# TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013 • 6:30 P.M.

## AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Douglas F. Samples
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS
- 3. BUSINESS
  - A. Town Code Of Ordinances Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I
  - B. Report from Town Administrator Focus Group (Executive Session)
- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, or the appointment of a person to a public body

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#### MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC\*

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State law references—Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-10 et seq.; spilling debris on highway, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-4100; placing foreign substances on highways, S.C. Code 1976, § 57-7-20; powers of local authorities, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-710; signs giving notice of certain regulations required, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-720; local regulations regarding pedestrians, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3120; accident reports, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-1360.

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#### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 9-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the definitions of the S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-110 et seq., are hereby adopted and made a part of this Code.

(Code 1969, § 12-1; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross reference—Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

#### Sec. 9-2. Jurisdiction of municipal court.

The municipal court may try and determine criminal cases involving violations of the provisions of this chapter or provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, relating to motor vehicles and traffic occurring within the limits of the town when the penalty prescribed by state law for such violations does not exceed thirty (30) days' imprisonment and/or a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus fees and assessments. The municipal court may have trial jurisdiction over such criminal cases the same as magistrates. The municipal court may also have jurisdiction as prescribed by the South Carolina Supreme Court, consistent with state law.

(Code 1969, § 12-2; Ord. No. 93-0338, 10-19-93; Ord. No. 97-0400, 9-9-97; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross reference—Municipal court generally, Ch. 10.

State law reference—Jurisdiction of municipal courts, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-6150.

#### Sec. 9-3. Reckless operation of bicycles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle in the town in a reckless or dangerous manner.

(Code 1969, § 12-24; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-4. Standing, parking beside roadway for certain purposes.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle alongside any roadway for the principal purposes of displaying it for sale or washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(Code 1969, § 12-41; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-5. Blocking streets and alleys.

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon a street other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to obstruct the well-traveled portion of the roadway, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals of a police officer.

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

(Code 1969, § 12-40; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross reference—Streets and sidewalks generally, Ch. 12.

#### Sec. 9-6. Using vehicle for advertising.

No persons shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.

(Code 1969, § 12-22; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-7. No parking places.

It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to permit any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand, or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device:

- (1) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- (2) On any sidewalk.
- (3) Within thirty (30) feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking.
- (4) Within ten (10) feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot.
- (5) On any private property without consent of the owner.
- (6) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the town.

(Ord. No. 96-0382, 6-11-96; Ord. No. 01-0458, 4-10-01; Ord. No. 01-0460, 6-12-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 12-0732, 12-10-12)

#### Sec. 9-8. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates a different meaning is intended:

Boot means a device designated and manufactured to be attached to the wheel or tire of a vehicle to restrict the normal movement of a vehicle, as authorized by the town. The device shall also be referred to as an "immobilization device" or "immobilization equipment" or the use of this device as "immobilization" or "immobilized."

Dates and times of enforcement for meters and pay station areas only means March 1st through October 31st annually, from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Metered area means a designated area where a parking meter is installed and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the meter.

Parking meter means a mechanical device located upon a public street or in a place designated as a metered area hereafter defined, which device shall record a certain number of minutes by the use of a mechanism determining the period of time for which parking privileges may be extended to the person depositing a coin therein.

Pay station and parking pay station means any mechanical or electronic device, except a parking meter, that requires a monetary payment in exchange for authorized parking in designated, public parking areas.

Pay station area means a designated area where parking is allowed upon payment of U.S. money resulting in the issuance of a voucher or receipt to be properly displayed on the vehicle and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the voucher, receipt or mechanical pay station device.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 05-0571, 8-9-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0619, 3-13-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10)

#### Sec. 9-9. Charges.

Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, and said charges are subject to annual review by town council.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-10. Method of using; failure to deposit coins or pay at pay station.

- (a) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking meter space where a parking meter is installed, shall immediately deposit a coin of the United States in the parking meter within that parking space, and shall operate the meter in accordance with the instructions thereon. The deposit of a coin in a meter will permit the parking of that vehicle for a period of time indicated by the meter.
- (b) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking lot or area where a pay station is installed shall immediately deposit some form of accepted United States payment whether it be by cash or by bank or credit card into the pay station within that parking lot area or any other town designated pay station within town and shall follow the instructions of that pay station and leave, in plain sight, a parking voucher or receipt on the dashboard of parked vehicle.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, vehicle, trailer or obstruction of any kind within that marked parking space or parking lot where a parking meter or pay station is installed without depositing a coin or providing a payment voucher from a

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town-designated pay station for the time the vehicle shall be so parked in the parking area. The owner of the vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be responsible for the violation thereof.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10)

#### Sec. 9-11. Parking within marked spaces.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle to stop, stand or park that vehicle on any of the streets or parking areas of the town where any parking meter or pay station may have been installed and where parking spaces are provided therefore, except within the limits so provided by the marked areas.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-12. Overtime parking.

It shall be unlawful for any person, having deposited a coin or other accepted payment of the United States in a parking meter or pay station and having parked a vehicle within a metered space adjacent to a parking meter or a space designated and controlled by a parking station to permit his vehicle to remain in that parking area for a period longer than the time for which that coin or payment had been deposited in that parking meter or pay station. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-13. Use of slugs, etc., prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter or pay station in the town, any substitute or device of any nature or description for any coin of the United States.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-14. Injuring or tampering with meters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or tamper with, damage, open, break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or pay station installed pursuant to this chapter. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-15. Interpretation of chapter.

Nothing contained in this division shall be constructed to permit the parking of vehicles in those spaces where parking is prohibited.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-16. Decals and exemptions.

- (a) Resident and nonresident residential property owner parking decals. Decals issued for full time resident and non-resident residential property owner vehicles including golf carts. All persons residing or owning residential property within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one (1) free decal per vehicle, to be issued by the town, upon verification of current vehicle registration or verification of proof of residential property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the vehicle pursuant to instructions given by town hall staff when obtaining the decal. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show: (1) decal number issued, and (2) year for which decal is valid. Such decal shall allow a resident and residential property owner to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas when space is available.
- (b) Golf cart registration required. Registration decals shall be issued for golf carts. All persons and businesses owning golf carts within the corporate limits of town, including those entities which may lease, lend, borrow, or purchase golf carts for the purpose of renting to the public, shall register golf carts with the town police department. Proof of ownership and liability insurance is required.
  - (1) Residents and nonresident residential property owners shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by blue lettering on white background. Decals shall allow residents and nonresident property owners to park in golf cart parking, and "permit only" parking areas and in metered spaces without charge when space is available.
  - (2) Commercially owned golf carts shall be charged a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by white lettering on a red background. The registration decal shall state "Pay Parking Only," meaning that operators of commercial golf carts must park in metered spaces and pay applicable fees for parking.
    - Decals shall be placed by police staff in such a manner that will enable the registration decal to be clearly visible to the operator of the golf cart while being operated. The issued decal will show: (1) registration number; (2) years for which decal is valid, and (3) all applicable golf cart rules.
- (c) Disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients are exempt from parking fees. When a vehicle displays a disabled veterans or Purple Heart license plate issued by the department of motor vehicles or appropriate authority.
- (d) Handicapped persons are exempt from parking fees. When a vehicle displays a handicapped license plate issued by a proper authority, or a handicapped windshield hanger, either the driver of or a passenger in a vehicle displaying a handicapped license plate or windshield hanger must be a "handicapped" person.

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(e) *Employees*. Every town employee shall be entitled to one (1) decal, which will allow the employee to park free of charge in metered areas subject to conditions set forth hereinabove in paragraph (a) and other applicable ordinances. Employee shall present his or her employee identification card along with the vehicle registration for the vehicle on which the decal will be applied.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 93-0396, 5-27-97; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10; Ord. No. 12-0717, **06 7**-25-12; Ord. No. 12-0727, 12-10-12)

State law reference—Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-2585.

#### Sec. 9-17. Penalties.

- (a) Violations. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or fails to comply with any of the requirements herein shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If a violator fails to pay the fine within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation, then the town may invoke any remedy permitted by law for debt collection, including but not limited to, vehicle impoundment or immobilization. Each day of a continuing violation of this article shall be considered a separate and distinct offense and may result in cumulative fines. When the owner of a vehicle, or his agent, makes proper payment of a parking violation within thirty (30) days of issuance of the citation, there will be no increases in the twenty-five-dollar fine assessed. On the thirtieth day after issuance, the fine will increase to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
  - (b) Violations shall be issued on a uniform ordinance summons.
  - (c) Violators shall only be cited by police officers or authorized code enforcement officials.
  - (d) Violators shall appear and be subject to the jurisdiction of the town's municipal court.
  - (e) Violators shall have a right to a jury trial upon proper request.
- (f) Violators shall be subject to set-off debt process and failure to pay or appear may result in a non-resident violator compact (NRVC) notice for South Carolina licensed drivers.
  - (g) Violators shall not be subject to incarceration.
- (h) *Towing and booting*. Whenever there is found any motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, or upon the town rights-of-way, property or parking lots, with an assessed fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more violations, the vehicle may be towed and/or booted/immobilized, under the direction of the public safety department.
- (i) Release of vehicles. The owner of such towed and/or booted or immobilized vehicle shall pay the fines owed on the vehicle at the municipal court or such other place as indicated on the issued citation; and the current tow rate and any storage rate assessed by the tow agency prior to getting the vehicle released.

(j) Written notice. A written notice shall be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle after thirty (30) days of issuance of the parking ticket if it has not been paid. (Ord. No. 97-0398, 7-8-97; Ord. No. 05-0563, 6-28-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0615, 2-27-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10)

Secs. 9-18—9-22. Reserved-

#### ARTICLE II. MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

#### Sec. 9-23. Driving across private property.

It shall be unlawful for any person driving a vehicle to use the driveway of any filling station or service station in the town as a roadway or thoroughfare.

#### Sec. 9-24. Prohibited turns.

It shall be unlawful for any person driving a vehicle to make any "U" turn or other turn prohibited at any point where such turn is prohibited, and it shall be unlawful to accomplish a "U" turn by deviously going into or through private property adjoining the street where such turn is prohibited.

(Code 1969, § 12-25)

#### Sec. 9-25. Careless operation of a vehicle.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle without care and caution and due regard for the safety of persons or property. Any person failing to operate a vehicle with care and caution and due regard for the safety of persons and property shall be guilty of the offense of careless operation of a vehicle. The operation of any vehicle when the same or any of its components is not in proper or safe condition shall be prima facie evidence of careless operation of a vehicle. Careless operation of a vehicle is unlawful and may be a lesser included offense of "reckless driving."

(Ord. No. 90-0291, 2-6-90)

Secs. 9-26—9-30. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE III. TAXICABS\*

#### Sec. 9-31. Definitions.

As used in this article, the term "taxicab" shall mean any motor driven vehicle, except a vehicle designed to carry over twelve (12) passengers, in which the public is transported from place to place for hire.

(Ord, No. 87-0246, 9-14-87)

\*State law reference—Authority to require license, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-1-20

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1230 Ms. Dodge: "Second." 1231 1232 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion. There's a second. All in favor say aye." 1233 1234 All Members: "Aye." 1235 1236 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we defer second reading of this ordinance until the second 1237 meeting in January." 1238 1239 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion." 1240 1241 Ms. Dodge: "Second." 1242 1243 Mayor Samples: "Any discussion? All in favor say aye." 1244 1245 Unknown Speakers: "Aye." 1246 1247 Mayor Samples: "Opposed." 1248 1249 Unknown Speakers: "No." 1250 1251 Mayor Samples: "Can we get a, a, those who voted in favor raise their hand." Councilmembers 1252 Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens raised their hands. 1253 1254 Mayor Samples: "So be it." 1255 1256 Unknown Speakers: (\*\*multiple comments in background.) 1257 1258 C. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0733 to amend §2-61(b) volunteer Advertising in Daily 1259 Newspaper, and §2-61(j) Annual Committee Reports, Councilmember Dodge. 1260 1261 Clerk's Note: No action taken because meeting minutes not approved. 1262 1263 D. First Reading Ordinance #12-0732 to amend §9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember 1264 Kohlmann. 1265 1266 Mayor Samples: "Alright, moving right along, first reading Ordinance Number 12-0732 to amend 1267 Section 9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann." 1268 1269 Ms. Kohlmann: "I have to find it. Do you want me to read the, the ordinance or just..." 1270 Mayor Samples: "Well, give us a summary. Tell the public what it's about." 1271 1272 Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay." 1273 1274 Unknown Speaker in Audience: "Grumble, grumble." 1275 1276 Ms. Kohlmann: "I was gonna wait till the grumbling stops. They're entitled. This is a for no parking 1277 places. What it, what it basically is, is, is the safety of the citizens down, that go to the beach, visitors or 1278 people that live in town that pull out of the side streets toward Ocean Boulevard have a limited sight 1279 distance at times, you know, summer time, because people park right up on the curbs. They park right up 1280 to those blue beach access signs. Some of them block them, and a, it's hard to get in and out of driveways 1281 at times. It's very tricky, and keeping that in mind, people crossing the beach [sic] to go to and from the 1282 beach that are renting in the area, they can't, their, their sight is very limited. So, I'm proposing that it be 1283 unlawful at any time for a person in any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand or park in any of the following 1284 places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a

police officer or traffic control device. The ordinance already has in place at any place where official signs

prohibit parking; on any sidewalk; within thirty feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking. The change would be amending where it says at any place where a vehicle would block the use of a driveway or parking lot. That would be taken out and replaced with within ten feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot, and then the rest of them remain the same well, fifteen feet from a fire hydrant or on private property without consent of the owner." Mayor Samples: "Thank you." Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor." Mayor Samples: "Ms. Dodge, Councilwoman Dodge." Ms. Dodge: "I would approve, I would ask that we approve this amendment. It is state law, ten feet from driveways, 30 feet from parking lots, and street crossings. We should comply with state law." Mayor Samples: "Thank you." Ms. Mabry: "Mr. Mayor." Mayor Samples: "Ms. Mabry." Ms. Mabry: "I don't have a problem with it as long as we're able to put signs up at every place to make sure that people know that we, they can't park there, because we're not gonna, hopefully, have people coming up here every week yelling because they weren't [sic] ticketed when they won't have any knowledge..." Mr. Johnson: "Point of order, Mr. Mayor. We need a second." Mayor Samples: "Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Can I get a second?" Mr. Stevens: "I second." Mr. Johnson: "Now." Mayor Samples: "Thank you, sir. Are you done?" Ms. Mabry: "No, I (\*\* laughter), I just want to know if there's anything in place to take care of that. To make sure that everyone is aware." Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor." Mayor Samples: "Ms., Councilwoman Dodge." Ms. Dodge: "There is something in place. Mr. Adair's men have put yellow markings on Ocean Boulevard to show the ten foot and the 30 foot markings, and they also have a sign that says no parking in yellow. It's visible. People should know the laws and they can follow that for sure." Mayor Samples: "Thank you." Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor." Mayor Samples: "Councilman Johnson." Mr. Johnson: "I appreciate Mrs. Dodge's comments, but that is already in the ordinance. My

concern is the 10 feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot. I believe that there, there may be some areas that this would not be applicable, and we, we are really restricting some

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parking down there, if we do that. We don't have a plan in place to, to move those vehicles except for down the sides of the end streets and I hate, and I know people say, well, they can go to the parking lots. Well, we don't have parking lots throughout the Town of Surfside Beach, so as long as, number one, as long we can regulate it, it's fine. But, I don't see it being regulated on a regular basis based on past history, and I, I just, you know, I, I, I did a vote to approve this last meeting, but I am not going to support that this time around simply because I don't think the 10 feet should apply or will apply in all areas, down there on, on Surfside Drive."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Mr. Smith."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, thank you. The reason that it hadn't been enforced is because it was so ambiguous as to what the police should enforce. This states precisely what is to be enforced; ten feet from the driveway. Ten feet from a parking lot entrance and exit, so this clarifies what needs to be enforced, and I think once it's passed, then there will be a means of preventing people from parking in those spots, plus we can a, with bushes, et cetera, plants and so I'm all in favor of, of this a, changes in this ordinance."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "I say we move to vote."

Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, may I make one last comment?"

Mayor Samples: "Yes, you may and..."

Mr. Johnson: "And I, I appreciate Mr. Smith's comments, but a, I, I know for a fact that a, the enforcement of the existing ordinances or parts of the existing ordinance have not been done and the, the continued addition of the 10 feet just adds to the a, the burden and so I, I can't support it."

Mayor Samples: "I, I, if I could, a, the a, we're adding three sections. One a, is the driveway. which obvi, it's obvious to everybody that..."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Point of Order, Mr. Mayor. I moved to vote."

Mayor Samples: "I haven't had a comment, Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "But when you move to vote, I thought you said by Robert's Rules, right?"

Ms. Herrmann: "Unfortunately, she's correct, Mr. Mayor, the vote's been called. Once the vote is called discussion should end and the vote should be taken."

Mayor Samples: "The chairman challenges that and I would like a vote of council to..."

Ms. Herrmann: "Which is also allowed."

Mayor Samples: "...to prevent me from making comments. The chairman challenges the point of order so that the chairman may make a comment. All in favor of the chairman being allowed to make a comment despite the point of order, say aye."

Mayor Samples, Mary Pro Tem Mabry, Councilmember Johnson, and others: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed."

1398 Mayor Samples: "Thank you." 1399

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Ms. Herrmann: "Who opposed? Randle, excuse me, Mr. Stevens."

Mayor Samples: "Parking is certainly a big issue, big issue. We have established a committee to bring back recommendations to the council. I suspect that this is one of the recommendations that they would support. Nevertheless, we, we don't start with a blank sheet. We don't have a blank piece of paper for Ocean Boulevard. Ocean Boulevard was developed building what I call mini-hotels with more bedrooms than adequate parking. That's a reality. We all know that. I have no doubt that this will have negative consequences on business operations on Ocean Boulevard. Once people start coming from out of town and they start getting ticketed, because that is the intent; that is the intent to have an ordinance which is clear and enforceable by our police department. As Councilman Smith made clear earlier, when he said 70-percent of the monies are generated by business, let's be clear about where that business money is generated. It's generated in the R-3 District. It's generated on Ocean Boulevard. Let's not kid ourselves. Let's now kid ourselves. We're a beach town. We live on tourism. Your taxes reflect the fact that we have a very desirable beach town in which we live in and recognize that for three months, twelve weeks, fourteen weeks out of the year we put up with some inconvenience. I think it's a mistake a to, to have beach accesses, for example, added to this since if memory serves me correctly, we've got I don't know over thirty, thirty-six beach accesses down there. Thirty-two, thank you. You're taking six hundred feet that people can't park in. We mark those beach accesses, I presume, for some reason, safety. I mean, I guess there was a reason that we put the little posts up. The mullions or whatever you call them, so that people wouldn't park there and that pedestrians could have access, golf carts could have access. I can't for it as currently written. Now, we'll call for the vote. All in favor say aye."

Multiple Speakers: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"

Multiple Speakers: "No."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Ms. Herrmann: "Please, to make sure the record is clear...Ms. Dodge, Mr. Smith, Ms. Kohlmann, and Mr. Smith in favor?"

Ms. Dodge: "Yes."

Mayor Samples: "Okay."

E. First Reading Ordinance #12-0735, to amend Business License Ordinance for the Collection of Insurance Broker's Tax, and Agreement with MASC for collection of Insurance Broker's Tax, Treasurer Hursey.

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Hursey, please tell us what this is all about. First reading of Ordinance #12-0735 to amend the business license ordinance..."

Ms. Hursey: "Yes."

Mayor Samples: "for the collection of insurance broker's tax and agreement with Municipal Association for collection of insurance broker's tax."

Ms. Hursey: "And we already have an agreement in place with the Municipal Association. This is just to bring us in compliance with a, a law that recently passed, which was the Dodd-Frank Act, which also included the individual brokers in these new tax collection guidelines, so it is one to bring us in compliance with the law, but also to update our agreement with the Municipal Association to include the broker's tax collections."

Mayor Samples: "Right now they don't require proof or verification of property ownership."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker."

Mayor Samples: "No."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker..."

(Two speaking at once.)

