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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Ordinance No. 56

Dated 11/04/2025

SUBJECT: BATHING ORDINANCE

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

HAVING REGARD to the Navigation Code approved by Royal Decree of 30 March 1942, No. 327, and subsequent amendments, and in particular Article 36 which governs the granting of concessions for the occupation and use of state-owned maritime property;

HAVING REGARD to Presidential Decree of 15 February 1952, No. 328, containing the "Regulation for the Implementation of the Navigation Code", which, in Articles 5 to 34, outlines the procedures for obtaining and exercising state-owned property concessions, and Article 59 regarding "Maritime Police Ordinances";

HAVING REGARD to Regional Law No. 22 of 13/11/2006 entitled "Rules on maritime state property for tourism and recreational purposes and amendments to Regional Law No. 16/2002 concerning soil protection and inland waters", by which the responsibilities for maritime state property were transferred from the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region to the Municipalities;

HAVING REGARD to Regional Law No. 20 of 11/10/2012 and subsequent amendments, "Rules for the welfare and protection of companion animals";

HAVING REGARD to Legislative Decree No. 116 of 30 May 2008, "Implementation of Directive 2006/7/EC on the management of bathing water quality and repeal of Directive 76/160/EEC";

HAVING REGARD to the Resolution of the Regional Council dated 20 December 2024, No. 1990, "Legislative Decree 116/2008, Articles 7 and 8. Identification and classification of waters intended for bathing – year 2025";

HAVING REGARD to Law No. 689 of 24 November 1981 and Legislative Decree No. 507 of 30 December 1999 on the "Decriminalisation of minor offences and reform of the penalty system pursuant to Article 1 of Law No. 205 of 25 June 1999";

HAVING REGARD to Articles 28, 30, 68, 81, 1161, 1164 and 1174 of the Navigation Code and Articles 27, 28, 59 and 524 of the related Implementation Regulation of the Navigation Code, in its current version including its sanctioning aspects;

CONSIDERING that among the duties linked to the transfer of functions to Municipalities is also the drafting of regulations concerning bathing activities, previously issued by Ordinance of the Head of the Maritime District Offices of Trieste, Monfalcone and Grado, and later by the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia;

HAVING REGARD to the current Beach Safety Ordinance issued by the Head of the Maritime District Office of Grado;

HAVING REGARD to Decree-Law No. 24 of 24 March 2022, published in the Official Gazette No. 70 of 24/03/2022, entitled “Urgent provisions for the cessation of measures to counter the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic following the end of the state of emergency”;

HAVING CONSULTED the territorially competent Harbour Master's Office, the maritime concessionaires, PromoTurismoFVG, the Department of State Property and the Department of Tourism of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region;

DEEMING it essential to issue, within its jurisdiction, general regulations on bathing-related activities to harmonise them with the current Beach Safety Ordinance issued by the Maritime District Office of Grado;

HAVING REGARD to the Statute of the Municipality of Lignano Sabbiadoro;

HAVING REGARD to the “Regulations for the management of maritime state property and the regulation of bathing activities” approved by City Council Resolution No. 30 dated 21.05.2014 and subsequent amendments;

HAVING REGARD to Circulars No. 90 dated 27 July 1999 and No. 99 dated 15 May 2000 issued by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport;

ORDERS

Art. 1 – Duration of the Bathing Season

1. The 2025 bathing season, within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Lignano Sabbiadoro, runs from May 1 to September 30.

2. During the bathing season, all beach establishments must provide lifeguard services in accordance with the operating hours and methods established by the current Beach Safety Ordinance issued by the Head of the Maritime District Office of Grado. Establishments must open to the public no later than 9:00 AM and remain open until at least 7:00 PM. The ticket

office may open up to one hour before lifeguard service begins.

3. Standard hours for the bathing season are as follows:

- May 1 to May 29: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- May 30 to September 14: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- September 15 to September 28: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

4. If a beach establishment intends to operate outside the official bathing season, the permitted periods are:

- **From Palm Sunday weekend until April 30:** reduced hours are allowed from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, provided that a lifeguard and beach assistance service is organized through the submission of an effective operational model (Rescue Plan), ensuring adequate safety measures for all activities carried out. This plan must be prepared by the operators and evaluated by the Head of the Maritime District.
- **From September 29 until All Saints' weekend:** reduced hours are allowed from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with the same requirement for a Rescue Plan ensuring appropriate safety measures, prepared by the operators and evaluated by the Head of the Maritime District.

