



ORDINANCE NO. 822

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 93-6.1 WEDDING PERMITS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE, CONCERNING EVENT PERMIT FEES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey Beach has experienced an increase in the number of businesses and individuals seeking to hold events in the public areas of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey Beach notes that while wedding ceremonies have required a permit fee of \$100 since 2016 as per Ordinance 731, all other types of events have not been subject to any permit fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges that all event applications require a thorough review and approval process that utilizes both staff time and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently may administratively deny an event permit application based on its impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

Section 1. Amend §93-6.1 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by highlighted insertions, strikeouts, and substitutions depicted below:

§ 93-6.1 ~~Wedding~~ **Event** permits.

A permit must be obtained to conduct ~~a wedding ceremony on Town beaches or in Town parks. A permit fee of \$100 shall apply. Property owners and their immediate family are exempt from this fee. One twenty-four hour complimentary Dewey Beach parking permit will be provided to the wedding applicants~~ **an event in any public space within the town limits of Dewey Beach. A permit fee of \$50 shall apply.**

Section 2. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

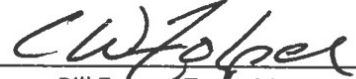
Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a majority vote of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach.

SYNOPSIS

This Act retitles and expands §93-6.1 to include all events as defined in §1-16, Definitions, held in public areas within Town limits. The act also decreases the permit fee for all events, including weddings, from \$100 to \$50.



William Stevens, Mayor



Bill Zolper, Town Manager