

Decree No. 5777

**Accessing beach premises
through a required walk way**

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Topic:

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This decree draws on the following:

Decision:

Maritime public property must always remain open to the public without hindrance and without imposing in any access fees. In return, it is on the public's responsibility to preserve and clean and not cause any damage to the maritime environment; otherwise penalties shall be imposed.

In addition, the public is not allowed to conduct any fixed or unfixed construction, their open access shall be limited to having a free public space, and engage in activities such as picnic and entertainment and so on.

It is strictly forbidden under any circumstances to close the maritime public property for the access of the public, or place any obstacle that prevents access to the beach. The property shall remain open to the public and is not subject to any fees of any kind.

In the event where the maritime public works is adjacent to the private property in which their project is intended to be built on, it is necessary to ensure that the access to the beach remains without effect on the public.

The applicant of the license of the private property shall observe the plan carefully to ensure that it is following the permissible area, as well ensure confidentiality pledge to access the public beach during the entire period of working adjacent to the beach walk way, in accordance with the provisions in force.

The minimum of the width of the walkway between the private and the public property shall be 10 meters. In the case where authorities of the public authority do not permit the minimum width, The Directorate General of Land and Maritime Transport can propose a reduction of this offer in accordance with the nature of the public marine properties on a condition that it does not go under 3 meters.

In the event of a violation, all licensee investing in a public domain shall be penalized with a fine of 15 million Lebanese Liras to 50 Million Lebanese Liras, and the violation must be immediately removed.