



## Town of Southern Shores

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March 17, 2021

RE: Request for Easement on Your Property for Beach Nourishment Project

Dear Southern Shores Oceanfront Property Owner:

As you know, the Town of Southern Shores has been working on a nourishment project to place sand on the beach.

We plan to begin construction in the spring of 2022. However, prior to construction, the Town needs your approval to deposit sand and perform other work associated with beach nourishment and re-nourishment on a specific section of property you own. The property on which the Town will need to work lies waterward of the following locations, whichever is most waterward: the Vegetation Line; the toe of the Frontal Dune or Primary Dune; or the Erosion Escarpment of the Frontal Dune or Primary Dune. This area is specifically described on the enclosed easement. Please be aware that this is a perpetual easement. The Town requests the perpetual easement rights with future projects and maintenance anticipated.

You will not lose land or access rights if you sign the easement. We are simply asking for your approval to deposit sand and work on a specific section of your property. Except for the brief periods when construction or repairs are ongoing, typically no longer than a few days to a week, you will still be able to access the beach from your property and construct a dune walkover (the walkover must still comply with federal, state, and local regulations, as they must currently).

At the outset of the nourishment project, a survey will be conducted to establish the existing mean high-water line, which is currently your littoral property line and will remain your property line after the project. In other words, your oceanfront property line today is the mean high-water line. As a result of beach nourishment, the mean high water line will move waterward; however, your property line will not; it will remain fixed at the prenourishment mean high water line.

Each owner of your property must sign an easement in front of a notary public (typically notaries public are available at municipal, city, or county offices, including Southern

Shores' town hall). We've enclosed one blank easement agreement for you to complete and one self-addressed, stamped envelope. Additional copies may be downloaded from the Town's web site at [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov). Please return the easement with notarized signatures as soon as possible or by April 17, 2021, to:

Town of Southern Shores – Easements  
5375 N Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949

Note that easements MUST NOT be printed on both sides of the page.

Thank you for helping to secure the future of our community. It is critical that you sign the easement. The project's success relies on a stable, continuous deposit of sand. The beach is the main revenue driver in Dare County's tourism industry, generating nearly \$109 million in state and local tax revenue and providing \$2,920.61 in annual average tax relief per Dare County resident (source: Dare County Tourism Board).

If you have any questions on the Town's beach nourishment project, please either visit the Town's web site at [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov) or call the Town at 252-261-2394.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Ogburn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cliff Ogburn, Town Manager