Mayor Samples: "What, what they require, what they require now is, is they require a vehicle registration that shows that the vehicle is registered in the Town of Surfside Beach, which is separate than and different from and distinct from property ownership. I don't have a problem adopting it. I just want when, when staff goes to implement it, I guess they'll know what we mean."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to offer a suggestion, then. The verification of proof of residential property ownership would be their tax notice with their names on it, and that should correspond to their vehicle registration, have the same names."

Mayor Samples: "So, you're adding that to the ordinance, or just..."

Mr. Smith: "No, sir. That's just a clarification."

Mayor Samples: "For the record, and we are taking verbatim? We'll decide that later then, okay, For the record, I would like Mr. Smith's comments recorded verbatim. Okay, thank you. All in favor, say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"

## B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0732 to amend §9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Mayor Samples: "Moving right along, this also second reading to amend no parking, this is section, let me get it right, this is Ordinance 12-0732 to amend Section 9-7 no parking spaces. If I could, I would like, would you like to make a motion to suspend the rules so we can have some discussion?"

Ms. Mabry: "I move we suspend the rules."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second. All in, Mr. Smith, all in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Will you defer to me? This, this ordinance is also up for second reading, and I'm not certain if, if it's been well thought out. This ordinance, a, is not clear to me what the intent is. The intent is to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard. It does that. It eliminates parking on Ocean Boulevard for all practical purposes. The part that bothers me in, in the way the ordinance is written, well, many things bother me in the way it's written. But, it doesn't say R-3. It doesn't say Ocean Boulevard. It doesn't say C-3. So, it's applicable throughout the town. Now, just for the record, and I don't think Ms. Dodge will mind me clarifying, there were comments made at the last meeting and the record will show that it was stated that South Carolina law prohibits parking 10-feet within a driveway.

Well, that just isn't so. South Carolina law does not do that. The reason that I bring it up, because if you live in R-1, or you live in R-2, or you live in R-3, wherever you live, you're parked in a right-of-way in front of your own house or a friend of your is, and they're within 10-feet of your driveway, technically, this ordinance passes, it's illegal. Now, we're either gonna enforce the laws as written or we better start writing them as we intend them. That's a technical part. The fact of the matter is this is bad for business in the Town of Surfside Beach. Like it or not, we're a beach town. We're not a gated community. People have been parking on Ocean Boulevard forever, and this is a backdoor attempt...10 feet of driveways, 10-feet or 5-feet of rights-of-way, 10-feet, 10-feet of rights-of-way...I'm sorry, of driveways, beach accesses, which it was determined we have 32 of. I would ask a simple question, how, does anybody know how many parking spaces this is gonna eliminate on Ocean Boulevard?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "I do believe an extensive report was given by the parking committee. It was very extensive with a whole listing of the 89 spaces that they could free up for additional parking on Ocean Boulevard. In addition to that..."

Mayor Samples: "(\*\*) ... are you answering the question? There're 89."

(Two speaking at once.)

Ms. Kohlmann: "(\*\*)... exactly how many spots. There's not really technically legal spots as it is now, because there's no parking signs at every single beach walk, and people park there. So there are, it says no parking right on every single beach access."

Mayor Samples: "It says no parking at the beach access, and I believe that means in front of the beach access. There is no 10-feet requirement at this point in time."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay, then it's within 20-feet of a crosswalk by state law. So, every beach access technically, I mean if you're looking at, I'm, just let me finish, Mr. Mayor, if you're looking at state law, which I believe you're all gonna go there shortly, technically 20-feet from every crosswalk, and if you're telling them to, to apply the rules the way the rules should be, then you're losing even more because 20-feet from each crosswalk. I'm looking at 10-feet."

Mayor Samples: "But, we're talking about 30-feet from the intersection, and in fact, the way the, in fact the way that the public works department has drawn the yellow line, because of line of sight issues, I get it. I get that, okay. I get that from a safety standpoint. What I don't get, speaking plainly, are these other additional eliminated parking. I just don't get it."

Ms. Kohlmann: "May I offer a solution, Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Samples: "Yes."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay (\*\*)"

Mayor Samples: "Was that something submitted to the council or is that...?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "No, it's just pictures that I took..."

Mayor Samples: "Is that something new tonight?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "I just did it in the last hour before the meeting. Just pictures for reference just so you can see what I'm trying to explain. I just want to explain myself. If you don't want to accept, fine."

Mayor Samples: "I want to see them. I'd like to see them in time to consider them. (\*\*) second reading."

(Two speaking at once.)

Ms. Kohlmann: "(\*\*) Well, this has been going on forever and ever, and I think that we've all decided compromise is really important in town, and just because there's an issue that nobody can seem to come up with anything doesn't mean that we don't address it, even if it's just a little tiny thing, and if it doesn't work, we go back and we don't do it or we change it again. But, just saying we have a problem and then not doing anything about it over and over each time new people come up here, I don't, I don't think it's really helping, but what this is, is there are locations and I would like, actually like the council to consider a consensus to have staff go along maybe with John Adair or whoever to look at these locations. Now these locations here are all locations along Ocean Boulevard and I, I found 52 parking spaces, and there's no parking signs there, but when I asked who put those no parking signs up, and well logically (\*\*), nobody seems to know. There were put up there by prior administration, even three years ago in the minutes you said you didn't know who put them up there. They were there and you don't know who put them there..."

Mayor Samples: "That's right. I still don't."

Ms. Kohlmann: "...Okay...."

Mayor Samples: "I still don't know who authorized them."

Ms. Kohlmann: "And if you look there's even one that stands out a lot between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South right on Ocean Boulevard. It's the safest place on Ocean Boulevard for our beach goers to park. There's at least seven spots there, and there's no parking signs there, and on the west side of Ocean Boulevard it's safe and I think that when you're looking at the 10-feet from driveways, this isn't about eliminating parking because Ocean Boulevard has plenty of parking on both sides, even when you incorporate this, and Ocean Boulevard has never been to the point that there's not a spot to be had on Ocean Boulevard from beach goers except during 4<sup>th</sup> of July. So you're not really telling people they can't park there. It's a safety issue."

Mayor Samples: "How many parking spaces will remain on Ocean Boulevard if this ordinance is adopted as is? Do you know?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "Well, if you re [sic,] if you would have staff review these 52 spots that are now taking with no parking signs that were just put up there by somebody and arbitrarily posted, then I don't think we're having a problem. We're giving you more than we're taking away. I don't know the exact number of the beach access, because I don't believe that it is anything, because it's already 20-feet from a crosswalk. I don't think we're taking anything away from the beach accesses."

Mayor Samples: "Any other comments?"

Ms. Mabry: "Alright, I'm not gonna get emotional, because it's just about the facts. State law states you cannot park within 30-feet of a signal light, stop sign, flashing beacon, or (\*\*) the roadway. It does not say within 30-feet of all intersections, and we're gonna have to be very careful about implementing laws that are only good for the Town of Surfside Beach. Nobody else in South Carolina has these rules. How are they possibly gonna know, and how is the police department gonna enforce this when we are making up laws that don't even apply to South Carolina? I think that could be ambiguous at best. Then on number 4 it says in front of a driveway. Well, this is what the law says. You cannot park in front of a driveway or near enough to hinder the driveway use by others. It has no other meaning. That's state law. So, if you and I decide that that's what we know, that's what we've been taught, and I did talk to Columbia, they told me where to get this in writing. How are we gonna enforce it if it's, in fact, 10-feet from the driveway? Who's gonna know? Nobody, and then we have on number 5, who determines property owner? It says that any private property without consent of owner. That is, and I think the intent

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was a good intent the way I read it, so that if you push people off of the Ocean Boulevard you don't want them parking into the residential area. However, how are our policemen possibly gonna know who's a property owner, who's a renter, who's a visitor, who came into town? My brothers come here from Virginia, Florida, and North Carolina. I park in their yard. I have permission. If you rent, you have implied permission from the owner, so it is impossible to enforce the biggest part of this ordinance. If you want to remove parking from Ocean Boulevard, the best thing to simply say is we want to remove it. It's gonna be plain and simple. It's gonna be easily enforced. We just put up the right signage. I'm not for it. I probably would never vote for it, because of our parking situation, although I do love the idea in my heart. I just don't know that it's a practical idea. We have to go by, we cannot just arbitrarily come up here and make laws that are not enforceable, and this goes throughout the entire town. It does not address Ocean Boulevard separately. It is through the entire town, and there you're gonna spot, well, really didn't mean it for R-1, but I kind a mean it for R-3, but we're not gonna enforce it there. When you make an ordinance, you better be ready to enforce that whole ordinance to the full extent of the law. I think it needs to go back. I think the intent needs to come back to council exactly what you mean to do. Do it openly, do it honestly, and let's just get it done, and I think as a, a, talk to the police department. Talk to the attorneys, and let's get it done the proper way."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Smith,"

Mr. Smith: "I think that this wording is okay the way it is. Item 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 were in the ordinance. The change was made, this was the previous wording; any place where vehicles would block the use of a driveway or parking lot. These are the words that were added in place of that sentence: within 10-feet of a beach access, driveway, or entrance and exit to a parking lot. Now the reason we did that, at least we want to do that, is because that's the safety issue. When you're coming out of a beach access or a driveway and somebody is parked close to the driveway, the visibility is reduced. It's impossible to get it precise like some folks want it, but this is a good attempt. You know, a lot of people in town who would like no parking on Ocean Boulevard, but if we did that, those spaces mentioned by Councilman [sic] Kohlmann would not be available. So where there is availability, I think we should allow them to park on Ocean Boulevard, and where there is not availability, like within 10-feet of a driveway, we need to stop them, and as far all over town, I know next to my driveway, I wouldn't want somebody being within 10-feet of my driveway, if they're parked on the right-of-way, and so, I think it's, will be applied evenly by our police. I think that they are intelligent, and responsible. They do a good job of protecting our town, and I think that they'll have the where with all to enforce this ordinance properly. This is a good change to the ordinance. A lot of people have been working a long time, not just this council, but previous council's have been trying to do something. Fortunately now we have people that are interested in moving forward on this. We've got the parking committee that made the recommendation, and I think it's time to move forward."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "First of all, I made the comment at a meeting that there was a state law which said there was, there was a prohibition of 10-feet from a driveway. I was mistaken. I told the mayor I was mistaken, but the 10-feet is a safety issue for somebody backing out of a driveway. You cannot see. Ocean Boulevard is an absolute mess. I was gonna say something really awful, cluster, but it's a mess. In the summertime and people are at risk, and if we pass this ordinance and it is applicable all over town, that's a good thing. We want people to come here to go to our parking lots. That's why we built them, and if we're going to skirt the issue, then we're going to continue to have empty parking lots except on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, maybe, unless somebody can find somebody's yard to park in, but I think this is a good regulation. I think it's well written, and I certainly would be for it."

Mayor Samples: "I, I have one last comment, because it is a bad, in my judgment, and we'll just have to agree to disagree. I think it's inappropriate to apply this throughout the town. I don't think, I think

what we're doing is, a, we're using a hammer to solve a particular issue that a small group of people have. The fact of the matter is that for 12 weeks out of the year we want Ocean Boulevard full. It's what keeps your taxes low. It's what brings people to town. I, I see people shaking their head. They don't know the numbers. I asked the, the question I asked a little while ago, how many parking spaces will remain on Ocean Boulevard. No one knows the answer to that. No one wants to know the answer to that, because in fact it is a back door attempt to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard."

Ms. Mabry: "I just have one question, and if the interim chief can answer this, how can you ticket someone that does not have any knowledge of that law, and since it's not South Carolina law, how can we go up and ticket someone that has no idea that they're parking illegally, unless we're willing to put no parking signs every 10-feet of every single driveway. Now, if you're willing to do that, and I think that'd look a little bit worse than the cars do, but if you're willing to do that, fine, but nobody knows this law exists except the people in this room tonight, and we expect all of our visitors, and I know what's gonna happen, somebody's gonna stand right up at the podium and say, well I drove down Surfside Drive or I rode down Ocean Boulevard and there're cars parked everywhere, and they're not being ticketed, and they won't have a clue that they're even parking illegally, and I just want to know how we can burden our police department and ask them to do something that's really and truly a made-up law here tonight."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Well, I had discussion with Chief Keziah, and a, I, first I'm offended that you think it's a back door deal. I don't think that's a fair thing to say, because a lot of work was done on this by other people and myself, so I take offense to that. But, we'll just move along, and it is done in many places, some places are 5-feet from driveways, some are 10, and some are 15 depending upon what state you look at or town, and (\*\*) the fact that you saying it would be a selected enforcement, well, Town of Surfside Beach already does selective enforcement. They do it with fireworks, they do it with smoking on the beach, they do with golf carts. This is falling right into the line of what Surfside Beach does, and it's not, it should not be looked at the way you're looking at it. It should be a tool. It's just simply another tool for the police officers, because there are people in this town that have a problem getting in and out of driveways, and they're, and it's, and it's a constant battle for some of them. I don't think that this is gonna be the police officers are gonna go out there and start ticketing everybody. They don't do that now with the regulations. We don't want to run tourists off. That's not what this is about. This is about an older person has a car parked there every single day, the same car, and all he can say is call the police and ask them to send the officer and just ask the people to move the car. If they don't move the car, then they have a tool now, the tool is they ticket it. I don't see anything wrong with this. I think people are reading way too much into it and it's safety more than it is anything else."

Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "I agree with Ms. Kohlmann, and I resent this being called a backdoor effort to do anything. I don't go in the backdoor. I go to the front door and I speak out, and that's what we are doing with this."

Mayor Samples: "Well, I appreciate the way you feel, and, and I understand you feeling that way. Rest assured, I really believe what I'm saying also, because the fact is, is that there's been talk about eliminating parking on Ocean Boulevard for a number of administrations. I, I know, I served. I was against it then. I'm against it now. I still believe this is a backdoor attempt to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard. But, we'll find out, folks, understand, we're gonna vote, understand. In the peak of the season, we will have the opportunity to review what it is we have done. Any other discussion?"

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."

949 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens." 

Mr. Stevens: "I support this law. I think it's a good thing. I have been in the Myrtle Beach, and Myrtle Beach is basically eliminated parking on Ocean Boulevard from 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue or 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue South all the way up to about 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. So, they have done it. It didn't hurt their business. They still have plenty of people, plenty of tourists. I don't think it's gonna affect anybody. Riding back from church on Sunday, I did notice that there was a fire hydrant right next to a beach access. Rode down next to one of the other, our fellow councilmen asked me to look at the area down on 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue at the fire hyd [sic,] hydrant right next to the beach access. I saw a lot of beach accesses within 5- to 6-feet of a driveway. So if you park there, you're gone [sic] block a driveway. I rode all the way down the boulevard to Melody Lane and I saw many places where cars just can't park, and if they're parking there, then they're also parking on the sidewalk as well. I would say also that I, I noticed that the fellows working and putting trees out, and they're blocking the part where parking would be. If we do something like put bushes and trees up and down the Ocean Boulevard that will, we don't have to put signs, and I was looking at the pictures here, and I've walked by, this picture right here, 1st Avenue North between Ocean and Dogwood at least two to three hundred times since I've been in, in town, and it says no parking between signs, and I also often wondered why, where these signs came from, but it says at any place where official signs prohibit parking, you can't park there. Got to do something about parking, and I think this is the right step in the right direction. Thank you."

Mayor Samples: "All in favor say aye."

Unknown Speakers: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Oh, I'm sorry, we have a motion, you're right. Good, good. There is a motion to come in under the rules?" (*Not audibly recorded*: Ms. Mabry indicated she moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Smith seconded.) "There's a motion, there's a second. All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Alright. I need a motion. We need a motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Smith."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we adopt second reading of Ordinance 12-0732, to amend Article 9-7, No Parking Places."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Stevens: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens seconds. Any discussion? All in favor say aye."

Unknown Speakers: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed."

Mayor Samples: "No."

(<u>Not audibly recorded.</u> Clerk asked for clarification on vote. Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples and Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against.)

C. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0733 to amend §2-61(b) Volunteer Advertising in Daily Newspaper and §2-61(j) Annual Committee Reports, Councilmember Dodge.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY	TO AMEND SECTION 9-7, NO PARKING SPACES
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH )	
	(submitted by Councilmember Kohlmann):

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled desire to amend Section 9-7, No Parking Places; and

**WHEREAS,** the Parking Committee made a recommendation to Town Council at its October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to prohibit parking 10-feet from driveways, and 30-feet from street ends; and

WHEREAS, Motion made by Councilmember Kohlmann, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and was duly adopted by Town Council at the said October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to add a business item to the next meeting agenda, a parking prohibition 10-feet from a driveway and 30-feet from an intersection along Ocean Boulevard;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Section 9-7 No Parking Places of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-7 – No parking places.

It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand, or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device:

- 1) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- 2) On any sidewalk.
- 3) Within thirty (30) feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking.
- 4) At any place where a vehicle would block the use of a driveway or parking lot. Amend to read Within ten (10) feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot.
- 5) On any private property without consent of the owner.
- 6) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the town.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held

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invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

**EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS.** The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

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Douglas F. S	amples, Mayor
Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore  Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Ann Dodge, Town Council  Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council
Roderick E. Smith, Town Council	Randle M. Stevens, Town Council
	Attest:  Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Regular Town Council Meeting November 13, 2012

12-0727

There will be a Town Council workshop meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to hear a parking presentation by Lanier Parking Solutions.

Due to the high volume of responses for the police chief positions, a focus group consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, Councilmembers Kohlmann and Smith, and herself was formed to consider the applications. **COUNCIL CONCURRED** 

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) revised its estimate for repaving US Highway 17 Business in the town's limits to \$1.560 million. The town's 50-percent match will be \$780,000. A letter was submitted to DOT on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to keep the town in consideration for the grant. Mayor Samples asked if any councilmember wished to express opposition. **COUNCIL CONCURRED** that the letter was proper and supports the initiative.

Additional information on pier signage will be presented at the December council meeting. Local vendors are being sought, because attempts to contact out of town vendors have been unsuccessful. Mayor Samples said it would be nice to have a town map at the pier that delineated amenities like the parks, library and lakes. There are many opportunities for directional signage, for example a sign on Highway 17 directing visitors to the pier and the library. He suggested involving the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful and the Recreation/Special Events committees. Mr. Smith encouraged using a local vendor. Ms. Fellner said local vendors are encouraged to participate. Every local vendor qualified to do mold remediation was contacted, and the bid was awarded to FSA, a local company.

Mr. Moss explained that the articles of incorporation for the Surfside Youth Association were signed this afternoon and would be sent to the Secretary of State tomorrow. The tax identification number has already been received, and he hoped that by Friday the corporation would exist. A contract was drafted for the town to enter into with the association; comments were received from Ms. Fellner, and he is awaiting comments from Mr. Seman. The corporation directors are meeting tonight to discuss policies and regulations concerning coaches. He expected to receive that information soon. He expected that the corporation would be formed and ready to negotiate with council by the end of the week.

#### 7. BUSINESS.

A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0731 to amend FY2011-2012 Municipal Budget, Treasurer Hursey. Mayor Samples explained that the budget amendment was to adjust for the underground wiring project along Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #12-0731. Ms. Mabry seconded.

Mr. Stevens asked when the underground wiring project would be completed. Mr. Adair said the works should be completed soon, but paving would not be completed until March when all the larger trucks would be finished using the roads.

All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

B. First Reading Ordinance #12-0727 to amend §9-16 Decals and Exemptions, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Ms. Kohlmann moved to amended the third line in the preamble first paragraph by adding "residents and" after "decals allowing." Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0727 as amended. Ms. Kohlmann seconded. Mayor Samples noted that the change was only to the preamble; not the terms of the ordinance. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Samples: "Any other comments? I guess you gotta do what you gotta do."

Ms. Fellner: "Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "But, please get that warranty in writing, ten year warranty, one year parts, and make sure it gets locked up..."

Mr. Johnson: "One year labor."

Ms. Fellner: "One year labor."

Mayor Samples: "Yeah. Make sure it gets locked up in the archives and the clerk knows where to lay her hands on it. Okay, Ms. Herrmann? Thank you."

Clerk's Note: A copy of the written report is on file.

#### 7. BUSINESS.

Mayor Samples: "Moving to our business section, we are doing second reading of 7.B., 7.A.?"

Mr. Smith: "7.B."

Mayor Samples: "7.B. Thank you."

A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0727 to amend §9-16 Decals and Exemptions for Parking Decals, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Clerk's Note: No action taken because meeting minutes not approved.

B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0729 to add Chapter 17, Article IX, Overlay District.

Mayor Samples: "7.B. is the second reading of Ordinance 12-0729 to add Chapter 17, Article IX, Overlay District."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we sus, suspend the rules for discussion on this item."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Ms. Mabry: "I'll second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second. All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "The rules have been suspended."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I, I heard the comments from the a people who support the overlay and having it implemented right away, but I also heard the comments from the business community and I think we need to give them an opportunity to have another meeting where we can go over it in some detail and make some additional changes. I think it's getting close to being approved, but I think that would be wise to defer it until next year so that the business community, business committee can have another meeting to a go over it in detail and then a our building department have time to a update the ordinance."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Any other comments?"

Mr. Stevens: "The motion is to bring Ordinance 12-0729 to the next council meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> and put it on in the business section for A and for second reading."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "Any discussion. All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Ave."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Hearing none the motion is adopted."

## A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0727 to amend §9-16 Decals and Exemptions for Parking Decals, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Mayor Samples: "Alright, the first regular business item would be the second reading of Ordinance 12-0727 to amend Section 9-16, decals and exemptions for parking decals. This is second reading. Can I get a motion?"

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion that we adopt second reading of Ordinance 12-0727."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "Any discussion? Clarification, in the ordinance itself it talks about nonresident, section a, we require proof it says verification of proof of residential property ownership. Do we require the same proof with respect to the golf carts, the vehicles? That's a question."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Ask that again."

Mayor Samples: "Well, the change to the ordinance, which is in green, it says decals issued for full time residents and non-resident residential property owner vehicles, including golf carts. All persons residing or owning residential property within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one free decal per vehicle to be issued by the town upon verification of current vehicle registration or verification of proof of residential property ownership, and I guess what I want to say is that I presume that that means when we verify their vehicle registration, that in fact that vehicle is registered in the town, but we don't say that."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann,"

Ms. Kohlmann: "It would be done the same way it's done currently. We give out stickers to, they pay currently for parking stickers, so it would be the same format that's already in place. It's already being done."

Mayor Samples: "What verification of proof of residential property ownership are you expecting to see?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "The same one that we are currently using, which that would be up to staff does that I don't know exactly what they do like when you go up to get your anything through the town, you have to present what it is they're asking you for then."

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Mayor Samples: "Right now they don't require proof or verification of property ownership."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker."

Mayor Samples: "No."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker..."

(Two speaking at once.)

Mayor Samples: "What, what they require, what they require now is, is they require a vehicle registration that shows that the vehicle is registered in the Town of Surfside Beach, which is separate than and different from and distinct from property ownership. I don't have a problem adopting it. I just want when, when staff goes to implement it, I guess they'll know what we mean."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to offer a suggestion, then. The verification of proof of residential property ownership would be their tax notice with their names on it, and that should correspond to their vehicle registration, have the same names."

Mayor Samples: "So, you're adding that to the ordinance, or just..."

Mr. Smith: "No, sir. That's just a clarification."

Mayor Samples: "For the record, and we are taking verbatim? We'll decide that later then, okay. For the record, I would like Mr. Smith's comments recorded verbatim. Okay, thank you. All in favor, say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"

#### B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0732 to amend §9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Mayor Samples: "Moving right along, this also second reading to amend no parking, this is section, let me get it right, this is Ordinance 12-0732 to amend Section 9-7 no parking spaces. If I could, I would like, would you like to make a motion to suspend the rules so we can have some discussion?"

Ms. Mabry: "I move we suspend the rules."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second. All in, Mr. Smith, all in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Will you defer to me? This, this ordinance is also up for second reading, and I'm not certain if, if it's been well thought out. This ordinance, a, is not clear to me what the intent is. The intent is to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard. It does that. It eliminates parking on Ocean Boulevard for all practical purposes. The part that bothers me in, in the way the ordinance is written, well, many things bother me in the way it's written. But, it doesn't say R-3. It doesn't say Ocean Boulevard. It doesn't say C-3. So, it's applicable throughout the town. Now, just for the record, and I don't think Ms. Dodge will mind me clarifying, there were comments made at the last meeting and the record will show that it was stated that South Carolina law prohibits parking 10-feet within a driveway.

Ordinance No. 12-0727
First Reading: 11/13/2012
Second Reading:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
)	TO AMEND SECTION 9-16 DECALS AND EXEMPTIONS
COUNTY OF HORRY )	FOR PARKING DECALS RELATING TO NONRESIDENT
)	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, AND COMMERCIAL
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH )	BUSINESSES GOLF CART OPERATION

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled desire to establish a policy relating to the issuance of parking decals allowing nonresident residential property owners to park their vehicles and golf carts in metered spaces when available without charge; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to establish that commercially owned golf carts rented for profit shall be identified as such by decals and operators there of shall be required to park in metered spaces and make appropriate payment

NOW, THEREFORE, Section 9-16, Decals and Exemptions of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-16. – Decals and exemptions

- (a) Resident and Nonresident Residential Property Owner Parking Decals. Decals issued for full time resident and non-resident residential property owner vehicles not including golf carts. All persons residing a powning residential property within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one (1) free decal per vehicle, to be issued by the town, upon verification of current vehicle registration or verification of proof of residential property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the vehicle pursuant to instructions given by town hall staff when obtaining the decal. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show: (1) decal number issued, and (2) year for which decal is valid. Such decal shall allow a resident and residential property owner to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas when space is available.
- (b) Decal issued for non-resident residential owner vehicles not including golf carts. All non-resident residential property owners within the corporate limits are entitled to purchase one (1) decal per vehicle for the sum of forty dollar (\$40.00) each, upon verification of proof of property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the vehicle pursuant to instructions given by town hall staff when obtaining the decal. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show (1) decal number issued, and (2) year for which decal is valid. Such decal shall allow a non-resident property owner to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas when space is available.
- (b) <u>Golf Cart Registration Required.</u> Registration decals shall be issued for golf carts. All persons and businesses owning golf carts within the

corporate limits of town, including those entities which may lease, lend, borrow, or purchase golf carts for the purpose of renting to the public, shall register golf carts with the town police department. Proof of ownership and liability insurance is required.

- (i) <u>Residents and nonresident residential property owners</u> shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by blue lettering on white background. Decals shall allow residents and nonresident property owners to park in golf cart parking, and "permit only" parking areas and in metered spaces without charge when space is available.
- (ii) <u>Commercially owned</u> golf carts shall be charged a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by white lettering on a red background. The registration decal shall state "Pay Parking Only," meaning that operators of commercial golf carts must park in metered spaces and pay applicable fees for parking.

This paragraph separated as stated above for clarity. This fee will include a decal, blue lettering on white background for residents and non-resident residential property owners and white lettering on red background for commercially owned, that is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue and will be placed on the golf cart by police staff. The registration decal affixed to commercially owned golf carts shall be clearly marked "Pay Parking Only" for the purposes of parking at municipally owned pay parking lets and will not allow these golf carts to park for free in golf cart only designated parking areas. Such decal shall allow registered golf carts to park free in a of cart only designated parking areas.

Decals shall be placed by police staff in such a manner that will enable the registration secal to be clearly visible to the operator of the golf cart while being operated. The issued decal will show: (1) registration number; (2) years for which decal is valid, and (3) all applicable Golf cart rules.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

**EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS.** The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

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**REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

<b>BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED</b> of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in asserday of 2012.	by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town mbly and by the authority thereof, this
Douglas F. S	Samples, Mayor
Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore	Ann Dodge, Town Council
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council
Roderick E. Smith, Town Council	Attest:  Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Ms. Dodge moved to adopt Ordinance Number 12-0715 as amended. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED as AMENDED.

- B. First Reading Ordinance #12-0716, §5-16(b) Commission Member Terms; §5-32 Statements of Economic Interest; §5-33 Campaign Disclosure Form, and §5-58 Boundary Line for Precincts. Ms. Herrmann explained that every amendment offered was to comply with South Carolina State Code. She noted that §5-58 creates a third precinct, Surfside Beach #4, which was created when Horry County recently completed redistricting. Town residents living on the north side of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North are in Surfside Beach #4, but for town elections only, those residents will vote at Surfside Beach #2, the Surfside United Methodist Church. Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0716 as presented. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Ms. Herrmann noted that once second reading was adopted, the ordinance would have to be submitted to the Department of Justice for approval prior to being implemented.
- C. First Reading Ordinance #12-0717, §9-16(a) and (b) Parking Decals & Exemptions. Ms. Herrmann explained that a different company produces the decals, which now are placed on the inside front window. The recommendation is to allow instructions to be given by staff when decals are obtained. Also the verbiage "when space is available," is recommended because a decal does not guarantee a parking space; only that payment is not required when space is available. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0717 as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Smith noted that paragraph (b) also cites decal placement and asked if that should be changed. Ms. Herrmann thanked Mr. Smith for pointing that out, and said if council agreed, it would be corrected for second reading. Council agreed to the correction. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- D. First Reading Ordinance #12-0718 §2-26 Boards, Commissions and Committees to add (L) Rules of Order. Ms. Herrmann said the Municipal Association of South Carolina recommends that all boards, commission, and committees have rules of orders. In lieu of specific rules of order, it was suggested that they refer to those adopted by town council and apply them accordingly to the respective needs. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-0718 as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mayor Samples asked whether rules of orders specified Robert's Rules of Order. Ms. Herrmann said yes. Mayor Samples asked whether Robert's allowed abbreviated minutes. Ms. Herrmann said the main items Robert's requires minutes to contain are the meeting type, date, time opening and adjourned, those present, and actions taken. Details provided in town council minutes are at council's direction. Mayor Samples said the question was raised, because he did not want to use essential staff to take minutes for committees that could take their own minutes. Ms. Herrmann said the town code cites that ad hoc committees are responsible for choosing a secretary to take their own minutes and to provide copies to the town clerk for the permanent record. Unless town council so directs, the town clerk would not attend ad hoc committee meetings. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- E. First Reading Ordinance #12-0719 §17-603 Definitions Abandoned Signs. Ms. Morris explained that this ordinance increases the length of time to one year before a sign is abandoned, except for dilapidated signs as identified in (3) which stipulates six months. Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0179 as presented. Ms. Dodge seconded. Mr. Johnson asked whether there is sufficient definition of disrepair. Ms. Morris said the code cites specifics that she believes are enforceable. Ms. Mabry asked who was responsible for removing dilapidated signs. Ms. Morris said the ordinance requires a certified letter requesting removal be sent to the owner. The next step would be a summons, and after court proceedings, the town would be allowed to remove the sign. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- F. Resolution #12-116 to Establish Beautification Committee. Mr. Stevens moved to amend the resolution to strike "flora and fauna" in paragraph three and replace it with "public and private property values," and in paragraph four to add "at least" prior to "seven", and after "volunteers" to add "and a non-voting member of town council," and in paragraph five after "stated" to add "which shall be known as "Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful", and after "shall be made" to add "by town council." Ms. Dodge seconded. Ms. Dodge said she served on the former beautification committee and could not say enough good things about the dedicated people that served on that committee. The ideas presented were overwhelming; she was very happy the committee was being established and expected even greater

#### 7. BUSINESS.

Ms. Mabry called for the floor. Mayor Samples recognized Ms. Mabry prior to any business discussions. Ms. Mabry moved to reconsider the budget expenditure of \$15,120 in the Hospitality Fund, Police, Beach Safety, Materials and Supplies/FFE, that is, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, to replace .40 caliber handguns to eliminate the purchase until further information is provided to town council. Mr. Stevens seconded. Ms. Mabry said this is not about the guns, and she wanted to make that perfectly clear. This is an unemotional procurement procedural problem that she has with the budget. Council was never given the opportunity to hear from Chief Frederick regarding the need for this expenditure. Ms. Mabry said she voted hastily to adopt the budget; not to purchase the guns, although they were included. Council received that information at the last minute. Chief Frederick is welcomed to make a presentation to council, if he would like to pursue the expenditure. However, at this time, she reiterated that she acted hastily and needs to have the expenditure omitted. Ms. Dodge supported the motion. It was a surprise to her where the funding was appropriated. She did not expect to see that expenditure where it was placed. Mr. Smith asked whether Chief Frederick could make a presentation now. Mayor Samples said that would not be allowed at this meeting as it was not a simple matter of procurement. There are a number of other issues that he takes very seriously, i.e. requalification of all of the officers. Before council requires the department to go through a requalification process, Mayor Samples believed it should be very clear what was being voted upon. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Smith voted against. MOTION CARRIED.

- A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0716, §5-16(b) Commission Member Terms; §5-32 Statements of Economic; §5-33 Campaign Disclosure Form; §5-58 Boundary Lines for Precincts, and §5-59 Places of Election. Ms. Herrmann said that second reading was presented without change other than two scrivener's errors, i.e. to add "§5-59, Places of Election" to the caption, and to capitalize "Board" in the name "State Budget and Control Board" on the second page. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance Number 12-0716. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0717, §9-16(a) and (b) Parking Decals & Exemptions. Mayor Samples noted that decal placement was changed in paragraph (b). Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance Number 12-0717. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0718, §2-26 Boards, Commissions and Committees to add (L) Rules of Order. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #12-0718 with an amendment to "Section 2-51 to 2-55" to exclude Section 2-52, Executive Sessions, with the exception of the board of zoning appeals. Mr. Stevens did not think it was proper for citizens committees, with the exception of the board of zoning appeals which handles judicial matters, to enter executive session. In his opinion, there are no legal issues that would require doing so. Mayor Samples asked the clerk if she understood the motion. Ms. Herrmann was not sure what was being offered, and said the town attorney would need to be involved and research done to make sure the amendment is proper. The amendment Mr. Stevens offered was different from the proposed ordinance that strictly applies rules of order to committees. Mayor Samples asked for a second to the motion. No second was offered.
- Mr. Stevens moved to suspend rule to allow discussion. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Samples believed that Mr. Stevens' concern is that committees would or could improperly meet in executive session by following the rules of order. That is certainly something that town council would not want to promote or provide the opportunity for. Because the board of zoning appeals is a quasi-judicial body, it might have the need to meet in executive session. There may be times when the planning and zoning commission might be involved in negotiations over a planned development that should be conducted during executive session. There were no other comments. Mayor Samples reconvened regular session and called on Ms. Dodge.
- Ms. Dodge moved to defer second reading of Ordinance #12-0718. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Samples said the intent is to prohibit indiscriminate use of executive session by any board, commission, or committee.

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## Changed decal placement in paragraph (b), no other changes. dh

Ordinance No. 12-0717
First Reading: 06/11/2012
Second Reading: 06/25/2012

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH		
COUNTY OF HORRY	TO AMEND §9-16(a) & (b) PARKING DECAL PLACEMENT, AND TO CLARIFY PARKING IS FREE WHEN SPACE IS		
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH )	AVAILABLE		
WHEREAS, the Mayor an assembled in order to clarify the p free when space is available for ve	d Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly lacement of town issued parking decals and to stipulate that parking is ehicles with a decal,		
NOW, THEREFORE, §9-1	16 Decals and exemptions is hereby amended to read as follows:		
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	Douglas F. Samples, Mayor		
Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tem	Ann Dodge, Town Council		
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Roderick E. Smith, Town Council		
Randle M. Stevens, Town Council	Vacant Seat		
	Attest:		

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

#### **Debra Herrmann**

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Sent:

Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:48 AM

To:

'Ords Admin'

Subject:

Correction to 9-16 statutory changes

Please correct the reference on 9-16(c) "Ord. No. 12-0717, 7-25-12" to "Ord. No. 12-0717,  $\underline{\bf 6}$ -25-12." Thank you.

Debra Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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#### c. Recreation and Special Events Report

Mr. Booth reported that the town had a good event this past weekend and it was well attended. Mr. Booth stated that the town is currently working on the fields with the sports season coming up. They are building up the mounds and putting in more material and the town will be ready for the softball tournaments coming up. Mr. Booth reported that the next town event coming up is the Taste of the Town. Mr. Booth stated that the town also added a town garage sale which will be held in May. The town will begin advertising it soon.

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#### d. Administrators Report

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#### Update on Legislative Day

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Mr. Booth stated that during Legislative Day it became apparent that the legislature does not have any money. Mr. Booth stated that is was good for council to let them know what the needs of the town are and remind them of who they represent.

Special Workshop re: Business 17 on March 1, 2010 at 1:00 PM ii.

Mr. Booth reported that he needed a consensus from council to hold a meeting on March 1st. The town invited the COG, the State and it should be a good workshop on how to move forward on Business 17. Mr. Childs made a motion to have a workshop on Monday March 1st at 1:00 PM to discuss the improvements needed on Business 17 in Surfside Beach. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mayor Deaton stated that he attended the GSATS meeting this week and it was basically a "rubber stamp" on all of the projects that have moved Mayor Deaton added that they seemed to be open for discussion and the recommendation was to write a letter. The town is going to do something better than that and have a workshop on Business 17 and they invited the Chairman and Vice Chairman of GSATS and some COG members to attend so that the town can express their desires and needs. The 17 projects could cost as much as 30 million dollars a mile; there are other ways to do this and there are other options that can be explored but it is a starting process. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. BUSINESS

# a. Ordinance #10-0679: Amend Ordinance Chapter 9 Motor Vehicle and

Mr. Booth stated that the staff is asking for a couple changes. These changes came from the budget workshop. The dates would be changed from March 15th to March 1st and would run to October 31st instead of September 30th. Also there are non-resident property owners who do not have registered cars in town; the town would like to offer these individuals a parking sticker for a cost of \$40.00. Currently a \$30 portion of car registrations for cars registered in town goes to the town. The ordinance also notes times would change to 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Mr. Samples made a motion to adopt 1st reading for the proposed ordinance changes. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked about section 9-16 (a) (1); the current license registration number was deleted and is replaced with decal number issued and asked why this was changed. Mr. Smith stated that

this was a staff recommendation. Mr. Johnson stated that this would enable someone to switch decals to other vehicles. Mr. Smith stated that he was not involved on the input regarding this. Mr. Booth stated that decals need to be adhered to the vehicles. Mr. Johnson stated that someone could give their decal to someone else. Ms. Hursey explained that the reason this was changed was that the line states that the said decal shall show this information and the decal never did show the current license or registration number; this information is kept but it is kept at town hall adding that individuals need to provide this as proof when they get their sticker and only one sticker is issued per person. Mr. Johnson asked why it was in there to begin with. Mr. Smith answered that as much information for the town as possible wanted to be kept. Mr. Booth stated that there had been occasions where individuals were issued parking tickets and that sticker was not registered to that vehicle; the town does check this out. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

#### b. Decision Paper: Choose Firework Vendor

Mr. Booth reported that the town went out for bids again; the town did not have to but staff decided to try to get more for the town and they did. Mr. Booth stated that the town will also provide bathrooms and this years' event will be even better than last year. Mr. Childs asked to have a discussion item "personal fireworks" added to the next agenda. Mr. Samples made a motion to accept staffs' recommendation. Mr. Truett seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Booth to describe the recommendation. Mr. Booth stated that the recommendation was to use the same company as the previous year, East Coast Pyrotechnics, and they will provide more for the next event. Mr. Truett stated that the previous year they provided 34 minutes of fireworks and asked how long the show would last for 2010. Mr. Booth stated that it would be longer and he would check on time. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

## c. Decision Paper: Authorize Purchase of two additional pay stations for the pier parking lot

Mr. Booth stated that there is money in this years' budget in the pier enterprise fund and would like to purchase two pay stations that collect both dollars and take credit cards. Mr. Truett made a motion to instruct the administrator to purchase the two new parking stations at a cost of \$27,538.41. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. It was confirmed that the current pay station at the pier parking lot would be moved to other parking areas and the new stations would be located at the pier parking area. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Booth how he feels the parking stations have performed to date. Mr. Booth stated that tickets have been reduced by 50 percent and the revenue has increased by 30 percent. Mr. Booth added that this is how they should work and with the extended hours and dates, the fund, dedicated to purchase land, would increase. The town is currently looking to purchase land on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Willow and this will help with that purchase. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

### d. Decision Paper: Go out for RFP for restaurant at pier

 Mr. Booth stated that the current lease is up in December and he has gone to the Charleston Recreation district to find samples. Mr. Booth stated that this is a small community and the public feels that the town is trying to push out the

be able to discuss capital improvements in public prior to making a decision. Mr. Smith stated that this evening council will instruct him when the packets should be available to pick up and once sealed bids are received they will be opened for the first time by council in executive session; they will be reviewed and if it is agreed to choose a primary and secondary the council will then return the remaining bids to the bidders. The bid would be awarded then the capital improvements of the primary bid could be announced. Mr. Smith stated that there are things that the council cannot disclose such as financial worth. There was consensus of council to move this into a packet to be submitted to bidders at some future time and date to be discussed shortly.

