

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Fire Island Homeowners/Landlords & Tenants:

In recent weeks, there have been many calls to 911 to report loud parties on Fire Island where attendees were not abiding by NYS social-distancing guidelines. Residences that blast loud music that crosses the property line and disturbs surrounding residents are in violation of town ordinances that address excessive amplified music. The social-distancing guidelines (including wearing masks when social distancing is not possible) have been enacted by the Governor of New York State to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Unfortunately, recent widely-publicized violations of social-distancing guidelines within Fire Island communities have attracted local, regional and national attention.

The Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) has been given the responsibility to ensure that these laws and guidelines are observed and respected. We are writing this letter to advise that as homeowners, landlords, and/or tenants, you can be held accountable for any violations of town noise disturbance codes. In addition, you could also be held criminally liable for creating a public nuisance by violating the governor's executive order, chargeable as Criminal Nuisance 2<sup>nd</sup> under Section 240.45 of the New York State Penal Law. Not abiding by social-distancing guidelines endangers party attendees and exposes the general public to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These statutes apply to the residence that you own or rent and have control over. In addition, we would also ask you to abide by social-distancing guidelines while in public, including on the beach.

Our goal is to ensure that all Fire Island owners, renters, and guests can enjoy their stay at the beach without being subjected to noise disturbances or exposed to the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. We appreciate your cooperation in achieving this goal. If you have any questions with regard to this notification, you may contact the SCPD Marine Bureau at the above number.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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