



March 19, 2025

The Park Board of Trustees understands that the issues you are experiencing come at a critical time for your business and your employees. We are working with City and State leadership to understand the options available for enforcement of your rights as concessionaires to operate on public beaches within the jurisdiction of the City of Galveston.

You may recall that the Park Board of Trustees took legal action in response to somewhat similar circumstances in 2022, asserting that certain portions of beach were owned by the State of Texas and properly leased to the Park Board. The Defendants in that case asserted that the State of Texas did not own the beach property at issue and that the Park Board did not have standing to file suit on behalf of the State of Texas. Ultimately, the case was non-suited, without prejudice to refiling. The issues at hand are complicated by disputes regarding the ownership and regulation of certain portions of beach within the jurisdiction of the City and therefore the options available to you, as well as the organizations involved, must be managed accordingly. As only one example, the Park Board, City and Galveston Police Department are limited in their ability to remove any person from the beach front, unless that person has committed certain criminal acts.

Park Board administration has been working on these issues daily, and along with our legal counsel, intend to present our findings and potential options to our Trustees for consideration at their Tuesday, March 25, 2025, board meeting.

While we cannot offer immediate relief to you in these circumstances, we want you to know we take this seriously. It is our hope you will continue your business operations and remain a concessionaire partner of the Park Board while we work through these issues. If you choose to permanently modify or discontinue your operations, you are eligible for a full refund of your concession fees. You can reach out to Vince Lorefice for more information about these options.

Again, I am sorry that you, your business partners and your employees are having to navigate these difficulties. These are unfortunate circumstances, but we remain committed to working toward a resolution.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Danesi
CEO
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston