



**TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES
PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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The Coastal Resources Commission has defined certain types of minor maintenance and improvement work that do not require a CAMA permit. **However, you must receive an “Exemption Certificate” before you perform this work {15A NCAC 7K}.**

How to Apply for an Exemption

To receive an Exemption Certificate, contact the Town of Southern Shores Local Permitting Officers 252-261-2394 - option 4 and/or provide in writing your name, address and proposed scope of work. There currently is no fee for this type of exemption.

Installation and Maintenance of Sand Fencing - Sand fences that are installed and maintained in accordance with the following criteria are exempt from CAMA permit requirements:

- The fencing must be no taller than 5 feet and built from evenly spaced thin wooden vertical slats connected with twisted wire.
- The fencing must be placed as far landward as possible to avoid interference with sea turtle nesting, public access and use of the beach. It must not be placed on the wet-sand beach.
- If fencing is to be placed parallel to the shoreline, it must not be located waterward of the crest of the frontal or primary dune.
- If fencing is to be placed waterward of the crest of the dune, it must be installed at a 45-degree or greater angle to the shoreline. Each section of fence must not be longer than 10 feet, and sections must be spaced at least 7 feet apart.
- Fencing must not extend more than 10 feet beyond either the first line of stable natural vegetation, the toe of the frontal or primary dune, or the erosion escarpment of the dune, whichever is closest to the water.
- Sand fencing to be placed along public accesses may be as long as the access, and may include a 45-degree funnel on the waterward end. The funnel may extend up to 10 feet beyond the end of the access.