

July 18, 2023

Texas General Land Office, Coastal Resources  
Attn: Gloria Maynard  
P.O. Box 1273  
Austin, TX 78711-2873

Dear Ms. Maynard:

The signed application for state assistance for beach maintenance for fiscal year 2024 is attached. We presented the application to the City Council for their approval on July 18, 2023 and the signed resolution is also attached. An estimate of expenditures is included in the application, along with a copy of our payroll burden rate methodology.

A Current Equipment Rate Sheet

A current equipment rate sheet is attached and is based on the current TxDOT/FEMA schedule of equipment rates or current lease rates.

Garbage and Litter Statement

An adequate number of garbage and litter receptacles are available on the beaches. The receptacles are positioned along the city-maintained beaches so that they are convenient for the beach user, but also not so many as to make maintenance too costly.

Beach Dune Rule Compliance Statement

The beach cleaning and maintenance performed by the city personnel is consistent with the plan our community adopted for Beach Access and Dune Protection. It adheres to the City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances Chapter 10: Beachfront Management and Construction.

Beach User Fees Regulations Compliance Statement

The City of Corpus Christi is in compliance with State Regulation 31 TAC 15.8 concerning the collection and expenditure of beach user fees. The city is collecting fees for parking on the gulf beach areas.

A Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) County Map

A TxDOT map is attached with the beaches maintained and the linear footage written on the map.

Site Map of all Applicable Beach Parks

Attached is a site map which shows the city, county, and state parks, maintenance areas as well as the user fee and free areas.

Beach Cleaning Proposal

The City of Corpus Christi welcomes visitors and residents alike to our carefully groomed beaches. The Parks and Recreation Department has a staff of eleven employees that maintain the 36,379 linear feet of beaches. They use motor graders, loaders, tractors, pickups, garbage trucks, and dump trucks to remove the seaweed from above the mean tide line (MTL) and place it in the fore dunes to reinforce the sand dunes with the organic material or grade the sand and bury the seaweed in windrows above the MTL.

Every day our staff empties the 200 trash containers along the beach. The portable restrooms are serviced three times a week on a regular basis and daily on holiday weekends.

The department also provided lifeguards at stands along the heavily used city beach areas. Our beach maintenance crew, lifeguards, and beach parking permit sales staff work from our Beach Office located on Mustang Island.

The city police department makes regular patrols on the beach and the surrounding areas.

There are several events on the beach for which our staff prepares and performs the clean-up afterwards. Among the events are: Spring Break, Memorial Day, Beach to Bay Relay Marathon, July 4<sup>th</sup> cleanup (heavy resident displays), Labor Day, and various sporting activities.

Along with the City of Port Aransas and Nueces County, the city shares the revenues from a beach parking permit that is sold to beach users. The city uses a city-identified vehicle and temporary canopies from which the sales of parking permits are made. The parking permit is required for parking on the beach in the areas identified as "permit required". There are areas that are free and parking permits are not required.

The City of Corpus Christi realizes the valuable asset of the gulf beaches and the expectations of its users to have clean and well-maintained beaches for recreational activities.

We support the General Land Office's management of the Beach Maintenance Assistance Program. We also believe that the program should be expanded to more adequately support local efforts to maintain our beaches for tourism and local recreation activities.

If you require any further information, please contact Darren Gurley, Superintendent, Beach and Natural Resources, for the City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department at 361-826-1934.

Sincerely,



Robert Dodd, Director  
City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department

Attachments