Mr. Samples stated that he had additional questions regarding items he wanted to address to assure a fair procurement. Items such as limiting who could apply, could it be councilmembers? Mayor Deaton stated that unless it violates an established policy it could be considered. Mr. Smith stated that by asking questions related to the 21 item criteria information would be disclosed and if council feels that there is some ethical issue then council should act upon it. Mr. Childs stated that if council felt at that point that a relationship disclosed did not feel right then council could use their best judgment. Mr. Smith confirmed that the criteria were built to address concerns such as the ones addressed by Mr. Samples.

Mr. Smith recommended council to go out to bid on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the bidders would have 45 days to submit their bid. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the town attorney. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. Mr. Samples asked if simple information such as a sketch of the premises and a qualification form would be included. Mr. Smith stated that it would. Mr. Samples asked about the incorrect onsite address. Mr. Smith stated that the address has been corrected. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The magazine issue was brought back up. Mr. Smith stated that this section could be removed or the words 'if applicable' could be added to address the situation if it ever came up. Mr. Martin stated that from a tenant perspective this is an unknown since there is no current magazine and he would prefer this be removed. **There was consensus from council to remove this section**. Mr. Samples asked if the town currently charges for utilities. It was confirmed that it does not. Mr. Samples asked if this could be removed. Mr. Smith stated that he would recommend leaving the utilities in. The town has no control over usage.

#### Other Items

Mr. Booth stated that he will be starting interviews for the Public Works Director on Thursday and Friday. Thursday between 1pm and 3pm the administrator will go over the budget. It was confirmed that this is not a council meeting.

#### 8. BUSINESS

a. Second Reading Ordinance #10-0679: Amend Ordinance Chapter 9 Motor Vehicle and Traffic

This ordinance increases the times and the dates. Mr. Childs made a motion to adopt second reading of ordinance 10-0679 to amend chapter 9 motor vehicles and traffic. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Booth stated that it would take the town a few days to get the signs up with the new dates and times. Mr.

Samples suggested giving the public time and warning tickets. Mr. Booth stated that the town will be fair with the public. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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# b. Proclamation #10-69: Arbor Day

449 450 The town clerk read the proclamation.

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# c. Decision Paper: Reappoint Evelyn Cockey to Election Commission Mr. Samples recused himself from voting since he is running for re-election. Mr. Johnson made a motion to reappoint Evelyn Cockey to the Election Commission.

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# d. Decision Paper: Budget Amendment 10-4300-485 Contractual Services

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Mr. Martin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Booth explained that the town is looking to amend the budget for \$5,450.

The state charges the town \$50 per day for each juvenile housed. Two juveniles were housed for an extended period and the cost came to \$5,450. The town does not anticipate this to be a recurring expense but in order to pay this invoice the town needs to amend the budget. Mr. Samples made a motion to accept staffs' recommendation. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that in South Carolina the tax payers have to pay for incarceration of youth offenders and he feels that it creates a negative incentive system on local governments. Mr. Booth confirmed that this would come from the general fund. Ms. Blair suggested that the town let the Juvenile Justice Service know that Mr. Ferguson has not been the towns' administrator for years. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

## 9. DISCUSSION

Personal Fireworks: Councilman Childs

Mr. Childs stated that the town is going to spend \$25,000 to put on a fireworks display and added that any town or city he has been in that provides a fireworks display eliminates use of personal fireworks. Mr. Childs stated that he does not feel there is a need for people to light their own fireworks; there is a bodily and structural liability. Mr. Childs stated that he would like to be proactive before something happens and he would like to see fireworks prohibited on July 4th and added that there is also a lot of garbage left on the beach. Mayor Deaton stated that this could be requested to go on a future agenda. Mr. Martin made a motion to bring the fireworks ordinance be brought to council in a draft form that has the exception for the 4th of July removed. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Ms. Blair, Mr. Martin, Mayor Deaton and Mr. Childs voted for. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Samples voted against. MOTION CARRIED.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items only - 5 minutes per speaker

Ron Ott, 7th Avenue N: "Let's do away with Christmas too, alright? The 4th of July with public fireworks made this town very unique so we'll do away with Christmas and birthdays, too. Let's get rid of them, too. Two workshops ago I went for a ride here and I've been thinking about it and I got a little confused about this parking plan that you put out. I listened to the, nice guy, riding in a helicopter, I mean, the town ain't that big. This isn't Atlanta, Georgia. We don't need a helicopter. He definitely didn't need a helicopter. He could have walked it but then I found out you paid \$48,000 for that? I don't trust you, no more. I don't trust you. Whoever put that out, I don't trust you no

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE
	)	TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY	)	TO AMEND CHAPTER 9
	)	MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
	)	ARTICLE I IN GENERAL
SURFSIDE BEACH	)	<b>SECTIONS 9-8, 9-10 AND 9-16</b>

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled,

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, Sections 9-8, 9-10 and 9-16 shall be amended as set forth below:

#### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 9-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the definitions of the S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-110 et seq., are hereby adopted and made a part of this Code.

(Code 1969, § 12-1; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross references: Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

# Sec. 9-2. Jurisdiction of municipal court.

The municipal court may try and determine criminal cases involving violations of the provisions of this chapter or provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, relating to motor vehicles and traffic occurring within the limits of the town when the penalty prescribed by state law for such violations does not exceed thirty (30) days' imprisonment and/or a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus fees and assessments. The municipal court may have trial jurisdiction over such criminal cases the same as magistrates. The municipal court may also have jurisdiction as prescribed by the South Carolina Supreme Court, consistent with state law.

(Code 1969, § 12-2; Ord. No. 93-0338, 10-19-93; Ord. No. 97-0400, 9-9-97; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09) Cross references: Municipal court generally, Ch. 10.

State law references: Jurisdiction of municipal courts, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-6150.

# Sec. 9-3. Reckless operation of bicycles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle in the town in a reckless or dangerous manner.

(Code 1969, § 12-24; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-4. Standing, parking beside roadway for certain purposes.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle alongside any roadway for the principal purposes of displaying it for sale or washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(Code 1969, § 12-41; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-5. Blocking streets and alleys.

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon a street other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to obstruct the well-traveled portion of the roadway, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals of a police officer. No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic. (Code 1969, § 12-40; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross references: Streets and sidewalks generally, Ch. 12.

## Sec. 9-6. Using vehicle for advertising.

No persons shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising. (Code 1969, § 12-22; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-7. No parking places.

It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to permit any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand, or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device:

- (1) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- (2) On any sidewalk.
- (3) Within thirty (30) feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking.
- (4) At any place where a vehicle would block the use of a driveway or parking lot.
- (5) On any private property without consent of the owner.
- (6) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the town. (Ord. No. 96-0382, 6-11-96; Ord. No. 01-0458, 4-10-01; Ord. No. 01-0460, 6-12-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-8. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates a different meaning is intended:

- (1) Parking meter. A mechanical device located upon a public street or in a place designated as a metered area hereafter defined, which device shall record a certain number of minutes by the use of a mechanism determining the period of time for which parking privileges may be extended to the person depositing a coin therein.
- (2) Pay station. "Parking pay station" means any mechanical or electronic device, except a parking meter, that requires a monetary payment in exchange for authorized parking in designated, public parking areas.
- (3) Metered area. A designated area where a parking meter is installed and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the meter.
- (4) Pay station area. A designated area where parking is allowed upon payment of U.S. money resulting in the issuance of a voucher or receipt to be properly displayed on the vehicle and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the voucher, receipt or mechanical pay station device.
- (5) Dates and times of enforcement. March 15 1st through September 30 October 31st annually, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
- (6) Boot. The term "Boot" means a device designated and manufactured to be attached to the wheel or tire of a vehicle to restrict the normal movement of a vehicle, as authorized by the town. The device shall also be referred to as an "immobilization device" or "immobilization equipment" or the use of this device as "immobilization" or "immobilized."

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 05-0571, 8-9-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0619, 3-13-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-9. Charges.

Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, and said charges are subject to annual review by town council.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-10. Method of using; failure to deposit coins or pay at pay station.

- (a) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking meter space where a parking meter is installed or is designated parking controlled by a pay station, shall immediately deposit a coin of the United States in the parking meter within that parking space, and shall operate the meter in accordance with the instructions thereon. The deposit of a coin in a meter will permit the parking of that vehicle for a period of time indicated by the meter.
- (b) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking lot or area where a pay station is installed shall immediately deposit some form of accepted United States payment whether it be by cash or by bank or credit card into the pay station within that parking lot area or any other town designated pay station within town and shall follow the instructions of that pay station and leave, in plain sight, a parking voucher or receipt on the dashboard of parked vehicle.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, vehicle, trailer or obstruction of any kind within that marked parking space or parking lot where a parking meter or pay station is installed without depositing a coin or providing a payment voucher from a town-designated pay station for the time the vehicle shall be so parked in the parking area. The owner of the vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be responsible for the violation thereof.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-11. Parking within marked spaces.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle to stop, stand or park that vehicle on any of the streets or parking areas of the town where any parking meter or pay station may have been installed and where parking spaces are provided therefore, except within the limits so provided by the marked areas.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-12. Overtime parking.

It shall be unlawful for any person, having deposited a coin or other accepted payment of the United States in a parking meter or pay station and having parked a vehicle within a metered space adjacent to a parking meter or a space designated and controlled by a parking station to permit his vehicle to remain in that parking area for a period longer than the time for which that coin or payment had been deposited in that parking meter or pay station.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-13. Use of slugs, etc., prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter or pay station in the town, any substitute or device of any nature or description for any coin of the United States. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Sec. 9-14. Injuring or tampering with meters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or tamper with, damage, open, break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or pay station installed pursuant to this chapter. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-15. Interpretation of chapter.

Nothing contained in this division shall be constructed to permit the parking of vehicles in those spaces where parking is prohibited. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Sec. 9-16. Decals and exemptions.

- (a) Decal issued for full time resident vehicles not including golf carts. All persons residing within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to a one (1) free decal per vehicle, to be issued by the town, upon verification of current vehicle registration. Such decal will be placed on the windshield or other appropriate location on lower left corner of the rear window on the driver's side of the vehicle. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show:
- (1) Current license/registration number. Decal number issued.
- (2) Year for which decal is valid.

Such decal shall allow a resident to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas.

- (b) Decal issued for non-resident residential owner vehicles not including golf carts. All non-resident residential property owners within the corporate limits are entitled to purchase one (1) decal per vehicle for the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) each, upon verification of proof of property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the lower left corner of the rear window on the driver's side of the vehicle. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show:
- (1) Decal number issued.
- (2) Year for which decal is valid.

Such decal shall allow a non-resident residential property owner to park free of additional charges in metered or pay station areas.

- (c) Decal issued for golf carts only. All persons owning golf carts within the corporate limits of town shall register their golf cart with the town police department for a fee of two dollars (\$2.00). This fee will include a decal that is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue and will be placed on the golf cart by the police staff. Such decal shall allow registered golf carts to park free in golf cart only designated parking areas. The issued decal will show:
- (1) Registration number.
- (2) Years for which decal is valid.
- (3) Golf cart rules.
- (d) Disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients. When a vehicle displays a disabled veterans or Purple Heart license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or appropriate authority.
- (e) Handicapped persons. When a vehicle displays a handicapped license plate issued by a proper authority, or a handicapped windshield hanger—Further, either the driver of or a passenger in a vehicle displaying a handicapped license plate or windshield hanger must be a "handicapped" person.
- (f) Employees. Every town employees-shall be entitled to one (1) decal, which will allow the employee to park free of charge in metered areas subject to conditions set forth hereinabove in paragraph (a) and other applicable ordinances. Employee shall present his or her employee identification card along with the vehicle registration for the vehicle on which the decal will be applied.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 93-0396, 5-27-97; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-2585.

#### Sec. 9-17. Penalties.

- (a) Violations. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or fails to comply with any of the requirements herein shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If a violator fails to pay the fine within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation, then the town may invoke any remedy permitted by law for debt collection, including but not limited to, vehicle impoundment or immobilization. Each day of a continuing violation of this article shall be considered a separate and distinct offense and may result in cumulative fines. When the owner of a vehicle, or his agent, makes proper payment of a parking violation within fourteen (14) days of issuance of the citation, there will be no increases in the twenty-five-dollar fine assessed. On the fifteenth day after issuance, the fine will increase to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (b) Violations shall be issued on a uniform ordinance summons.
- (c) Violators shall only be cited by police officers or authorized code enforcement officials.
- (d) Violators shall appear and be subject to the jurisdiction of the town's municipal court.
- (e) Violators shall have a right to a jury trial upon proper request.
- (f) Violators shall be subject to set-off debt process and failure to pay or appear may result in a non-resident violator compact (NRVC) notice for South Carolina licensed drivers.
- (g) Violators shall not be subject to incarceration.
- (h) Towing and booting. Whenever there is found any motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, or upon the town rights-of-way, property or parking lots, with an assessed fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more violations, the vehicle may be towed and/or booted/immobilized, under the direction of the public safety department.
- (i) Release of vehicles. The owner of such towed and/or booted or immobilized vehicle shall pay the fines owed on the vehicle at the municipal court or such other place as indicated on the issued citation; and the current tow rate and any storage rate assessed by the tow agency prior to getting the vehicle released.
- (j) Written notice. A written notice shall be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle after thirty (30) days of issuance of the parking ticket if it has not been paid.

(Ord. No. 97-0398, 7-8-97; Ord. No. 05-0563, 6-28-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0615, 2-27-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)
Secs. 9-18--9-22. Reserved.

Beach, South Carolina, in assembly a	RDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Surand by the authority thereof, this
3 <del></del>	K. Allen Deaton, Mayor
Vicki W. Blair, Town Council	Joseph P. Martin, Town Council
Robert F. Childs III, Town Council	Douglas F. Samples, Town Council
ames S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem	Mark L. Johnson, Town Council
	Attest:
	Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

1st Reading: 02/23/10 2nd Reading: 03/09/10

# South Carolina Law Governing the Use of Golf Carts

TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-115, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A GOLF CART OWNER'S RESIDENCE IS LOCATED WITHIN A GATED COMMUNITY THE TWO-MILE LIMIT WITHIN WHICH A GOLF CART OWNER MAY OPERATE HIS GOLF CART MUST BE MEASURED FROM THE COMMUNITY'S PRIMARY ENTRANCE AND NOT FROM THE OWNER'S RESIDENCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A GOLF CART ALONG A SECONDARY HIGHWAY OR STREET ON CERTAIN SEA ISLANDS, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "GATED COMMUNITY", AND TO PROVIDE THAT A GOLF CART MAY CROSS CERTAIN SECONDARY HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section 56-2-105. (A) For the purposes of this section, 'gated community' means any homeowners' community with at least one controlled access ingress and egress which includes the presence of a guard house, a mechanical barrier, or another method of controlled conveyance.

- (B) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and financial responsibility for the golf cart and upon payment of a five dollar fee.
- (1) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.
- (2) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.
- (3) During daylight hours only, within four miles of the registration holder's address, and while traveling along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less, a permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles an hour.

(4) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less on an island not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobiles. (D) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least sixteen years of age and hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in his possession: (1) the registration certificate issued by the department; (2) proof of financial responsibility for the golf cart; and (3) his driver's license. (E)(1) A golf cart permit must be replaced with a new permit every five years, or at the time the permit holder changes his address. (2) Golf cart owners holding golf cart permits on or before October 1, 2011, will have until September 30, 2015, to obtain a replacement permit. (F) A political subdivision may, on designated streets on roads within the political subdivision's jurisdiction, reduce the area in which a permitted golf cart may operate from four miles to no less than two miles. However, a political subdivision may not reduce or otherwise amend the other restrictions placed on the operation of a permitted golf cart contained in this section. (G) The provisions of this section that restrict the use of a golf cart to certain streets, certain hours, and certain distances shall not apply to a golf cart used by a public safety agency in connection with the performance of its duties." SECTION 2. Section 56-3-115 of the 1976 Code is repealed. SECTION 3. This act takes effect October 1, 2011.

#### Chapter 9

#### MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC\*

#### Article I. In General

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\*Cross references—Ordinances prescribing traffic regulations for specific locations saved from repeal, § 1-10(12); vehicles used for refuse collection, § 7-20; junked automobiles on streets, alleys, sidewalks, § 7-61; motor vehicles abandoned on public property, § 7-62; blowing horns, sounding signal devices on motor vehicles as a nuisance, § 7-92; nuisance motor vehicles, § 7-95; unlawful discharge of exhaust from motor vehicles, § 7-97; loudspeakers and amplifiers on motor vehicles for advertisement purposes, § 7-105; miscellaneous offenses, Ch. 8; sleeping in automobiles, § 8-2; municipal court, Ch. 10; police department, § 11-41 et seq.; streets, sidewalks, beaches, other public places, Ch. 12; motor vehicles on beaches, § 12-71; parking of motor vehicles in public parking access areas of beaches overnight, § 12-72; zoning provisions re parking of vehicles, trailers, etc., §§ 17-294, 17-295.

**State law references**—Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-10 et seq.; spilling debris on highway, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-4100; placing foreign substances on highways, S.C. Code 1976, § 57-7-20; powers of local authorities, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-710; signs giving notice of certain regulations required, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-720; local regulations regarding pedestrians, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-3120; accident reports, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-1360.

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#### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 9-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the definitions of the S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-110 et seq., are hereby adopted and made a part of this Code.

(Code 1969, § 12-1; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross reference—Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

## Sec. 9-2. Jurisdiction of municipal court.

The municipal court may try and determine criminal cases involving violations of the provisions of this chapter or provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, relating to motor vehicles and traffic occurring within the limits of the town when the penalty prescribed by state law for such violations does not exceed thirty (30) days' imprisonment and/or a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus fees and assessments. The municipal court may have trial jurisdiction over such criminal cases the same as magistrates. The municipal court may also have jurisdiction as prescribed by the South Carolina Supreme Court, consistent with state law.

(Code 1969, § 12-2; Ord. No. 93-0338, 10-19-93; Ord. No. 97-0400, 9-9-97; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross reference—Municipal court generally, Ch. 10.

State law reference—Jurisdiction of municipal courts, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-6150.

#### Sec. 9-3. Reckless operation of bicycles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle in the town in a reckless or dangerous manner.

(Code 1969, § 12-24; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-4. Standing, parking beside roadway for certain purposes.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle alongside any roadway for the principal purposes of displaying it for sale or washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(Code 1969, § 12-41; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-5. Blocking streets and alleys.

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon a street other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to obstruct the well-traveled portion of the roadway, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals of a police officer.

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No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

(Code 1969, § 12-40; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross reference—Streets and sidewalks generally, Ch. 12.

#### Sec. 9-6. Using vehicle for advertising.

No persons shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.

(Code 1969, § 12-22; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-7. No parking places.

It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to permit any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand, or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device:

- At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- (2) On any sidewalk.
- (3) Within thirty (30) feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking.
- (4) Within ten (10) feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot.
- (5) On any private property without consent of the owner.
- (6) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the town.

(Ord. No. 96-0382, 6-11-96; Ord. No. 01-0458, 4-10-01; Ord. No. 01-0460, 6-12-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 12-0732, 12-10-12)

### Sec. 9-8. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates a different meaning is intended:

Boot means a device designated and manufactured to be attached to the wheel or tire of a vehicle to restrict the normal movement of a vehicle, as authorized by the town. The device shall also be referred to as an "immobilization device" or "immobilization equipment" or the use of this device as "immobilization" or "immobilized."

Dates and times of enforcement for meters and pay station areas only means March 1st through October 31st annually, from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Metered area means a designated area where a parking meter is installed and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the meter.

*Parking meter* means a mechanical device located upon a public street or in a place designated as a metered area hereafter defined, which device shall record a certain number of minutes by the use of a mechanism determining the period of time for which parking privileges may be extended to the person depositing a coin therein.

Pay station and parking pay station means any mechanical or electronic device, except a parking meter, that requires a monetary payment in exchange for authorized parking in designated, public parking areas.

Pay station area means a designated area where parking is allowed upon payment of U.S. money resulting in the issuance of a voucher or receipt to be properly displayed on the vehicle and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the voucher, receipt or mechanical pay station device.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 05-0571, 8-9-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0619, 3-13-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10)

### Sec. 9-9. Charges.

Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, and said charges are subject to annual review by town council.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-10. Method of using; failure to deposit coins or pay at pay station.

- (a) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking meter space where a parking meter is installed, shall immediately deposit a coin of the United States in the parking meter within that parking space, and shall operate the meter in accordance with the instructions thereon. The deposit of a coin in a meter will permit the parking of that vehicle for a period of time indicated by the meter.
- (b) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking lot or area where a pay station is installed shall immediately deposit some form of accepted United States payment whether it be by cash or by bank or credit card into the pay station within that parking lot area or any other town designated pay station within town and shall follow the instructions of that pay station and leave, in plain sight, a parking voucher or receipt on the dashboard of parked vehicle.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, vehicle, trailer or obstruction of any kind within that marked parking space or parking lot where a parking meter or pay station is installed without depositing a coin or providing a payment voucher from a

town-designated pay station for the time the vehicle shall be so parked in the parking area. The owner of the vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be responsible for the violation thereof.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10)

## Sec. 9-11. Parking within marked spaces.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle to stop, stand or park that vehicle on any of the streets or parking areas of the town where any parking meter or pay station may have been installed and where parking spaces are provided therefore, except within the limits so provided by the marked areas.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-12. Overtime parking.

It shall be unlawful for any person, having deposited a coin or other accepted payment of the United States in a parking meter or pay station and having parked a vehicle within a metered space adjacent to a parking meter or a space designated and controlled by a parking station to permit his vehicle to remain in that parking area for a period longer than the time for which that coin or payment had been deposited in that parking meter or pay station.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

# Sec. 9-13. Use of slugs, etc., prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter or pay station in the town, any substitute or device of any nature or description for any coin of the United States.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-14. Injuring or tampering with meters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or tamper with, damage, open, break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or pay station installed pursuant to this chapter. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-15. Interpretation of chapter.

Nothing contained in this division shall be constructed to permit the parking of vehicles in those spaces where parking is prohibited.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-16. Decals and exemptions.

- (a) Resident and nonresident residential property owner parking decals. Decals issued for full time resident and non-resident residential property owner vehicles including golf carts. All persons residing or owning residential property within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one (1) free decal per vehicle, to be issued by the town, upon verification of current vehicle registration or verification of proof of residential property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the vehicle pursuant to instructions given by town hall staff when obtaining the decal. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show: (1) decal number issued, and (2) year for which decal is valid. Such decal shall allow a resident and residential property owner to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas when space is available.
- (b) Golf cart registration required. Registration decals shall be issued for golf carts. All persons and businesses owning golf carts within the corporate limits of town, including those entities which may lease, lend, borrow, or purchase golf carts for the purpose of renting to the public, shall register golf carts with the town police department. Proof of ownership and liability insurance is required.
  - (1) Residents and nonresident residential property owners shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by blue lettering on white background. Decals shall allow residents and nonresident property owners to park in golf cart parking, and "permit only" parking areas and in metered spaces without charge when space is available.
  - (2) Commercially owned golf carts shall be charged a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by white lettering on a red background. The registration decal shall state "Pay Parking Only," meaning that operators of commercial golf carts must park in metered spaces and pay applicable fees for parking.
    - Decals shall be placed by police staff in such a manner that will enable the registration decal to be clearly visible to the operator of the golf cart while being operated. The issued decal will show: (1) registration number; (2) years for which decal is valid, and (3) all applicable golf cart rules.
- (c) Disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients are exempt from parking fees. When a vehicle displays a disabled veterans or Purple Heart license plate issued by the department of motor vehicles or appropriate authority.
- (d) Handicapped persons are exempt from parking fees. When a vehicle displays a handicapped license plate issued by a proper authority, or a handicapped windshield hanger, either the driver of or a passenger in a vehicle displaying a handicapped license plate or windshield hanger must be a "handicapped" person.

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(e) *Employees*. Every town employee shall be entitled to one (1) decal, which will allow the employee to park free of charge in metered areas subject to conditions set forth hereinabove in paragraph (a) and other applicable ordinances. Employee shall present his or her employee identification card along with the vehicle registration for the vehicle on which the decal will be applied.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 93-0396, 5-27-97; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10; Ord. No. 12-0717, **06 7**-25-12; Ord. No. 12-0727, 12-10-12)

State law reference—Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-2585.

#### Sec. 9-17. Penalties.

- (a) Violations. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or fails to comply with any of the requirements herein shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If a violator fails to pay the fine within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation, then the town may invoke any remedy permitted by law for debt collection, including but not limited to, vehicle impoundment or immobilization. Each day of a continuing violation of this article shall be considered a separate and distinct offense and may result in cumulative fines. When the owner of a vehicle, or his agent, makes proper payment of a parking violation within thirty (30) days of issuance of the citation, there will be no increases in the twenty-five-dollar fine assessed. On the thirtieth day after issuance, the fine will increase to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
  - (b) Violations shall be issued on a uniform ordinance summons.
  - (c) Violators shall only be cited by police officers or authorized code enforcement officials.
  - (d) Violators shall appear and be subject to the jurisdiction of the town's municipal court.
  - (e) Violators shall have a right to a jury trial upon proper request.
- (f) Violators shall be subject to set-off debt process and failure to pay or appear may result in a non-resident violator compact (NRVC) notice for South Carolina licensed drivers.
  - (g) Violators shall not be subject to incarceration.
- (h) *Towing and booting*. Whenever there is found any motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, or upon the town rights-of-way, property or parking lots, with an assessed fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more violations, the vehicle may be towed and/or booted/immobilized, under the direction of the public safety department.
- (i) Release of vehicles. The owner of such towed and/or booted or immobilized vehicle shall pay the fines owed on the vehicle at the municipal court or such other place as indicated on the issued citation; and the current tow rate and any storage rate assessed by the tow agency prior to getting the vehicle released.

(j) Written notice. A written notice shall be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle after thirty (30) days of issuance of the parking ticket if it has not been paid. (Ord. No. 97-0398, 7-8-97; Ord. No. 05-0563, 6-28-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0615, 2-27-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09; Ord. No. 10-0679, 3-9-10)

Secs. 9-18—9-22. Reserved.

## ARTICLE II. MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

## Sec. 9-23. Driving across private property.

It shall be unlawful for any person driving a vehicle to use the driveway of any filling station or service station in the town as a roadway or thoroughfare.

## Sec. 9-24. Prohibited turns.

It shall be unlawful for any person driving a vehicle to make any "U" turn or other turn prohibited at any point where such turn is prohibited, and it shall be unlawful to accomplish a "U" turn by deviously going into or through private property adjoining the street where such turn is prohibited.

(Code 1969, § 12-25)

# Sec. 9-25. Careless operation of a vehicle.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle without care and caution and due regard for the safety of persons or property. Any person failing to operate a vehicle with care and caution and due regard for the safety of persons and property shall be guilty of the offense of careless operation of a vehicle. The operation of any vehicle when the same or any of its components is not in proper or safe condition shall be prima facie evidence of careless operation of a vehicle. Careless operation of a vehicle is unlawful and may be a lesser included offense of "reckless driving."

(Ord. No. 90-0291, 2-6-90)

Secs. 9-26-9-30. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE III. TAXICABS\*

### Sec. 9-31. Definitions.

As used in this article, the term "taxicab" shall mean any motor driven vehicle, except a vehicle designed to carry over twelve (12) passengers, in which the public is transported from place to place for hire.

(Ord, No. 87-0246, 9-14-87)

State law reference—Authority to require license, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-1-20

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## Debra Herrmann

From: Ann Messall [amessall@surfsidebeach.org]

**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2013 10:47 AM

To: dougsamples@surfsidebeach.org; mfellner@surfsidebeach.org

Cc: dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org
Subject: TOSB - Total of Paid Parking Spots

Importance: High

## Good Morning Mayor:

This morning you requested a count on the number of paid parking spaces throughout the Town. After speaking with John Adair, he has reported the below numbers

9 Total Pay Station which cover 250 Parking Spots 254 Metered Parking Spaces

TOTAL = 504 Paid Parking Spots

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Ms. Dodge: "Second." Mayor Samples: "There's a motion. There's a second. All in favor say aye." All Members: "Aye." Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we defer second reading of this ordinance until the second meeting in January." Mayor Samples: "There's a motion." Ms. Dodge: "Second." Mayor Samples: "Any discussion? All in favor say aye." Unknown Speakers: "Aye." Mayor Samples: "Opposed." Unknown Speakers: "No." Mayor Samples: "Can we get a, a, those who voted in favor raise their hand." Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens raised their hands. Mayor Samples: "So be it." Unknown Speakers: (\*\*multiple comments in background.) C. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0733 to amend §2-61(b) volunteer Advertising in Daily Newspaper, and §2-61(j) Annual Committee Reports, Councilmember Dodge. Clerk's Note: No action taken because meeting minutes not approved. D. First Reading Ordinance #12-0732 to amend §9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann. Mayor Samples: "Alright, moving right along, first reading Ordinance Number 12-0732 to amend Section 9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann." Ms. Kohlmann: "I have to find it. Do you want me to read the, the ordinance or just..." Mayor Samples: "Well, give us a summary. Tell the public what it's about." Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay." Unknown Speaker in Audience: "Grumble, grumble." Ms. Kohlmann: "I was gonna wait till the grumbling stops. They're entitled. This is a for no parking places. What it, what it basically is, is, is the safety of the citizens down, that go to the beach, visitors or people that live in town that pull out of the side streets toward Ocean Boulevard have a limited sight distance at times, you know, summer time, because people park right up on the curbs. They park right up to those blue beach access signs. Some of them block them, and a, it's hard to get in and out of driveways at times. It's very tricky, and keeping that in mind, people crossing the beach [sic] to go to and from the 

distance at times, you know, summer time, because people park right up on the curbs. They park right up to those blue beach access signs. Some of them block them, and a, it's hard to get in and out of driveways at times. It's very tricky, and keeping that in mind, people crossing the beach [sic] to go to and from the beach that are renting in the area, they can't, their, their sight is very limited. So, I'm proposing that it be unlawful at any time for a person in any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device. The ordinance already has in place at any place where official signs

1286 prohibit parking; on any sidewalk; within thirty feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking. 1287 The change would be amending where it says at any place where a vehicle would block the use of a 1288 driveway or parking lot. That would be taken out and replaced with within ten feet of any beach access, 1289 driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot, and then the rest of them remain the same well, fifteen 1290 feet from a fire hydrant or on private property without consent of the owner." 1291 1292 Mayor Samples: "Thank you." 1293 1294 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor." 1295 1296 Mayor Samples: "Ms. Dodge, Councilwoman Dodge." 1297 1298 Ms. Dodge: "I would approve, I would ask that we approve this amendment. It is state law, ten 1299 feet from driveways, 30 feet from parking lots, and street crossings. We should comply with state law." 1300 1301 Mayor Samples: "Thank you." 1302 1303 Ms. Mabry: "Mr. Mayor." 1304 1305 Mayor Samples: "Ms. Mabry." 1306 1307 Ms. Mabry: "I don't have a problem with it as long as we're able to put signs up at every place to 1308 make sure that people know that we, they can't park there, because we're not gonna, hopefully, have 1309 people coming up here every week yelling because they weren't [sic] ticketed when they won't have any 1310 knowledge..." 1311 1312 Mr. Johnson: "Point of order, Mr. Mayor. We need a second." 1313 1314 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Can I get a second?" 1315 1316 Mr. Stevens: "I second." 1317 1318 Mr. Johnson: "Now." 1319 1320 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, sir. Are you done?" 1321 1322 Ms. Mabry: "No, I (\*\* laughter), I just want to know if there's anything in place to take care of that. 1323 To make sure that everyone is aware." 1324 1325 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor." 1326 1327 Mayor Samples: "Ms., Councilwoman Dodge." 1328 1329 Ms. Dodge: "There is something in place. Mr. Adair's men have put yellow markings on Ocean 1330 Boulevard to show the ten foot and the 30 foot markings, and they also have a sign that says no parking in 1331 yellow. It's visible. People should know the laws and they can follow that for sure." 1332 1333 Mayor Samples: "Thank you." 1334 1335 Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor." 1336 1337 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Johnson." 1338 1339 Mr. Johnson: "I appreciate Mrs. Dodge's comments, but that is already in the ordinance. My 1340 concern is the 10 feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot. I believe that

there, there may be some areas that this would not be applicable, and we, we are really restricting some

parking down there, if we do that. We don't have a plan in place to, to move those vehicles except for down the sides of the end streets and I hate, and I know people say, well, they can go to the parking lots. Well, we don't have parking lots throughout the Town of Surfside Beach, so as long as, number one, as long we can regulate it, it's fine. But, I don't see it being regulated on a regular basis based on past history, and I, I just, you know, I, I, I did a vote to approve this last meeting, but I am not going to support that this time around simply because I don't think the 10 feet should apply or will apply in all areas, down there on, on Surfside Drive." Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Mr. Smith." Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, thank you. The reason that it hadn't been enforced is because it was so ambiguous as to what the police should enforce. This states precisely what is to be enforced; ten feet from

the driveway. Ten feet from a parking lot entrance and exit, so this clarifies what needs to be enforced, and

I think once it's passed, then there will be a means of preventing people from parking in those spots, plus

we can a, with bushes, et cetera, plants and so I'm all in favor of, of this a, changes in this ordinance."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Ms. Kohlmann: "I say we move to vote."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann."

Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, may I make one last comment?"

Mayor Samples: "Yes, you may and..."

Mr. Johnson: "And I, I appreciate Mr. Smith's comments, but a, I, I know for a fact that a, the enforcement of the existing ordinances or parts of the existing ordinance have not been done and the, the continued addition of the 10 feet just adds to the a, the burden and so I, I can't support it."

Mayor Samples: "I, I, if I could, a, the a, we're adding three sections. One a, is the driveway, which obvi, it's obvious to everybody that..."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Point of Order, Mr. Mayor. I moved to vote."

Mayor Samples: "I haven't had a comment, Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "But when you move to vote, I thought you said by Robert's Rules, right?"

Ms. Herrmann: "Unfortunately, she's correct, Mr. Mayor, the vote's been called. Once the vote is called discussion should end and the vote should be taken."

Mayor Samples: "The chairman challenges that and I would like a vote of council to..."

Ms. Herrmann: "Which is also allowed."

Mayor Samples: "... to prevent me from making comments. The chairman challenges the point of order so that the chairman may make a comment. All in favor of the chairman being allowed to make a comment despite the point of order, say aye."

Mayor Samples, Mary Pro Tem Mabry, Councilmember Johnson, and others: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed."

One Unknown Speaker: "No."

1398 Mayor Samples: "Thank you." 1399

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Ms. Herrmann: "Who opposed? Randle, excuse me, Mr. Stevens."

Mayor Samples: "Parking is certainly a big issue, big issue. We have established a committee to bring back recommendations to the council. I suspect that this is one of the recommendations that they would support. Nevertheless, we, we don't start with a blank sheet. We don't have a blank piece of paper for Ocean Boulevard. Ocean Boulevard was developed building what I call mini-hotels with more bedrooms than adequate parking. That's a reality. We all know that. I have no doubt that this will have negative consequences on business operations on Ocean Boulevard. Once people start coming from out of town and they start getting ticketed, because that is the intent; that is the intent to have an ordinance which is clear and enforceable by our police department. As Councilman Smith made clear earlier, when he said 70-percent of the monies are generated by business, let's be clear about where that business money is generated. It's generated in the R-3 District. It's generated on Ocean Boulevard. Let's not kid ourselves. Let's now kid ourselves. We're a beach town. We live on tourism. Your taxes reflect the fact that we have a very desirable beach town in which we live in and recognize that for three months, twelve weeks, fourteen weeks out of the year we put up with some inconvenience. I think it's a mistake a to, to have beach accesses, for example, added to this since if memory serves me correctly, we've got I don't know over thirty, thirty-six beach accesses down there. Thirty-two, thank you. You're taking six hundred feet that people can't park in. We mark those beach accesses, I presume, for some reason, safety. I mean, I guess there was a reason that we put the little posts up. The mullions or whatever you call them. so that people wouldn't park there and that pedestrians could have access, golf carts could have access. I can't for it as currently written. Now, we'll call for the vote. All in favor say aye."

Multiple Speakers: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"

Multiple Speakers: "No."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Ms. Herrmann: "Please, to make sure the record is clear...Ms. Dodge, Mr. Smith, Ms. Kohlmann, and Mr. Smith in favor?"

Ms. Dodge: "Yes."

Mayor Samples: "Okay."

E. First Reading Ordinance #12-0735, to amend Business License Ordinance for the Collection of Insurance Broker's Tax, and Agreement with MASC for collection of Insurance Broker's Tax, Treasurer Hursey.

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Hursey, please tell us what this is all about. First reading of Ordinance #12-0735 to amend the business license ordinance..."

Ms. Hursey: "Yes."

Mayor Samples: "for the collection of insurance broker's tax and agreement with Municipal Association for collection of insurance broker's tax."

Ms. Hursey: "And we already have an agreement in place with the Municipal Association. This is just to bring us in compliance with a, a law that recently passed, which was the Dodd-Frank Act, which also included the individual brokers in these new tax collection guidelines, so it is one to bring us in compliance with the law, but also to update our agreement with the Municipal Association to include the broker's tax collections."

Mayor Samples: "Right now they don't require proof or verification of property ownership."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker."

Mayor Samples: "No."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker..."

(Two speaking at once.)

Mayor Samples: "What, what they require, what they require now is, is they require a vehicle registration that shows that the vehicle is registered in the Town of Surfside Beach, which is separate than and different from and distinct from property ownership. I don't have a problem adopting it. I just want when, when staff goes to implement it, I guess they'll know what we mean."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to offer a suggestion, then. The verification of proof of residential property ownership would be their tax notice with their names on it, and that should correspond to their vehicle registration, have the same names."

Mayor Samples: "So, you're adding that to the ordinance, or just..."

Mr. Smith: "No, sir. That's just a clarification."

Mayor Samples: "For the record, and we are taking verbatim? We'll decide that later then, okay. For the record, I would like Mr. Smith's comments recorded verbatim. Okay, thank you. All in favor, say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"

# B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0732 to amend §9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Mayor Samples: "Moving right along, this also second reading to amend no parking, this is section, let me get it right, this is Ordinance 12-0732 to amend Section 9-7 no parking spaces. If I could, I would like, would you like to make a motion to suspend the rules so we can have some discussion?"

Ms. Mabry: "I move we suspend the rules."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second. All in, Mr. Smith, all in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Will you defer to me? This, this ordinance is also up for second reading, and I'm not certain if, if it's been well thought out. This ordinance, a, is not clear to me what the intent is. The intent is to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard. It does that. It eliminates parking on Ocean Boulevard for all practical purposes. The part that bothers me in, in the way the ordinance is written, well, many things bother me in the way it's written. But, it doesn't say R-3. It doesn't say Ocean Boulevard. It doesn't say C-3. So, it's applicable throughout the town. Now, just for the record, and I don't think Ms. Dodge will mind me clarifying, there were comments made at the last meeting and the record will show that it was stated that South Carolina law prohibits parking 10-feet within a driveway.

Well, that just isn't so. South Carolina law does not do that. The reason that I bring it up, because if you live in R-1, or you live in R-2, or you live in R-3, wherever you live, you're parked in a right-of-way in front of your own house or a friend of your is, and they're within 10-feet of your driveway, technically, this ordinance passes, it's illegal. Now, we're either gonna enforce the laws as written or we better start writing them as we intend them. That's a technical part. The fact of the matter is this is bad for business in the Town of Surfside Beach. Like it or not, we're a beach town. We're not a gated community. People have been parking on Ocean Boulevard forever, and this is a backdoor attempt... 10 feet of driveways, 10-feet or 5-feet of rights-of-way, 10-feet, 10-feet of rights-of-way...I'm sorry, of driveways, beach accesses, which it was determined we have 32 of. I would ask a simple question, how, does anybody know how many parking spaces this is gonna eliminate on Ocean Boulevard?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "I do believe an extensive report was given by the parking committee. It was very extensive with a whole listing of the 89 spaces that they could free up for additional parking on Ocean Boulevard. In addition to that..."

Mayor Samples: "(\*\*) ... are you answering the question? There're 89."

(Two speaking at once.)

Ms. Kohlmann: "(\*\*)... exactly how many spots. There's not really technically legal spots as it is now, because there's no parking signs at every single beach walk, and people park there. So there are, it says no parking right on every single beach access."

Mayor Samples: "It says no parking at the beach access, and I believe that means in front of the beach access. There is no 10-feet requirement at this point in time."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay, then it's within 20-feet of a crosswalk by state law. So, every beach access technically, I mean if you're looking at, I'm, just let me finish, Mr. Mayor, if you're looking at state law, which I believe you're all gonna go there shortly, technically 20-feet from every crosswalk, and if you're telling them to, to apply the rules the way the rules should be, then you're losing even more because 20-feet from each crosswalk. I'm looking at 10-feet."

Mayor Samples: "But, we're talking about 30-feet from the intersection, and in fact, the way the, in fact the way that the public works department has drawn the yellow line, because of line of sight issues, I get it. I get that, okay. I get that from a safety standpoint. What I don't get, speaking plainly, are these other additional eliminated parking. I just don't get it."

Ms. Kohlmann: "May I offer a solution, Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Samples: "Yes."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay (\*\*)"

Mayor Samples: "Was that something submitted to the council or is that...?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "No, it's just pictures that I took..."

Mayor Samples: "Is that something new tonight?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "I just did it in the last hour before the meeting. Just pictures for reference just so you can see what I'm trying to explain. I just want to explain myself... If you don't want to accept, fine."

reading."

Mayor Samples: "I want to see them. I'd like to see them in time to consider them. (\*\*) second

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Ms. Kohlmann: "(\*\*) Well, this has been going on forever and ever, and I think that we've all decided compromise is really important in town, and just because there's an issue that nobody can seem to come up with anything doesn't mean that we don't address it, even if it's just a little tiny thing, and if it doesn't work, we go back and we don't do it or we change it again. But, just saying we have a problem and then not doing anything about it over and over each time new people come up here, I don't, I don't think it's really helping, but what this is, is there are locations and I would like, actually like the council to consider a consensus to have staff go along maybe with John Adair or whoever to look at these locations. Now these locations here are all locations along Ocean Boulevard and I, I found 52 parking spaces, and there's no parking signs there, but when I asked who put those no parking signs up, and well logically (\*\*), nobody seems to know. There were put up there by prior administration, even three years ago in the minutes you said you didn't know who put them up there. They were there and you don't know who put them there..."

Mayor Samples: "That's right. I still don't."

Ms. Kohlmann: "...Okay..."

Mayor Samples: "I still don't know who authorized them."

Ms. Kohlmann: "And if you look there's even one that stands out a lot between 8th and 9th Avenue South right on Ocean Boulevard. It's the safest place on Ocean Boulevard for our beach goers to park. There's at least seven spots there, and there's no parking signs there, and on the west side of Ocean Boulevard it's safe and I think that when you're looking at the 10-feet from driveways, this isn't about eliminating parking because Ocean Boulevard has plenty of parking on both sides, even when you incorporate this, and Ocean Boulevard has never been to the point that there's not a spot to be had on Ocean Boulevard from beach goers except during 4th of July. So you're not really telling people they can't park there. It's a safety issue."

Mayor Samples: "How many parking spaces will remain on Ocean Boulevard if this ordinance is adopted as is? Do you know?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "Well, if you re [sic,] if you would have staff review these 52 spots that are now taking with no parking signs that were just put up there by somebody and arbitrarily posted, then I don't think we're having a problem. We're giving you more than we're taking away. I don't know the exact number of the beach access, because I don't believe that it is anything, because it's already 20-feet from a crosswalk. I don't think we're taking anything away from the beach accesses."

Mayor Samples: "Any other comments?"

Ms. Mabry: "Alright, I'm not gonna get emotional, because it's just about the facts. State law states you cannot park within 30-feet of a signal light, stop sign, flashing beacon, or (\*\*) the roadway. It does not say within 30-feet of all intersections, and we're gonna have to be very careful about implementing laws that are only good for the Town of Surfside Beach. Nobody else in South Carolina has these rules. How are they possibly gonna know, and how is the police department gonna enforce this when we are making up laws that don't even apply to South Carolina? I think that could be ambiguous at best. Then on number 4 it says in front of a driveway. Well, this is what the law says. You cannot park in front of a driveway or near enough to hinder the driveway use by others. It has no other meaning. That's state law. So, if you and I decide that that's what we know, that's what we've been taught, and I did talk to Columbia, they told me where to get this in writing. How are we gonna enforce it if it's, in fact, 10-feet from the driveway? Who's gonna know? Nobody, and then we have on number 5, who determines property owner? It says that any private property without consent of owner. That is, and I think the intent

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was a good intent the way I read it, so that if you push people off of the Ocean Boulevard you don't want them parking into the residential area. However, how are our policemen possibly gonna know who's a property owner, who's a renter, who's a visitor, who came into town? My brothers come here from Virginia, Florida, and North Carolina. I park in their yard. I have permission. If you rent, you have implied permission from the owner, so it is impossible to enforce the biggest part of this ordinance. If you want to remove parking from Ocean Boulevard, the best thing to simply say is we want to remove it. It's gonna be plain and simple. It's gonna be easily enforced. We just put up the right signage. I'm not for it. I probably would never vote for it, because of our parking situation, although I do love the idea in my heart. I just don't know that it's a practical idea. We have to go by, we cannot just arbitrarily come up here and make laws that are not enforceable, and this goes throughout the entire town. It does not address Ocean Boulevard separately. It is through the entire town, and there you're gonna spot, well, really didn't mean it for R-1, but I kind a mean it for R-3, but we're not gonna enforce it there. When you make an ordinance, you better be ready to enforce that whole ordinance to the full extent of the law. I think it needs to go back. I think the intent needs to come back to council exactly what you mean to do. Do it openly, do it honestly, and let's just get it done, and I think as a, a, talk to the police department. Talk to the attorneys, and let's get it done the proper way."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Smith."

Mr. Smith: "I think that this wording is okay the way it is. Item 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 were in the ordinance. The change was made, this was the previous wording: any place where vehicles would block the use of a driveway or parking lot. These are the words that were added in place of that sentence: within 10-feet of a beach access, driveway, or entrance and exit to a parking lot. Now the reason we did that, at least we want to do that, is because that's the safety issue. When you're coming out of a beach access or a driveway and somebody is parked close to the driveway, the visibility is reduced. It's impossible to get it precise like some folks want it, but this is a good attempt. You know, a lot of people in town who would like no parking on Ocean Boulevard, but if we did that, those spaces mentioned by Councilman [sic] Kohlmann would not be available. So where there is availability, I think we should allow them to park on Ocean Boulevard, and where there is not availability, like within 10-feet of a driveway, we need to stop them, and as far all over town, I know next to my driveway, I wouldn't want somebody being within 10-feet of my driveway, if they're parked on the right-of-way, and so, I think it's, will be applied evenly by our police. I think that they are intelligent, and responsible. They do a good job of protecting our town, and I think that they'll have the where with all to enforce this ordinance properly. This is a good change to the ordinance. A lot of people have been working a long time, not just this council, but previous council's have been trying to do something. Fortunately now we have people that are interested in moving forward on this. We've got the parking committee that made the recommendation, and I think it's time to move forward."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "First of all, I made the comment at a meeting that there was a state law which said there was, there was a prohibition of 10-feet from a driveway. I was mistaken. I told the mayor I was mistaken, but the 10-feet is a safety issue for somebody backing out of a driveway. You cannot see. Ocean Boulevard is an absolute mess. I was gonna say something really awful, cluster, but it's a mess. In the summertime and people are at risk, and if we pass this ordinance and it is applicable all over town, that's a good thing. We want people to come here to go to our parking lots. That's why we built them, and if we're going to skirt the issue, then we're going to continue to have empty parking lots except on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, maybe, unless somebody can find somebody's yard to park in, but I think this is a good regulation. I think it's well written, and I certainly would be for it."

Mayor Samples: "I, I have one last comment, because it is a bad, in my judgment, and we'll just have to agree to disagree. I think it's inappropriate to apply this throughout the town. I don't think, I think

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946 947 948 what we're doing is, a, we're using a hammer to solve a particular issue that a small group of people have. The fact of the matter is that for 12 weeks out of the year we want Ocean Boulevard full. It's what keeps your taxes low. It's what brings people to town. I, I see people shaking their head. They don't know the numbers. I asked the, the question I asked a little while ago, how many parking spaces will remain on Ocean Boulevard. No one knows the answer to that. No one wants to know the answer to that, because in fact it is a back door attempt to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard."

Ms. Mabry: "I just have one question, and if the interim chief can answer this, how can you ticket someone that does not have any knowledge of that law, and since it's not South Carolina law, how can we go up and ticket someone that has no idea that they're parking illegally, unless we're willing to put no parking signs every 10-feet of every single driveway. Now, if you're willing to do that, and I think that'd look a little bit worse than the cars do, but if you're willing to do that, fine, but nobody knows this law exists except the people in this room tonight, and we expect all of our visitors, and I know what's gonna happen, somebody's gonna stand right up at the podium and say, well I drove down Surfside Drive or I rode down Ocean Boulevard and there're cars parked everywhere, and they're not being ticketed, and they won't have a clue that they're even parking illegally, and I just want to know how we can burden our police department and ask them to do something that's really and truly a made-up law here tonight."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Well, I had discussion with Chief Keziah, and a, I, first I'm offended that you think it's a back door deal. I don't think that's a fair thing to say, because a lot of work was done on this by other people and myself, so I take offense to that. But, we'll just move along, and it is done in many places, some places are 5-feet from driveways, some are 10, and some are 15 depending upon what state you look at or town, and (\*\*) the fact that you saying it would be a selected enforcement, well, Town of Surfside Beach already does selective enforcement. They do it with fireworks, they do it with smoking on the beach, they do with golf carts. This is falling right into the line of what Surfside Beach does, and it's not, it should not be looked at the way you're looking at it. It should be a tool. It's just simply another tool for the police officers, because there are people in this town that have a problem getting in and out of driveways, and they're, and it's, and it's a constant battle for some of them. I don't think that this is gonna be the police officers are gonna go out there and start ticketing everybody. They don't do that now with the regulations. We don't want to run tourists off. That's not what this is about. This is about an older person has a car parked there every single day, the same car, and all he can say is call the police and ask them to send the officer and just ask the people to move the car. If they don't move the car, then they have a tool now, the tool is they ticket it. I don't see anything wrong with this. I think people are reading way too much into it and it's safety more than it is anything else."

Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "I agree with Ms. Kohlmann, and I resent this being called a backdoor effort to do anything. I don't go in the backdoor. I go to the front door and I speak out, and that's what we are doing with this."

Mayor Samples: "Well, I appreciate the way you feel, and, and I understand you feeling that way. Rest assured, I really believe what I'm saying also, because the fact is, is that there's been talk about eliminating parking on Ocean Boulevard for a number of administrations. I, I know, I served. I was against it then. I'm against it now. I still believe this is a backdoor attempt to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard. But, we'll find out, folks, understand, we're gonna vote, understand. In the peak of the season, we will have the opportunity to review what it is we have done. Any other discussion?"

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens."

Mr. Stevens: "I support this law. I think it's a good thing. I have been in the Myrtle Beach, and Myrtle Beach is basically eliminated parking on Ocean Boulevard from 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue or 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue South all the way up to about 29th Avenue North. So, they have done it. It didn't hurt their business. They still have plenty of people, plenty of tourists. I don't think it's gonna affect anybody. Riding back from church on Sunday, I did notice that there was a fire hydrant right next to a beach access. Rode down next to one of the other, our fellow councilmen asked me to look at the area down on 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue at the fire hyd [sic,] hydrant right next to the beach access. I saw a lot of beach accesses within 5- to 6-feet of a driveway. So if you park there, you're gone [sic] block a driveway. I rode all the way down the boulevard to Melody Lane and I saw many places where cars just can't park, and if they're parking there. then they're also parking on the sidewalk as well. I would say also that I, I noticed that the fellows working and putting trees out, and they're blocking the part where parking would be. If we do something like put bushes and trees up and down the Ocean Boulevard that will, we don't have to put signs, and I was looking at the pictures here, and I've walked by, this picture right here, 1st Avenue North between Ocean and Dogwood at least two to three hundred times since I've been in, in town, and it says no parking between signs, and I also often wondered why, where these signs came from, but it says at any place where official signs prohibit parking, you can't park there. Got to do something about parking, and I think this is the right step in the right direction. Thank you."

Mayor Samples: "All in favor say aye."

Unknown Speakers: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Oh, I'm sorry, we have a motion, you're right. Good, good. There is a motion to come in under the rules?" (*Not audibly recorded*: Ms. Mabry indicated she moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Smith seconded.) "There's a motion, there's a second. All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Alright. I need a motion. We need a motion to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Smith."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we adopt second reading of Ordinance 12-0732, to amend Article 9-7, No Parking Places."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Stevens: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens seconds. Any discussion? All in favor say aye."

Unknown Speakers: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed."

Mayor Samples: "No."

(<u>Not audibly recorded.</u> Clerk asked for clarification on vote. Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples and Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against.)

C. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0733 to amend §2-61(b) Volunteer Advertising in Daily Newspaper and §2-61(j) Annual Committee Reports, Councilmember Dodge.

Ordinance No. 12-0732 First Reading: 11/27/2012 Second Reading:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY	TO AMEND SECTION 9-7, NO PARKING SPACES
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH )	
	(submitted by Councilmember Kohlmann

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled desire to amend Section 9-7, No Parking Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parking Committee made a recommendation to Town Council at its October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to prohibit parking 10-feet from driveways, and 30-feet from street ends; and

WHEREAS, Motion made by Councilmember Kohlmann, seconded by Councilmember Stevens and was duly adopted by Town Council at the said October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to add a business item to the next meeting agenda, a parking prohibition 10-feet from a driveway and 30-feet from an intersection along Ocean Boulevard;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Section 9-7 No Parking Places of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-7 – No parking places.

It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand, or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device:

- 1) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- 2) On any sidewalk.
- 3) Within thirty (30) feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking.
- 4) At any place where a vehicle would block the use of a driveway or parking lot. Amend to read Within ten (10) feet of any beach access, driveway and entrance or exit to any parking lot.
- 5) On any private property without consent of the owner.
- 6) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the town.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held

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invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

**EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS.** The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

**REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

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Douglas F.	Samples, Mayor
Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore  Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Ann Dodge, Town Council  Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council
Roderick E. Smith, Town Council	Randle M. Stevens, Town Council
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There will be a Town Council workshop meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to hear a parking presentation by Lanier Parking Solutions.

Due to the high volume of responses for the police chief positions, a focus group consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, Councilmembers Kohlmann and Smith, and herself was formed to consider the applications. COUNCIL CONCURRED

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) revised its estimate for repaying US Highway 17 Business in the town's limits to \$1.560 million. The town's 50-percent match will be \$780,000. A letter was submitted to DOT on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to keep the town in consideration for the grant. Mayor Samples asked if any councilmember wished to express opposition. COUNCIL CONCURRED that the letter was proper and supports the initiative.

Additional information on pier signage will be presented at the December council meeting. Local vendors are being sought, because attempts to contact out of town vendors have been unsuccessful. Mayor Samples said it would be nice to have a town map at the pier that delineated amenities like the parks, library and lakes. There are many opportunities for directional signage, for example a sign on Highway 17 directing visitors to the pier and the library. He suggested involving the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful and the Recreation/Special Events committees. Mr. Smith encouraged using a local vendor. Ms. Fellner said local vendors are encouraged to participate. Every local vendor qualified to do mold remediation was contacted, and the bid was awarded to FSA, a local company.

Mr. Moss explained that the articles of incorporation for the Surfside Youth Association were signed this afternoon and would be sent to the Secretary of State tomorrow. The tax identification number has already been received, and he hoped that by Friday the corporation would exist. A contract was drafted for the town to enter into with the association; comments were received from Ms. Fellner, and he is awaiting comments from Mr. Seman. The corporation directors are meeting tonight to discuss policies and regulations concerning coaches. He expected to receive that information soon. He expected that the corporation would be formed and ready to negotiate with council by the end of the week.

#### 7. BUSINESS.

A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0731 to amend FY2011-2012 Municipal Budget, Treasurer Hursey. Mayor Samples explained that the budget amendment was to adjust for the underground wiring project along Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #12-0731. Ms. Mabry seconded.

Mr. Stevens asked when the underground wiring project would be completed. Mr. Adair said the works should be completed soon, but paving would not be completed until March when all the larger trucks would be finished using the roads.

All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

B. First Reading Ordinance #12-0727 to amend §9-16 Decals and Exemptions, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Ms. Kohlmann moved to amended the third line in the preamble first paragraph by adding "residents and" after "decals allowing." Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0727 as amended. Ms. Kohmann seconded. Mayor Samples noted that the change was only to the preamble; not the terms of the ordinance. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Samples: "Any other comments? I guess you gotta do what you gotta do."

Ms. Fellner: "Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "But, please get that warranty in writing, ten year warranty, one year parts, and make sure it gets locked up..."

Mr. Johnson: "One year labor."

Ms. Fellner: "One year labor."

Mayor Samples: "Yeah. Make sure it gets locked up in the archives and the clerk knows where to lay her hands on it. Okay, Ms. Herrmann? Thank you."

Clerk's Note: A copy of the written report is on file.

#### 7. BUSINESS.

Mayor Samples: "Moving to our business section, we are doing second reading of 7.B., 7.A.?"

Mr. Smith: "7.B."

Mayor Samples: "7.B. Thank you."

A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0727 to amend §9-16 Decals and Exemptions for Parking Decals, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Clerk's Note: No action taken because meeting minutes not approved.

B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0729 to add Chapter 17, Article IX, Overlay District.

Mayor Samples: "7.B. is the second reading of Ordinance 12-0729 to add Chapter 17, Article IX, Overlay District."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we sus, suspend the rules for discussion on this item."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Ms. Mabry: "I'll second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second. All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "The rules have been suspended."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I, I heard the comments from the a people who support the overlay and having it implemented right away, but I also heard the comments from the business community and I think we need to give them an opportunity to have another meeting where we can go over it in some detail and make some additional changes. I think it's getting close to being approved, but I think that would be wise to defer it until next year so that the business community, business committee can have another meeting to a go over it in detail and then a our building department have time to a update the ordinance."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Any other comments?"

Mr. Stevens: "The motion is to bring Ordinance 12-0729 to the next council meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> and put it on in the business section for A and for second reading."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "Any discussion. All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Hearing none the motion is adopted."

# A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0727 to amend §9-16 Decals and Exemptions for Parking Decals, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Mayor Samples: "Alright, the first regular business item would be the second reading of Ordinance 12-0727 to amend Section 9-16, decals and exemptions for parking decals. This is second reading. Can I get a motion?"

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion that we adopt second reading of Ordinance 12-0727."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second.."

Mayor Samples: "Any discussion? Clarification, in the ordinance itself it talks about nonresident, section a, we require proof it says verification of proof of residential property ownership. Do we require the same proof with respect to the golf carts, the vehicles? That's a question."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Ask that again."