5. Reduced hours must be communicated to the Municipality and the Maritime District Office.

6. Additional openings for sports, cultural, recreational, or commercial activities are permitted, provided they comply with applicable laws and municipal regulations.

7. Unless expressly provided for in the concession title, it is prohibited to organize events and/or temporary activities on the beach and in the adjacent maritime areas (including those with purposes other than tourism and recreation, such as fairs, competitions, sporting events, and similar), without a prior state property concession.

An exception is made for events that take place and conclude within a “short time frame of a few days” and involve only the installation of modest, easily removable structures, provided that the original condition of the area is fully restored afterward.

Such temporary events and/or activities are subject to prior approval (*nulla osta*) from the Competent Authority, as well as from the Concession Holder of the state-owned area, where applicable. This approval is issued solely for the protection of public property interests and does not exempt the Organizing Entity from obtaining any other authorizations required by law, nor from complying with all applicable regulations.

8. Lifeguard services must follow the current Beach Safety Ordinance issued by the Maritime District Office of Grado.

Art. 2 – Display of the Ordinance

1. In all areas of the tourist-recreational maritime domain or those connected to it, where maritime and/or bathing activities take place (beach establishments, kiosks-bars, car parks, campsites, etc.), the present Bathing Ordinance, the Ordinance issued by the Maritime Authority, and, for beach establishments or similar concessions, a specific price list indicating the prices of the services offered by the establishment, must be displayed to the public at the entrances in a visible place and for the entire duration of the bathing season.

Art. 3 – Additional Rules for the Use of Beaches and Sea

1. On free beaches, it is prohibited to leave unattended umbrellas, deck chairs, tents, or any other equipment, regardless of their name; they must in any case be removed after sunset, as per Article 5, point 1, letter B) of the "Regulation on the management of the maritime domain and regulation of bathing activities."
2. It is prohibited to occupy the 5-meter zone from the shoreline - the average sea level (m.s.l.) - with umbrellas, deck chairs, chairs, stools, tents, towels, inflatable equipment, etc., as well as with boats. This area is reserved exclusively for free passage, with no stay allowed, except for rescue vehicles, as per Article 5, point 1, letter C) of the "Regulation on the management of the maritime domain and regulation of bathing activities."

Art. 4 – Final Provisions

1. For matters not covered by this Ordinance, the provisions of the current "Regulation on the management of the maritime domain and regulation of bathing activities" approved by City Council resolution No. 30 dated May 21, 2014, and subsequent amendments shall apply.
2. During the bathing season, access for dogs to the shoreline in front of the beaches granted as maritime domain concessions is prohibited, except for areas in front of beach establishments with designated and authorized areas for the accommodation of such animals and free beaches where dog access is expressly permitted, in accordance with Article 6 of the "Regulation on the management of the maritime domain and regulation of bathing activities."
3. Police Officers and Agents are responsible for enforcing this regulation.
4. This Bathing Ordinance replaces and repeals Bathing Ordinance No. 41 dated March 28, 2024, issued by this Municipal Administration.
5. Anyone who violates the provisions of Title II of the "Regulation on the management of the maritime domain and regulation of bathing activities" approved by City Council resolution No. 30 dated May 21, 2014, and subsequent amendments, unless the act constitutes a more serious offense, and except in that case, the possible greater responsibilities arising from such behavior, will be prosecuted under Article 1164 of the Navigation Code or Article 650 of the Penal Code.

6. This ordinance will be published on the municipal notice board, on the municipal website www.lignano.org, and transmitted for publication to the relevant Maritime Offices.

7. Against this provision, an appeal may be made to the Regional Administrative Court of Friuli Venezia Giulia or to the President of the Republic within 60 and 120 days, respectively, from the date of knowledge of the same.

Lignano Sabbiadoro, April 11, 2025

The Secretary General
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