

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

## JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS 701 SAN MARCO BLVD JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207-8175

Programs and Project Management Division Water Resource Branch

Mr. Robert Weber Town of Palm Beach Coastal Program Manager 951 Okeechobee Road, Suite A West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. Weber:

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing to initiate four beach nourishment projects funded by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123, including the Midtown segment. Additionally, maintenance dredging of the Palm Beach Harbor Federal entrance channel is anticipated to award in November as well. Work is scheduled to occur between November 2019 and December 2019. While the Corps is aware that some sensitivities (holiday limits, restricted noise and lighting during night operations, etc.) with respect to dry beach placement are necessary, the Corps anticipates the need for up to three staging areas within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Palm Beach and work is anticipated to operate marine and shore-based equipment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Corps requests approval from the Town Council for the contractors to stage within the jurisdictional limits of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

The Corps is requesting variance on the below Town Code of Ordinances for the proposed work.

- Section 42-198 prohibits operation of equipment or machinery during winter, Sundays, and legal holidays.
- Section 42-199 prohibits work between 5:00pm and 8:00am.
- Sections 42-226 through 229 regulates noise, equipment operation, and work hours and the standard Town "stand down for the season" requirement.

Sincerely,

Brian Choate