Mayor Samples: "Well, the change to the ordinance, which is in green, it says decals issued for full time residents and non-resident residential property owner vehicles, including golf carts. All persons residing or owning residential property within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one free decal per vehicle to be issued by the town upon verification of current vehicle registration or verification of proof of residential property ownership, and I guess what I want to say is that I presume that that means when we verify their vehicle registration, that in fact that vehicle is registered in the town, but we don't say that."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Kohlmann,"

Ms. Kohlmann: "It would be done the same way it's done currently. We give out stickers to, they pay currently for parking stickers, so it would be the same format that's already in place. It's already being done."

Mayor Samples: "What verification of proof of residential property ownership are you expecting to see?"

Ms. Kohlmann: "The same one that we are currently using, which that would be up to staff does that I don't know exactly what they do like when you go up to get your anything through the town, you have to present what it is they're asking you for then."

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Mayor Samples: "Right now they don't require proof or verification of property ownership."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker."

Mayor Samples: "No."

Ms. Kohlmann: "For the parking sticker..."

(Two speaking at once.)

Mayor Samples: "What, what they require, what they require now is, is they require a venicle registration that shows that the vehicle is registered in the Town of Surfside Beach, which is separate than and different from and distinct from property ownership. I don't have a problem adopting it. I just want when, when staff goes to implement it, I guess they'll know what we mean."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to offer a suggestion, then. The verification of proof of residential property ownership would be their tax notice with their names on it, and that should correspond to their vehicle registration, have the same names."

Mayor Samples: "So, you're adding that to the ordinance, or just..."

Mr. Smith: "No, sir. That's just a clarification."

Mayor Samples: "For the record, and we are taking verbatim? We'll decide that later then, okay. For the record, I would like Mr. Smith's comments recorded verbatim. Okay, thank you. All in favor, say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"

# B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0732 to amend §9-7 No Parking Places, Councilmember Kohlmann.

Mayor Samples: "Moving right along, this also second reading to amend no parking, this is section, let me get it right, this is Ordinance 12-0732 to amend Section 9-7 no parking spaces. If I could, I would like, would you like to make a motion to suspend the rules so we can have some discussion?"

Ms. Mabry: "I move we suspend the rules."

Mayor Samples: "There is a motion."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second. All in, Mr. Smith, all in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Will you defer to me? This, this ordinance is also up for second reading, and I'm not certain if, if it's been well thought out. This ordinance, a, is not clear to me what the intent is. The intent is to eliminate parking on Ocean Boulevard. It does that. It eliminates parking on Ocean Boulevard for all practical purposes. The part that bothers me in, in the way the ordinance is written, well, many things bother me in the way it's written. But, it doesn't say R-3. It doesn't say Ocean Boulevard. It doesn't say C-3. So, it's applicable throughout the town. Now, just for the record, and I don't think Ms. Dodge will mind me clarifying, there were comments made at the last meeting and the

record will show that it was stated that South Carolina law prohibits parking 10-feet within a driveway.

Ordinance No. 12-0727
First Reading: 11/13/2012
Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
TO AMEND SECTION 9-16 DECALS AND EXEMPTIONS
FOR PARKING DECALS RELATING TO NONRESIDENT
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, AND COMMERCIAL
BUSINESSES GOLF CART OPERATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled desire to establish a policy relating to the issuance of parking decals allowing nonresident residential property owners to park their vehicles and golf carts in metered spaces when available without charge; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to establish that commercially owned golf carts rented for profit shall be identified as such by decals and operators there of shall be required to park in metered spaces and make appropriate payment

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- (b) *Golf Cart Registration Required.* Registration decals shall be issued for golf carts. All persons and businesses owning golf carts within the

corporate limits of town, including those entities which may lease, lend, borrow, or purchase golf carts for the purpose of renting to the public, shall register golf carts with the town police department. Proof of ownership and liability insurance is required.

- (i) <u>Residents and nonresident residential property owners</u> shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by blue lettering on white background. Decals shall allow residents and nonresident property owners to park in golf cart parking, and "permit only" parking areas and in metered spaces without charge when space is available.
- (ii) <u>Commercially owned</u> golf carts shall be charged a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by white lettering on a red background. The registration decal shall state "Pay Parking Only," meaning that operators of commercial golf carts must park in metered spaces and pay applicable fees for parking.

This paragraph separated as stated above for clarity. This fee will include a decal, blue lettering on white background for residents and non-resident residential property owners and white lettering on red background for commercially owned, that is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue and will be placed on the golf cart by police staff. The registration decal a fixed to commercially owned golf carts shall be clearly marked "Pay Parking Only" for the purposes of parking at municipally owned pay parking lots and will not allow these golf carts to park for free in golf cart only designated parking areas. Such decal shall allow registered golf carts to park free in a f cart only designated parking areas.

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**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

**EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS.** The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

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**REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

<b>BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED</b> by of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembl day of 2012.	the Mayor and Town Council of the Town y and by the authority thereof, this
Douglas F. Sam	ples, Mayor
Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore	Ann Dodge, Town Council
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council
Roderick E. Smith, Town Council	Attest:  Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

#### Debra Herrmann

From: Debra Herrmann [dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org]

Sent: Friday, November 02, 2012 2:05 PM

To: The Hon. Beth Kohlmann

Subject: FW: 12-0733 Section 9-16 Decals and Exemptions

I haven't heard from you all week. Have you had a chance to look at this?

D.

Debra Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2012 11:46 AM

To: The Hon. Beth Kohlmann

**Subject:** 12-0733 Section 9-16 Decals and Exemptions

Beth, please review this draft. I changed paragraph (b) to separate the requirements for residential and commercial, because it was confusing to have them in the same sentences. See the purple part ©

Let me know if you approve, and I'll finish getting it ready for first reading.

Thanks,

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Debra

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Е	BE IT ORDER	ED AND ORDAINED	by the Mayor a	ind Town	Council of the	Town of Surfside
Beach, S	outh Carolina,	in assembly and by t	he authority the	ereof, this	day of	2012.

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## Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore	Ann Dodge, Town Council
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council
Roderick E. Smith, Town Council	Randle M. Stevens, Town Council
	Attest:
	Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Ms. Dodge moved to adopt Ordinance Number 12-0715 as amended. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED as AMENDED.

- B. First Reading Ordinance #12-0716, §5-16(b) Commission Member Terms; §5-32 Statements of Economic Interest; §5-33 Campaign Disclosure Form, and §5-58 Boundary Line for Precincts. Ms. Herrmann explained that every amendment offered was to comply with South Carolina State Code. She noted that §5-58 creates a third precinct, Surfside Beach #4, which was created when Horry County recently completed redistricting. Town residents living on the north side of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North are in Surfside Beach #4, but for town elections only, those residents will vote at Surfside Beach #2, the Surfside United Methodist Church. Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0716 as presented. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Ms. Herrmann noted that once second reading was adopted, the ordinance would have to be submitted to the Department of Justice for approval prior to being implemented.
- C. First Reading Ordinance #12-0717, §9-16(a) and (b) Parking Decals & Exemptions. Ms. Herrmann explained that a different company produces the decals, which now are placed on the inside front window. The recommendation is to allow instructions to be given by staff when decals are obtained. Also the verbiage "when space is available," is recommended because a decal does not guarantee a parking space; only that payment is not required when space is available. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0717 as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Smith noted that paragraph (b) also cites decal placement and asked if that should be changed. Ms. Herrmann thanked Mr. Smith for pointing that out, and said if council agreed, it would be corrected for second reading. Council agreed to the correction. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- D. First Reading Ordinance #12-0718 §2-26 Boards, Commissions and Committees to add (L) Rules of Order. Ms. Herrmann said the Municipal Association of South Carolina recommends that all boards, commission, and committees have rules of orders. In lieu of specific rules of order, it was suggested that they refer to those adopted by town council and apply them accordingly to the respective needs. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-0718 as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mayor Samples asked whether rules of orders specified Robert's Rules of Order. Ms. Herrmann said yes. Mayor Samples asked whether Robert's allowed abbreviated minutes. Ms. Herrmann said the main items Robert's requires minutes to contain are the meeting type, date, time opening and adjourned, those present, and actions taken. Details provided in town council minutes are at council's direction. Mayor Samples said the question was raised, because he did not want to use essential staff to take minutes for committees that could take their own minutes. Ms. Herrmann said the town code cites that ad hoc committees are responsible for choosing a secretary to take their own minutes and to provide copies to the town clerk for the permanent record. Unless town council so directs, the town clerk would not attend ad hoc committee meetings. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- E. First Reading Ordinance #12-0719 §17-603 Definitions Abandoned Signs. Ms. Morris explained that this ordinance increases the length of time to one year before a sign is abandoned, except for dilapidated signs as identified in (3) which stipulates six months. Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0179 as presented. Ms. Dodge seconded. Mr. Johnson asked whether there is sufficient definition of disrepair. Ms. Morris said the code cites specifics that she believes are enforceable. Ms. Mabry asked who was responsible for removing dilapidated signs. Ms. Morris said the ordinance requires a certified letter requesting removal be sent to the owner. The next step would be a summons, and after court proceedings, the town would be allowed to remove the sign. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- F. Resolution #12-116 to Establish Beautification Committee. Mr. Stevens moved to amend the resolution to strike "flora and fauna" in paragraph three and replace it with "public and private property values," and in paragraph four to add "at least" prior to "seven", and after "volunteers" to add "and a non-voting member of town council," and in paragraph five after "stated" to add "which shall be known as "Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful", and after "shall be made" to add "by town council." Ms. Dodge seconded. Ms. Dodge said she served on the former beautification committee and could not say enough good things about the dedicated people that served on that committee. The ideas presented were overwhelming; she was very happy the committee was being established and expected even greater

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Ms. Mabry called for the floor. Mayor Samples recognized Ms. Mabry prior to any business discussions. Ms. Mabry moved to reconsider the budget expenditure of \$15,120 in the Hospitality Fund, Police, Beach Safety, Materials and Supplies/FFE, that is, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, to replace .40 caliber handguns to eliminate the purchase until further information is provided to town council. Mr. Stevens seconded. Ms. Mabry said this is not about the guns, and she wanted to make that perfectly clear. This is an unemotional procurement procedural problem that she has with the budget. Council was never given the opportunity to hear from Chief Frederick regarding the need for this expenditure. Ms. Mabry said she voted hastily to adopt the budget; not to purchase the guns, although they were included. Council received that information at the last minute. Chief Frederick is welcomed to make a presentation to council, if he would like to pursue the expenditure. However, at this time, she reiterated that she acted hastily and needs to have the expenditure omitted. Ms. Dodge supported the motion. It was a surprise to her where the funding was appropriated. She did not expect to see that expenditure where it was placed. Mr. Smith asked whether Chief Frederick could make a presentation now. Mayor Samples said that would not be allowed at this meeting as it was not a simple matter of procurement. There are a number of other issues that he takes very seriously, i.e. requalification of all of the officers. Before council requires the department to go through a requalification process, Mayor Samples believed it should be very clear what was being voted upon. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Smith voted against. MOTION CARRIED.

- A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0716, §5-16(b) Commission Member Terms; §5-32 Statements of Economic; §5-33 Campaign Disclosure Form; §5-58 Boundary Lines for Precincts, and §5-59 Places of Election. Ms. Herrmann said that second reading was presented without change other than two scrivener's errors, i.e. to add "\$5-59, Places of Election" to the caption, and to capitalize "Board" in the name "State Budget and Control Board" on the second page. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance Number 12-0716. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0717, §9-16(a) and (b) Parking Decals & Exemptions. Mayor Samples noted that decal placement was changed in paragraph (b). Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance Number 12-0717. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0718, §2-26 Boards, Commissions and Committees to add (L) Rules of Order. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #12-0718 with an amendment to "Section 2-51 to 2-55" to exclude Section 2-52, Executive Sessions, with the exception of the board of zoning appeals. Mr. Stevens did not think it was proper for citizens committees, with the exception of the board of zoning appeals which handles judicial matters, to enter executive session. In his opinion, there are no legal issues that would require doing so. Mayor Samples asked the clerk if she understood the motion. Ms. Herrmann was not sure what was being offered, and said the town attorney would need to be involved and research done to make sure the amendment is proper. The amendment Mr. Stevens offered was different from the proposed ordinance that strictly applies rules of order to committees. Mayor Samples asked for a second to the motion. No second was offered.
- Mr. Stevens moved to suspend rule to allow discussion. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Samples believed that Mr. Stevens' concern is that committees would or could improperly meet in executive session by following the rules of order. That is certainly something that town council would not want to promote or provide the opportunity for. Because the board of zoning appeals is a quasi-judicial body, it might have the need to meet in executive session. There may be times when the planning and zoning commission might be involved in negotiations over a planned development that should be conducted during executive session. There were no other comments. Mayor Samples reconvened regular session and called on Ms. Dodge.
- Ms. Dodge moved to defer second reading of Ordinance #12-0718. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Samples said the intent is to prohibit indiscriminate use of executive session by any board, commission, or committee.

## Changed decal placement in paragraph (b), no other changes. dh

Ordinance No. 12-0717
First Reading: 06/11/2012
Second Reading: 06/25/2012

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COUNTY OF HORRY	TO AMEND §9-16(a) & (b) PARKING DECAL PLACEMENT, AND TO CLARIFY PARKING IS FREE WHEN SPACE IS
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9	authority thereof this day of, 2012.  Douglas F. Samples, Mayor
Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore	Ann Dodge, Town Council
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Roderick E. Smith, Town Council
Randle M. Stevens, Town Council	Vacant Seat
	Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

#### **Debra Herrmann**

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Sent:

Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:48 AM

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Subject:

Correction to 9-16 statutory changes

Please correct the reference on 9-16(c) "Ord. No. 12-0717, 7-25-12" to "Ord. No. 12-0717,  $\underline{6}$ -25-12." Thank you.

Debra Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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## c. Recreation and Special Events Report

Mr. Booth reported that the town had a good event this past weekend and it was well attended. Mr. Booth stated that the town is currently working on the fields with the sports season coming up. They are building up the mounds and putting in more material and the town will be ready for the softball tournaments coming up. Mr. Booth reported that the next town event coming up is the Taste of the Town. Mr. Booth stated that the town also added a town garage sale which will be held in May. The town will begin advertising it soon.

#### d. Administrators Report

#### i. <u>Update on Legislative Day</u>

Mr. Booth stated that during Legislative Day it became apparent that the legislature does not have any money. Mr. Booth stated that is was good for council to let them know what the needs of the town are and remind them of who they represent.

ii. Special Workshop re: Business 17 on March 1, 2010 at 1:00 PM Mr. Booth reported that he needed a consensus from council to hold a meeting on March 1st. The town invited the COG, the State and it should be a good workshop on how to move forward on Business 17. Mr. Childs made a motion to have a workshop on Monday March 1st at 1:00 PM to discuss the improvements needed on Business 17 in Surfside Beach. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mayor Deaton stated that he attended the GSATS meeting this week and it was basically a "rubber stamp" on all of the projects that have moved forward. Mayor Deaton added that they seemed to be open for discussion and the recommendation was to write a letter. The town is going to do something better than that and have a workshop on Business 17 and they invited the Chairman and Vice Chairman of GSATS and some COG members to attend so that the town can express their desires and needs. The 17 projects could cost as much as 30 million dollars a mile; there are other ways to do this and there are other options that can be explored but it is a starting process. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 7. BUSINESS

## a. Ordinance #10-0679: Amend Ordinance Chapter 9 Motor Vehicle and Traffic

Mr. Booth stated that the staff is asking for a couple changes. These changes came from the budget workshop. The dates would be changed from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> and would run to October 31<sup>st</sup> instead of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Also there are non-resident property owners who do not have registered cars in town; the town would like to offer these individuals a parking sticker for a cost of \$40.00. Currently a \$30 portion of car registrations for cars registered in town goes to the town. The ordinance also notes times would change to 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Mr. Samples made a motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the proposed ordinance changes. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked about section 9-16 (a) (1); the current license registration number was deleted and is replaced with decal number issued and asked why this was changed. Mr. Smith stated that

this was a staff recommendation. Mr. Johnson stated that this would enable someone to switch decals to other vehicles. Mr. Smith stated that he was not involved on the input regarding this. Mr. Booth stated that decals need to be adhered to the vehicles. Mr. Johnson stated that someone could give their decal to someone else. Ms. Hursey explained that the reason this was changed was that the line states that the said decal shall show this information and the decal never did show the current license or registration number; this information is kept but it is kept at town hall adding that individuals need to provide this as proof when they get their sticker and only one sticker is issued per person. Mr. Johnson asked why it was in there to begin with. Mr. Smith answered that as much information for the town as possible wanted to be kept. Mr. Booth stated that there had been occasions where individuals were issued parking tickets and that sticker was not registered to that vehicle; the town does check this out. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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#### b. Decision Paper: Choose Firework Vendor

Mr. Booth reported that the town went out for bids again; the town did not have to but staff decided to try to get more for the town and they did. Mr. Booth stated that the town will also provide bathrooms and this years' event will be even better than last year. Mr. Childs asked to have a discussion item "personal fireworks" added to the next agenda. Mr. Samples made a motion to accept staffs' recommendation. Mr. Truett seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Booth to describe the recommendation. Mr. Booth stated that the recommendation was to use the same company as the previous year, East Coast Pyrotechnics, and they will provide more for the next event. Mr. Truett stated that the previous year they provided 34 minutes of fireworks and asked how long the show would last for 2010. Mr. Booth stated that it would be longer and he would check on time. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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# c. Decision Paper: Authorize Purchase of two additional pay stations for the pier parking lot Mr. Booth stated that there is money in this years' budget in the pier enterprise

fund and would like to purchase two pay stations that collect both dollars and take credit cards. Mr. Truett made a motion to instruct the administrator to purchase the two new parking stations at a cost of \$27,538.41. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. It was confirmed that the current pay station at the pier parking lot would be moved to other parking areas and the new stations would be located at the pier parking area. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Booth how he feels the parking stations have performed to date. Mr. Booth stated that tickets have been reduced by 50 percent and the revenue has increased by 30 percent. Mr. Booth added that this is how they should work and with the extended hours and dates, the fund, dedicated to purchase land, would increase. The town is currently looking to purchase land on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Willow and this will help with that purchase.

## d. Decision Paper: Go out for RFP for restaurant at pier

All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Booth stated that the current lease is up in December and he has gone to the Charleston Recreation district to find samples. Mr. Booth stated that this is a small community and the public feels that the town is trying to push out the

be able to discuss capital improvements in public prior to making a decision. Mr. Smith stated that this evening council will instruct him when the packets should be available to pick up and once sealed bids are received they will be opened for the first time by council in executive session; they will be reviewed and if it is agreed to choose a primary and secondary the council will then return the remaining bids to the bidders. The bid would be awarded then the capital improvements of the primary bid could be announced. Mr. Smith stated that there are things that the council cannot disclose such as financial worth. There was consensus of council to move this into a packet to be submitted to bidders at some future time and date to be discussed shortly.

Mr. Samples stated that he had additional questions regarding items he wanted to address to assure a fair procurement. Items such as limiting who could apply, could it be councilmembers? Mayor Deaton stated that unless it violates an established policy it could be considered. Mr. Smith stated that by asking questions related to the 21 item criteria information would be disclosed and if council feels that there is some ethical issue then council should act upon it. Mr. Childs stated that if council felt at that point that a relationship disclosed did not feel right then council could use their best judgment. Mr. Smith confirmed that the criteria were built to address concerns such as the ones addressed by Mr. Samples.

Mr. Smith recommended council to go out to bid on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the bidders would have 45 days to submit their bid. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the town attorney. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. Mr. Samples asked if simple information such as a sketch of the premises and a qualification form would be included. Mr. Smith stated that it would. Mr. Samples asked about the incorrect onsite address. Mr. Smith stated that the address has been corrected. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The magazine issue was brought back up. Mr. Smith stated that this section could be removed or the words 'if applicable' could be added to address the situation if it ever came up. Mr. Martin stated that from a tenant perspective this is an unknown since there is no current magazine and he would prefer this be removed. **There was consensus from council to remove this section**. Mr. Samples asked if the town currently charges for utilities. It was confirmed that it does not. Mr. Samples asked if this could be removed. Mr. Smith stated that he would recommend leaving the utilities in. The town has no control over usage.

