



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **Mayor enacts Emergency Rule #4 to further require Social Distancing at county beach parks; Beach park day-usage permits for non-residents begin March 23**

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S. K Kawakami has signed Emergency Rule #4, requiring non-residents to obtain a day-usage permit for any County of Kaua'i beach park.

“While we support the recently-announced mandatory 14-day quarantine by Governor David Ige, visitors are still allowed to travel to Kaua'i and many remain on island,” said Mayor Kawakami. “Our residents and local businesses have worked hard to follow current guidelines, and are understandably frustrated when they see visitors at our parks and beaches blatantly disregarding social distancing and other enhanced health measures. This rule will help to ensure proper social distancing in our shared public spaces.”

The rule provides an exemption for State of Hawaii residents. Those residents using County parks must carry proof of residency (e.g. State ID, Driver's License, or School ID).

“I am concerned that visitors at our beach parks are not exercising social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control,” said Mayor Derek



S.K. Kawakami. “This emergency rule helps work toward ensuring our community spaces can be used by our residents to engage in activities to maintain their mental health during this difficult time.”

A park permit fee of \$5 per person will be assessed. Each non-resident individual, regardless of age, must have a separate permit. The number of permits will be limited to 100 permits for beach park usage, per day, islandwide to encourage social distancing.

Further, a parking fee of \$50 per vehicle, per day, will be required. Proof of payment of the parking fee must be displayed in the windshield of each vehicle parked within a County beach park parking lot.

Enforcement of the rule will be carried out via spot checks by rangers from the Department of Parks and Recreation. Any non-resident without a permit can be found guilty of a misdemeanor, a fine of not more than \$5,000, and/or imprisoned not more than one year.

Day-use permits can be obtained at the Department of Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-of-kauai-day-use-beach-park-permit-fee-covid19-tickets-100651073069>.

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