand' Beach, Renvyle in the townland of Tullybeg
Trá na mBan, Gurteen, Renvyle in the townland of Tullymore .
Lettergesh Beach; Renvyle' in the townlands of Lettergesh West and Lettergest East
Glassillaun. Beach, Renvyle in the townland of Glassillaun.. .

Made and adopted under the Common Seal of the Council of the County of Galway

this 28th day of April 1997.