



## INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH

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### Open Letter to all Commercial Establishments

### From The Mayor ,The Board of Trustees and all Village Department Heads

To the Commercial District;

It is with great anticipation that the Village welcomes the 2017 Summer Season. It is the Board of Trustee's sincere belief that with collective effort, we will have another safe, civil, fun and successful season for the full enjoyment of our citizens, our visitors and our business community.

As in past years and as evidenced in real and unflattering ways this past weekend, we are collectively challenged to offer an environment that we all can enjoy without infringing on the safety, enjoyment and the quality of life of others. Behaviors outside of the bounds of common civility or enacted code are a source of grave concern to this Board, the taxpaying citizens of this Village, our visitors, our code enforcement officials and no doubt the great majority of businesses.

It is the case that the sheer volume of visitors to our community has compounded some of the negative issues that we have faced for decades. The fact remains however, that although NOT the singular cause of the issues we face, the Commercial District stands as a focal point in attracting some of those behaviors that are so dramatically impacting the enjoyment for the majority of law abiding (and discretionary income spending) people that are a part of our village. In this light, the Board respectfully requests your partnership in helping us preserve and improve the overall Ocean Beach experience for all or citizens.

With full appreciation that the majority of our businesses are in full compliance, we nonetheless would ask that you note the following:

- The Board of Trustees and The Mayor have authorized the OBPD , The OBFD, the Building Inspector, The Village Attorney, the Prosecutors Office and all other Code Officers to review Village Code, with the emphasis towards literal interpretation and robust enforcement.

Specifically:

- Chapter 96 – Rubbish and Trash ...maintenance and enclosures
- Chapter 106 - Code impacting Dining, Dancing and Entertainment
- Chapter 112 - Noise Restrictions
- Chapter 123 - Riotous Conduct and Disorderly Conduct
  - Emphasis on sections B & C
    - Unreasonable noise, obstruction of pedestrian traffic, creation of hazardous or physically offensive conditions, Trespass of public or private property, public urination
- Chapter 127 – Rentals
  - B – no dwelling may be leased or rented except to a family as defined in this chapter
  - C – Restrictions on properties causing a public nuisance as defined
- Chapter 145 – Streets and Sidewalks

- 3 - Littering
- 9-B-3 ability to restrict and inspect open containers
- 9-D Signage
- Review and enforcement of all restrictions that may apply to commercial “Special Permits”
- Collaboration with the State Liquor Authority for any establishment that may, on the determination of public officials or citizenry at large, act or allow activities in conflict of requisites of their license.
- Enforcement of all Health and Safety code & good practice inclusive of occupancy limitations
- Appeal to Fire Island Ferries to consistently offer public announcements highlighting the “Rules of Respect” for our community and warnings that those who do not follow our laws are subject to summons or arrest according to our Village Code.

Again, this Board is aware that we all benefit from good behavior and that the clear majority of our citizens and business are consistently engaged in maintaining the rights to enjoyment of our fellow citizens. Have no doubt however that the Village will take all necessary actions within its legal power to preserve the health, safety and enjoyment of the taxpayers of this community.

We **Appreciate and Acknowledge** your efforts and ask that you continue to work towards a mutually enjoyable environment that is the very heart of Ocean Beach.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mallott

Trustee Blake

Trustee Bendicksen

Trustee Power

Trustee Norris

Clerk/Treasurer Brautigam

Chief Hesse

Chief Levine

\* for detail on codes, please reference the code section available on the Village Website