

Article V. - Special Use Area and Beach Regulations

Sec. 26-66. - Authority to establish special use areas.

Section 660 of the California Harbors and Navigation Code permits the board of supervisors to designate by resolution "special use" areas in state waters for the purpose of protecting persons along the shoreline from the risk of injury or death from the operation of motor powered boats and other powered devices in such limited areas. No person shall use or operate any motor powered boat or other powered water device within any area designated and marked as a special use area.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-67. - Special uses defined.

"Special uses" shall include, but are not limited to, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, sailing, rowing, and for the entry and exit of sailboats and other non-motor powered small boat use.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-68. - Geographical limits of special use areas.

"Special use" areas shall not include areas within the seaward boundaries of incorporated cities, and shall not extend more than one-quarter mile seaward from the line of the mean high tide.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-69. - Buoy lines to mark special use areas.

The community services department shall be responsible to establish, maintain, and police buoys or floats to designate a special use area. No person shall use any motor powered boat, jet ski, or other powered sled or plane within any area designated and marked as a "special use area."

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4833, § 1, 4-10-2012; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-70. - Enforcement.

Any peace officer and any employee designated in section 26-3 may enforce the rules, regulations and restrictions of all county parks.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4781, § 1, 3-12-2011; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-71. - Violations; penalty.

Violations of the restrictions within special use areas under this article shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for first violation; a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for a second violation within one year of the first violation; and a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars for each additional fine within one year.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4833, § 1, 4-10-2012; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-72. - Operation within two hundred feet of swimming beach.

No person shall operate a motor powered boat, jet ski, or other powered sled or plane in excess of five miles per hour within two hundred feet of a designated swimming beach or within one hundred feet of a swimmer.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-73. - No power boats within buoy line.

No person shall operate or conduct a motor powered boat, jet ski, or other powered sled or plane within a buoy line marking or designating a special use area.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)

Sec. 26-74. - Surfing.

Surfing is permitted only in areas designated within county beaches. No person shall surf within a county beach when the same is designated and posted as "No surfing." No person shall surf within a county beach outside of an area designated for surfing.

(Ord. No. 3708, § 1; Ord. No. 4965, § 1, 5-10-2016)