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COURTESY GUIDELINES & POLICIES

Welcome to the Seaport. The purpose of the Seaport District is shopping, dining and entertainment. In order to make your visit, and that of your fellow shoppers, a pleasant one, we kindly ask you to refrain from the following activities while shopping:

The Seaport Working Group's ("SWG") guiding principle 1.2 was to "create a structure for sustained community and citywide input and participation...in preserving and protecting the historical character and integrity of the district." HHC's unilateral and surprise posting of guidelines and policies was done in the absence of any community consultation.

1. It is the policy of the Seaport District that prior to engaging in any non-commercial expressive activity not sponsored by the Seaport District, you must (i) contact Seaport District Management at the number provided below, (ii) fill out a request form that the Seaport District Management will provide you, (iii) receive Seaport District Management's approval of your request to engage in the activity in the Seaport District in advance, which the Seaport District may reject at its sole discretion.
"Expressive activity" is regulated by NYPD regulations not by Seaport District Mgmt.
2. Soliciting money or other contributions or donations, distributing commercial advertising or promotional material of any kind including leafleting of vehicles, offering samples of items which are sold, available for sale or available in exchange for a donation or contribution, except with the prior written agreement of the Seaport District Management is prohibited.
Presumably First Amendment rights on City-Owned lands are being trampled.
3. Leashed animals are welcome in all common areas of the Seaport District. Individual stores must be consulted for their pet policies. Service animals are welcome at the Seaport, and a complete list of our service animal policies is available from Seaport District Management.
4. Photography of friends and family is welcome. Commercial videotaping and/or photography of Seaport District stores or the Seaport District's operations is not allowed without prior consent of the Seaport District Management.
5. Possession of any article defined as a weapon whether legal or illegal is not permitted.
Maritime volunteers carry tools and knives that are crucial to their survival at sea.
6. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in marked areas and licensed establishments only.



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7. Obscene language, obscene gestures or racial, religious or ethnic slurs which are likely to create a disturbance, shouting, screaming, singing, playing musical instruments, radios or music players, or otherwise communicating in a manner that creates noise or sufficient volume to impinge on the hearing or peace of the Seaport District patrons is not permitted.
This is overly broad and can thus be interpreted as an over-reaching of protected rights.
8. Physically or verbally threatening any person using physical force, fighting, annoying others through noisy or boisterous activities or by unnecessary staring, by following another person through the Seaport District or by using sexually explicit language or conduct, or in any other way creating a disturbance which is disruptive or dangerous to the Seaport District patrons or its commercial functions is not permitted.
Again, this is overly broad and can be used to stifle protected rights.
9. Visitors must wear a shirt and shoes while at The Seaport District. Visitors wearing/displaying clothing/items considered offensive or obscene will be asked to cover the item(s) or remove the item from view.
10. Congregating and loitering in groups of three (3) or more which causes interference to the flow of other shoppers is prohibited. Keep entryways and walkways free from obstruction.
This is an abuse of police powers, limiting groups to three (3) or less.
11. Running, rollerblading, roller-skating, skateboarding, bicycling, the use of scooters, that obstruct or interfere with the free flow of pedestrian traffic or with patron views or tenant displays is not permitted.
Again, this is overly broad as obstructing patron views could be interpreted as no maritime activities that might "block" Bridge sightlines. SOS and the South Street Seaport Museum wish to protect the landmarked visual corridors that highlight ships at berth, rather than kiosks and tents and cube structures on de-mapped streets.
12. Graffiti, abuse of the Seaport District facilities or vandalism of any kind is not permitted.
Abuse of the Seaport District facilities is deliberately ill-defined and over-reaching. Paragraph 13 alone should be sufficient.
13. Engaging in any unlawful activity or behavior of any kind is not permitted.

The above is a partial list of the Seaport District courtesy guidelines. The Seaport District Management reserves the right to modify and/or add to these rules and codes at any time. Please contact the Seaport District Management Office at (212)-732-8257 for additional information. In case of an emergency call the police at 9-1-1, or the Seaport District Security at (646) 822-6990.

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