#### Other Items

Mr. Booth stated that he will be starting interviews for the Public Works Director on Thursday and Friday. Thursday between 1pm and 3pm the administrator will go over the budget. It was confirmed that this is not a council meeting.

#### 8. BUSINESS

a. Second Reading Ordinance #10-0679: Amend Ordinance Chapter 9 Motor Vehicle and Traffic

This ordinance increases the times and the dates. Mr. Childs made a motion to adopt second reading of ordinance 10-0679 to amend chapter 9 motor vehicles and traffic. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Booth stated that it would take the town a few days to get the signs up with the new dates and times. Mr.

Samples suggested giving the public time and warning tickets. Mr. Booth stated that the town will be fair with the public. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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## b. Proclamation #10-69: Arbor Day

449 450 The town clerk read the proclamation.

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#### c. Decision Paper: Reappoint Evelyn Cockey to Election Commission Mr. Samples recused himself from voting since he is running for re-election. Mr. Johnson made a motion to reappoint Evelyn Cockey to the Election Commission. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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## d. Decision Paper: Budget Amendment 10-4300-485 Contractual Services

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Mr. Booth explained that the town is looking to amend the budget for \$5,450. The state charges the town \$50 per day for each juvenile housed. Two juveniles were housed for an extended period and the cost came to \$5,450. The town does not anticipate this to be a recurring expense but in order to pay this invoice the town needs to amend the budget. Mr. Samples made a motion to accept staffs' recommendation. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that in South Carolina the tax payers have to pay for incarceration of youth offenders and he feels that it creates a negative incentive system on local governments. Mr. Booth confirmed that this would come from the general fund. Ms. Blair suggested that the town let the Juvenile Justice Service know that Mr. Ferguson has not been the towns' administrator for years. All voted in favor. MOTION

#### 9. **DISCUSSION**

Personal Fireworks: Councilman Childs

CARRIED.

Mr. Childs stated that the town is going to spend \$25,000 to put on a fireworks display and added that any town or city he has been in that provides a fireworks display eliminates use of personal fireworks. Mr. Childs stated that he does not feel there is a need for people to light their own fireworks; there is a bodily and structural liability. Mr. Childs stated that he would like to be proactive before something happens and he would like to see fireworks prohibited on July 4th and added that there is also a lot of garbage left on the beach. Mayor Deaton stated that this could be requested to go on a future agenda. Mr. Martin made a motion to bring the fireworks ordinance be brought to council in a draft form that has the exception for the 4th of July removed. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Ms. Blair, Mr. Martin, Mayor Deaton and Mr. Childs voted for. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Samples voted against. MOTION CARRIED.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items only - 5 minutes per speaker

Ron Ott, 7th Avenue N: "Let's do away with Christmas too, alright? The 4th of July with public fireworks made this town very unique so we'll do away with Christmas and birthdays, too. Let's get rid of them, too. Two workshops ago I went for a ride here and I've been thinking about it and I got a little confused about this parking plan that you put out. I listened to the, nice guy, riding in a helicopter, I mean, the town ain't that big. This isn't Atlanta, Georgia. We don't need a helicopter. He definitely didn't need a helicopter. He could have walked it but then I found out you paid \$48,000 for that? I don't trust you, no more. I don't trust you. Whoever put that out, I don't trust you no

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE
	)	TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY	)	TO AMEND CHAPTER 9
	)	MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
****	)	ARTICLE I IN GENERAL
SURFSIDE BEACH	)	<b>SECTIONS 9-8, 9-10 AND 9-16</b>

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled,

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, Sections 9-8, 9-10 and 9-16 shall be amended as set forth below:

#### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 9-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the definitions of the S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-110 et seq., are hereby adopted and made a part of this Code.

(Code 1969, § 12-1; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross references: Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

## Sec. 9-2. Jurisdiction of municipal court.

The municipal court may try and determine criminal cases involving violations of the provisions of this chapter or provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, relating to motor vehicles and traffic occurring within the limits of the town when the penalty prescribed by state law for such violations does not exceed thirty (30) days' imprisonment and/or a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus fees and assessments. The municipal court may have trial jurisdiction over such criminal cases the same as magistrates. The municipal court may also have jurisdiction as prescribed by the South Carolina Supreme Court, consistent with state law.

(Code 1969, § 12-2; Ord. No. 93-0338, 10-19-93; Ord. No. 97-0400, 9-9-97; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09) Cross references: Municipal court generally, Ch. 10.

State law references: Jurisdiction of municipal courts, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-6150.

#### Sec. 9-3. Reckless operation of bicycles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any bicycle in the town in a reckless or dangerous manner.

(Code 1969, § 12-24; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-4. Standing, parking beside roadway for certain purposes.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle alongside any roadway for the principal purposes of displaying it for sale or washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(Code 1969, § 12-41; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-5. Blocking streets and alleys.

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon a street other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to obstruct the well-traveled portion of the roadway, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals of a police officer. No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic. (Code 1969, § 12-40; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

Cross references: Streets and sidewalks generally, Ch. 12.

#### Sec. 9-6. Using vehicle for advertising.

No persons shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising. (Code 1969, § 12-22; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-7. No parking places.

It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to permit any vehicle or trailer to stop, stand, or park in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device:

- (1) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
- (2) On any sidewalk.
- (3) Within thirty (30) feet of any intersection not otherwise designated for parking.
- (4) At any place where a vehicle would block the use of a driveway or parking lot.
- (5) On any private property without consent of the owner.
- (6) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the town. (Ord. No. 96-0382, 6-11-96; Ord. No. 01-0458, 4-10-01; Ord. No. 01-0460, 6-12-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-8. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates a different meaning is intended:

- (1) Parking meter. A mechanical device located upon a public street or in a place designated as a metered area hereafter defined, which device shall record a certain number of minutes by the use of a mechanism determining the period of time for which parking privileges may be extended to the person depositing a coin therein.
- (2) Pay station. "Parking pay station" means any mechanical or electronic device, except a parking meter, that requires a monetary payment in exchange for authorized parking in designated, public parking areas.
- (3) Metered area. A designated area where a parking meter is installed and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the meter.
- (4) Pay station area. A designated area where parking is allowed upon payment of U.S. money resulting in the issuance of a voucher or receipt to be properly displayed on the vehicle and where a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for the period of time indicated on the voucher, receipt or mechanical pay station device.
- (5) Dates and times of enforcement. March 15 1st through September 30 October 31st annually, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
- (6) Boot. The term "Boot" means a device designated and manufactured to be attached to the wheel or tire of a vehicle to restrict the normal movement of a vehicle, as authorized by the town. The device shall also be referred to as an "immobilization device" or "immobilization equipment" or the use of this device as "immobilization" or "immobilized."

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 05-0571, 8-9-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0619, 3-13-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-9. Charges.

Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, and said charges are subject to annual review by town council.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-10. Method of using; failure to deposit coins or pay at pay station.

- (a) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking meter space where a parking meter is installed or is designated parking controlled by a pay station, shall immediately deposit a coin of the United States in the parking meter within that parking space, and shall operate the meter in accordance with the instructions thereon. The deposit of a coin in a meter will permit the parking of that vehicle for a period of time indicated by the meter.
- (b) The owner or operator of any vehicle, upon entering a parking lot or area where a pay station is installed shall immediately deposit some form of accepted United States payment whether it be by cash or by bank or credit card into the pay station within that parking lot area or any other town designated pay station within town and shall follow the instructions of that pay station and leave, in plain sight, a parking voucher or receipt on the dashboard of parked vehicle.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, vehicle, trailer or obstruction of any kind within that marked parking space or parking lot where a parking meter or pay station is installed without depositing a coin or providing a payment voucher from a town-designated pay station for the time the vehicle shall be so parked in the parking area. The owner of the vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be responsible for the violation thereof.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

## Sec. 9-11. Parking within marked spaces.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle to stop, stand or park that vehicle on any of the streets or parking areas of the town where any parking meter or pay station may have been installed and where parking spaces are provided therefore, except within the limits so provided by the marked areas.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-12. Overtime parking.

It shall be unlawful for any person, having deposited a coin or other accepted payment of the United States in a parking meter or pay station and having parked a vehicle within a metered space adjacent to a parking meter or a space designated and controlled by a parking station to permit his vehicle to remain in that parking area for a period longer than the time for which that coin or payment had been deposited in that parking meter or pay station.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-13. Use of slugs, etc., prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter or pay station in the town, any substitute or device of any nature or description for any coin of the United States. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-14. Injuring or tampering with meters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or tamper with, damage, open, break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or pay station installed pursuant to this chapter. (Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-15. Interpretation of chapter.

Nothing contained in this division shall be constructed to permit the parking of vehicles in those spaces where parking is prohibited.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

#### Sec. 9-16. Decals and exemptions.

- (a) Decal issued for full time resident vehicles not including golf carts. All persons residing within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to a one (1) free decal per vehicle, to be issued by the town, upon verification of current vehicle registration. Such decal will be placed on the windshield or other appropriate location on lower left corner of the rear window on the driver's side of the vehicle. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show:
- (1) Current license/registration number. Decal number issued.
- (2) Year for which decal is valid.

Such decal shall allow a resident to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas.

- (b) Decal issued for non-resident residential owner vehicles not including golf carts. All non-resident residential property owners within the corporate limits are entitled to purchase one (1) decal per vehicle for the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) each, upon verification of proof of property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the lower left corner of the rear window on the driver's side of the vehicle. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show:
- (1) Decal number issued.
- (2) Year for which decal is valid.

Such decal shall allow a non-resident residential property owner to park free of additional charges in metered or pay station areas.

- (c) Decal issued for golf carts only. All persons owning golf carts within the corporate limits of town shall register their golf cart with the town police department for a fee of two dollars (\$2.00). This fee will include a decal that is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue and will be placed on the golf cart by the police staff. Such decal shall allow registered golf carts to park free in golf cart only designated parking areas. The issued decal will show:
- (1) Registration number.
- (2) Years for which decal is valid.
- (3) Golf cart rules.
- (d) Disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients. When a vehicle displays a disabled veterans or Purple Heart license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or appropriate authority.
- (e) Handicapped persons. When a vehicle displays a handicapped license plate issued by a proper authority, or a handicapped windshield hanger—Further, either the driver of or a passenger in a vehicle displaying a handicapped license plate or windshield hanger must be a "handicapped" person.
- (f) Employees. Every town employees-shall be entitled to one (1) decal, which will allow the employee to park free of charge in metered areas subject to conditions set forth hereinabove in paragraph (a) and other applicable ordinances. Employee shall present his or her employee identification card along with the vehicle registration for the vehicle on which the decal will be applied.

(Ord. No. 96-0385, 10-22-96; Ord. No. 93-0396, 5-27-97; Ord. No. 01-0452, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)

State law references: Similar provisions, S.C. Code 1976, § 56-5-2585.

#### Sec. 9-17. Penalties.

- (a) Violations. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or fails to comply with any of the requirements herein shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If a violator fails to pay the fine within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation, then the town may invoke any remedy permitted by law for debt collection, including but not limited to, vehicle impoundment or immobilization. Each day of a continuing violation of this article shall be considered a separate and distinct offense and may result in cumulative fines. When the owner of a vehicle, or his agent, makes proper payment of a parking violation within fourteen (14) days of issuance of the citation, there will be no increases in the twenty-five-dollar fine assessed. On the fifteenth day after issuance, the fine will increase to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (b) Violations shall be issued on a uniform ordinance summons.
- (c) Violators shall only be cited by police officers or authorized code enforcement officials.
- (d) Violators shall appear and be subject to the jurisdiction of the town's municipal court.
- (e) Violators shall have a right to a jury trial upon proper request.
- (f) Violators shall be subject to set-off debt process and failure to pay or appear may result in a non-resident violator compact (NRVC) notice for South Carolina licensed drivers.
- (g) Violators shall not be subject to incarceration.
- (h) Towing and booting. Whenever there is found any motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, or upon the town rights-of-way, property or parking lots, with an assessed fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more violations, the vehicle may be towed and/or booted/immobilized, under the direction of the public safety department.
- (i) Release of vehicles. The owner of such towed and/or booted or immobilized vehicle shall pay the fines owed on the vehicle at the municipal court or such other place as indicated on the issued citation; and the current tow rate and any storage rate assessed by the tow agency prior to getting the vehicle released.
- (j) Written notice. A written notice shall be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle after thirty (30) days of issuance of the parking ticket if it has not been paid.

(Ord. No. 97-0398, 7-8-97; Ord. No. 05-0563, 6-28-05; Ord. No. 06-0612, 11-28-06; Ord. No. 07-0615, 2-27-07; Ord. No. 09-0656, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 09-0675, 7-14-09)
Secs. 9-18--9-22. Reserved.

Beach, South Carolina, in assembly a	and by the authority thereof, this
7 <del>4</del>	K. Allen Deaton, Mayor
Vicki W. Blair, Town Council	Joseph P. Martin, Town Council
Robert F. Childs III, Town Council	Douglas F. Samples, Town Council
ames S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem	Mark L. Johnson, Town Council
	Attest:
	Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

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## South Carolina Law Governing the Use of Golf Carts

TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-115, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A GOLF CART OWNER'S RESIDENCE IS LOCATED WITHIN A GATED COMMUNITY THE TWO-MILE LIMIT WITHIN WHICH A GOLF CART OWNER MAY OPERATE HIS GOLF CART MUST BE MEASURED FROM THE COMMUNITY'S PRIMARY ENTRANCE AND NOT FROM THE OWNER'S RESIDENCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A GOLF CART ALONG A SECONDARY HIGHWAY OR STREET ON CERTAIN SEA ISLANDS, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "GATED COMMUNITY", AND TO PROVIDE THAT A GOLF CART MAY CROSS CERTAIN SECONDARY HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

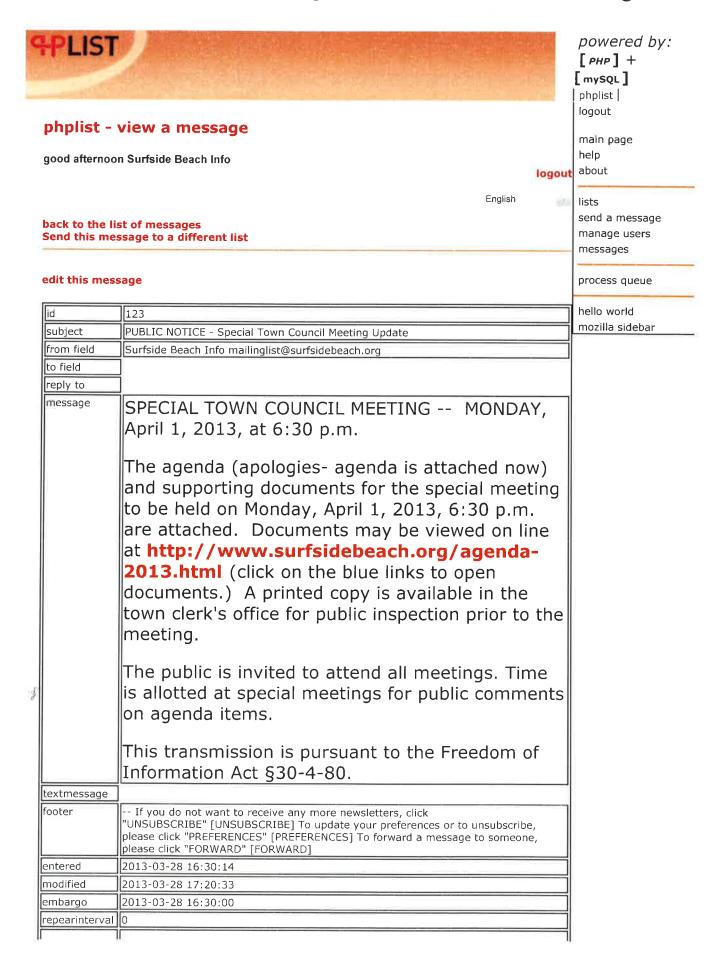
"Section 56-2-105. (A) For the purposes of this section, 'gated community' means any homeowners' community with at least one controlled access ingress and egress which includes the presence of a guard house, a mechanical barrier, or another method of controlled conveyance.

- (B) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and financial responsibility for the golf cart and upon payment of a five dollar fee.
- (1) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.
- (2) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.
- (3) During daylight hours only, within four miles of the registration holder's address, and while traveling along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less, a permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles an hour.

(4) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less on an island not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobiles. (D) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least sixteen years of age and hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in his possession: (1) the registration certificate issued by the department; (2) proof of financial responsibility for the golf cart; and (3) his driver's license. (E)(1) A golf cart permit must be replaced with a new permit every five years, or at the time the permit holder changes his address. (2) Golf cart owners holding golf cart permits on or before October 1, 2011, will have until September 30, 2015, to obtain a replacement permit. (F) A political subdivision may, on designated streets on roads within the political subdivision's jurisdiction, reduce the area in which a permitted golf cart may operate from four miles to no less than two miles. However, a political subdivision may not reduce or otherwise amend the other restrictions placed on the operation of a permitted golf cart contained in this section. (G) The provisions of this section that restrict the use of a golf cart to certain streets, certain hours, and certain distances shall not apply to a golf cart used by a public safety agency in connection with the performance of its duties." SECTION 2. Section 56-3-115 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

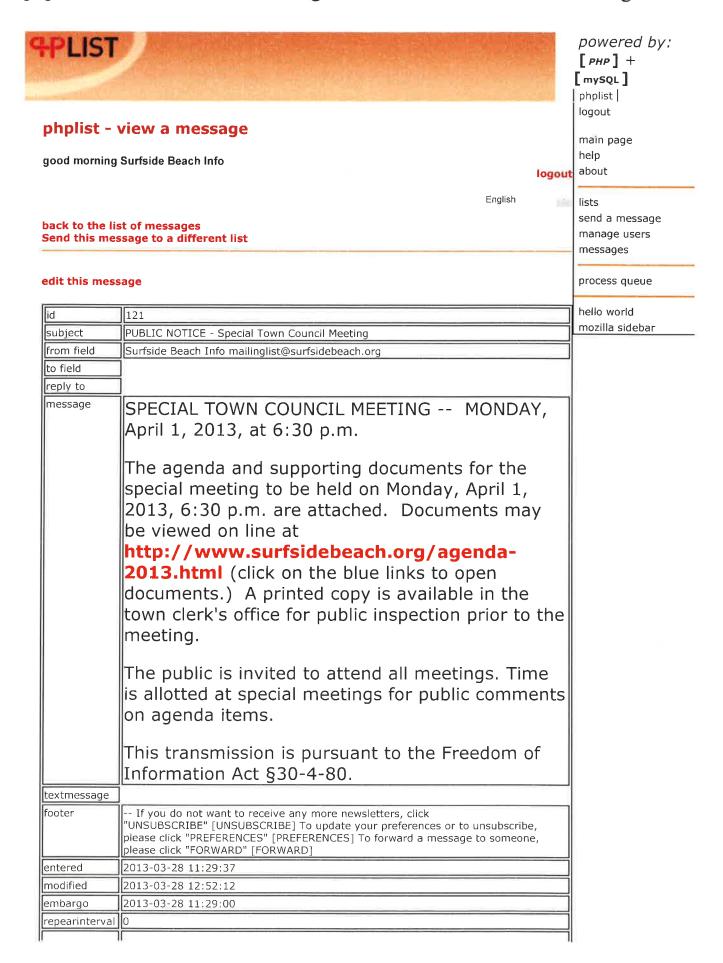
SECTION 3. This act takes effect October 1, 2011.

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About Optimist Clubs globally: Optimist Clubs have been dedicated to their mission of providing hope and positive vision to children since 1919. Members do their part to "bring out the best in kids" through community service programs. Optimists conduct 65,000 community service projects each year, spending \$78 million in their communities. Six million kids are positively affected by Optimist programs. Each Optimist Club is autonomous and run by members in their community. Optimists have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their community in any way they see fit. Optimist Clubs see a need in their community and take action

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