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## FREEMAN PARK-LIMITED VEHICLE ACCESS/POSSIBLE CLOSURES

*Carolina Beach,* NC – During the Memorial Day weekend and over the next few weeks, we expect increasing tides and regular erosion in the northern sections of Freeman Park. As a result, Town officials have closed this area of the park to vehicular traffic as high tide marks affect the usable footprint and limits the space available for patrons.

Public safety staff will perform assessments daily to determine when additional sections of the park can safely be opened, or if additional closures are required. Until further notice, the following limitations have been set:

- **1.** No vehicles are allowed past marked closures. Anyone driving past a designated closure will be issued a citation. Visitors of the park may still walk past closure points.
- 2. All persons and vehicles parking dune side should refrain from entering into or placing items in designated camping areas.
- 3. No vehicle shall operate or park in the tidal zone (wet sand area).
- 4. Vehicles that exit the park for any reason are not guaranteed re-entry.
- 5. Camping is not allowed until after Labor Day 2020.
- 6. Lifeguards will only patrol areas of Freeman Park where vehicles are allowed.
- 7. Intermittent closures are anticipated to occur due to limited beach area and level of patron use.
- 8. Pending increased tidal surges, access to Freeman Park may result in additional restrictions and closures.

For the latest updates on Freeman Park entrance restrictions, please visit the Town of Carolina Beach <u>Facebook page</u> or <u>web site</u>.

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