



Ocean City Police Department Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program

Dear Property Owner/Manager,

The Ocean City Police Department is reaching out to all property owners, residents, and businesses in an attempt to further strengthen existing partnerships through the Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program (T.E.A.P.).

Our goal is to get EVERY property that is not open 24/7/365 to join this program so that the Ocean City Police Department may effectively and efficiently address peace and good order issues on private property.

Property owners/managers who sign up for the program pre-authorize the Ocean City Police Department to enforce, at their discretion, trespassing laws on participating properties. This is especially important during night time hours when contacting owners and managers is inherently problematic and inconvenient to all.

The Ocean City Police Department wants everyone to come and enjoy Ocean City while respecting the rights of others. OCPD's goal in this program is to gain voluntary compliance first before resorting to criminal citation or arrest.

In order to quickly facilitate enrollment in the program, the Ocean City Police Department is waiving the cost of the Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program signs. Interested property owners/managers may download the T.E.A.P. application (Right of Entry letter), fill it out, notarize it, and either email a copy of the notarized letter or mail it to the following address:

Ocean City Police Department
ATTN: Catherine Potter, Records
6501 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Notarized T.E.A.P. agreements may be emailed to cpotter@oceancitymd.gov. You may also have the agreement notarized by Catherine Potter, Records, at the Ocean City Police Department at no cost.

Once the application is received, arrangements will be made for a site survey to be conducted to determine eligibility and number of signs required. Once the property is approved, the property owner/manager will receive a letter indicating the properties approval. T.E.A.P. signs may be picked up at the Ocean City Police Department, Records Section and installed by the owner/property manager.

Please email Records Section Technician Catherine Potter at cpotter@oceancitymd.gov or Lt. Greg DeGiovanni at gdegiovanni@oceancitymd.gov with any questions/concerns.



Right of Entry Letter for Ocean City Police Department

Property Name: _____

Owner/Manager: _____

Address for subpoena to be sent: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 58-81 of the Code of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, I, _____, owner/manager of the property located at, _____, Ocean City, Maryland 21842, hereby grant members of the Ocean City Police Department permission to enter onto the property known as _____ and act as my agents to investigate the activity of anyone located within this property during the times set forth in the No Trespassing signage on the property. This includes investigating criminal trespassing pursuant to Section 6-402, Criminal Law Article, MD. Code Annotated and enforcing violations of any other crimes or offenses, and any other violations of the Ocean City Code of Ordinances and Maryland State Law.

This authorization shall remain in effect as long as we own or control this property or until revoked in writing by one of the above listed parties.

Owner/Manager

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires