Decision Paper October 22, 2019

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1. **SUBJECT:** Second Reading Ordinance #19-0908

2. **PURPOSE:** To amend Chapter 9 to require payment for parking at all beach accesses; to authorize using mobile parking application, to provide increases to charges for value parking; non-residential property owner decals; non-resident decals, and commercial district decals; add a 24-hour parking rate, and to authorize the Town Administrator to manage the town's parking function

3. **FACTS:**

- a. The Town has multiple beach access parking areas that are prime parking locations in which beach-goers park haphazardly to avoid using the town's pay-for-parking lots
- b. The Town Administrator has identified multiple town rights-of-way and other areas that could be used for parking, including all beach front access locations and side streets at the request of councilmembers during a previous meeting
- c. ParkMobile and other internet applications are customary means by which parking patrons pay charges in today's economy
 - d. Proposed new and increases to fees are:
 - i. Nonresidential property owner decals from \$40 to \$50. That fee has not increased since its adoption in June 2012. Allowing for 3%/year inflation since 2012 that would be an appropriate amount to charge. Limit to two decals per property; \$5 for each decal for nonresident property owners to cover administrative cost Concurred at workshop to submit for second reading; 2 free decals purchase additional decals at \$50 each; delete administrative fee
 - ii. Value Parking Lot (not changed since 2015) from 50 cents to \$1.00, Concurred at workshop to submit for second reading, and to add parallel parking on Surfside Drive to value parking
 - iii. Non-resident parking passes (not changed since 2015) from \$200 to \$250 Concurred at workshop to keep \$200 rate
 - iv. Commercial District 30-day parking decals for business employees (not changed since 2017) from \$20 to \$30 (\$1 per day) Concurred at workshop to submit for second reading
 - v. Add 24-hour parking rate of \$15 for 24 hours, and allow overnight parking only in the Yaupon Drive Parking Lot Concurred at workshop to submit for second reading
 - vi. Weekly parking from \$40 to \$70 (\$10 per day), and allow overnight parking only in the Yaupon Drive Parking Lot Concurred at workshop to submit for second reading
 - vii. New fee \$5 for each decal for residents to cover administrative cost Council concurred at September 24th meeting to delete administrative fees; limit to three decals per resident Concurred at workshop to allow residents to have a decal for each vehicle registered in town

- viii. New fee of \$500 annually proposed for commercial passenger busses parked in town rights-of-way Concurred at workshop to submit for second reading, and add that commercial busses shall park in designated rights-of-way at Memorial Park
- e. Section 9-16(3) Merchant and patron validation program should be repealed in its entirety. When the code was originally adopted kiosks and mobile applications were not available through which users could purchase weekly parking passes.
- f. Section 9-18 is to authorize the town administrator to implement parking areas in the town's rights-of-way and upon other appropriate locations for which the town could gain revenue enables him to proactively identify and implement parking areas (The previous Section 9-18 was moved to Section (h) Paid Parking Districts and includes specific locations.)
- g. Lanier Parking Solutions staff has reviewed the proposed ordinance and confirmed that implementing the proposed parking zones will be easily accomplished by the next parking season
- h. It is recommended that rate increases be effective January 1, 2020; all other amendments shall be effective immediately
 - i. A public hearing will be held during the October 22nd Town Council Meeting.
- j. The town attorney has reviewed this ordinance. Comments or recommendations were considered and/or included therein.
- k. A workshop was held on October 1st to discuss the proposed ordinance. From that workshop, Town Council concurred to bring second reading with these amendments to fees set out in Paragraph 'd' herein, and other sections as stated below:
 - §9-9(b) Value parking fee \$1 per hour; add Surfside Drive parallel parking to Value Parking at \$1 per hour (see d.ii.)
 - §9-9(g), add commercial busses shall park in designated areas in right-of-way at Memorial Park (see d. viii.)
 - §9-9(i)(b) 4th Avenue North leased parking lot is the only location that requires payment by all vehicles (remove the pier lot and 212 Surfside Drive lot)
 - §9-16(a) Add "permanently" before "affixed" (and elsewhere as applicable)
 - §9-16(a)(1) Full time residents are to receive free parking decals to be permanently affixed to the vehicle for each vehicle that is registered in town; remove \$5 administrative fee (see d.vii.)
 - §9-16(a)(2) Non-resident property owners get two decals free; to be permanently affixed to the vehicle, and may purchase additional decals at \$50 each; remove \$5 administrative fee (see d.i.)
 - §9-16(a)(4) Nonresident parking passes keep rate at \$200 (see d.iii.)
 - §9-16(e) Remove pier, and 212 Surfside Drive lots from pay only
- 4. RECOMMENDATION: Motion to adopt second reading of Ordinance #19-0908 as presented.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH

1 TO AMEND CHAPTER 9 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

COUNTY OF HORRY
1 TO INCLUDE PARKMOBILE PAYMENTS; PARKING ZONES;
1 BEACH ACCESS PARKING TO REQUIRE PAYMENT UNLESS

TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH DECAL PERMANENTLY AFFIXED, TO ADD AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO MANAGE THE TOWN'S PARKING FUNCTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled on this 24th day of September 2019; and

WHEREAS, Town Council has determined that there should be a charge for the town's premium beach access parking; and

WHEREAS, Town Council has determined that as a town operation, the town's parking function should be managed by the Town Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power and authority granted to the Surfside Beach Town Council by the State of South Carolina that of the Surfside Beach Code of Ordinances Sections are hereby amended as set forth herein.

Chapter 9 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC. ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL.

- **Sec. 9-1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, **words and phrases not otherwise defined herein are given their ordinary meanings.** The definitions of the S.C. Code 1976, §56-5-110 et seq., are hereby adopted and made a part of this Code.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Sec. 9-6. Using vehicle for advertising.** No persons shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising.

Sec. 9-7. - No parking places. It shall be unlawful at any time for a person to permit any vehicle, golf cart, 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.
- (7) In any metered space, pay station area, or upon any public right-of-way with the vehicle facing against the proper flow of traffic unless directed by a law enforcement officer.

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

Section 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."

Commercial Passenger Bus means a vehicle used to transport passengers for drop-off and pick-up.

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 or electronic 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 or electronic payment therein.

Paid Parking Districts. Town parking lots and areas marked with signage for parking along all town streets from Dogwood Drive to the Atlantic Ocean within the town's corporate limits where vehicle operators shall pay to park using ParkMobile or other approved Internet application, unless exempt from payment by decal properly permanently affixed, which means attached using adhesive on the decal to the vehicle windshield on the inside or as otherwise directed by town hall, or exempt pursuant to §9-16(c) or (d).

Pay station and parking pay station means any mechanical or electronic device, except a parking meter, that requires a monetary or electronic 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. currency or electronic payment 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 or electronic pay station device. Vehicles also include golf carts.

Payment methods. Payments shall be made by US Currency, credit card, telephone, ParkMobile, other approved mobile parking applications, Internet, or any other method of payment that may be available.

Overnight Parking. Overnight parking is only allowed when the vehicle displays a 24-hour parking pass or weekly parking pass and is parked in the Yaupon Drive Parking lot.

Vehicles. Vehicles includes automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, golf carts, low speed vehicles, and any other motorized unit used for transportation.

- Sec. 9-9. Charges, Pier Parking; Value Parking; Beach Accesses; Parking Districts; Surfside Drive Parking.
- (a) Pier parking pay stations, Yaupon parking lot, **212** Surfside Drive parking lot, and all beach access parking east of Ocean Boulevard. Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of two dollars (\$2.00) per hour, plus various transaction fees. Said charges are subject to annual review by town council.
- (b) Value parking. **Parking spaces at** 112-114 13th Avenue South parking lot (west of Ocean Boulevard) and Surfside Drive Parallel Parking between Hollywood and Pinewood Drives. Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) One Dollar (\$1.00) per hour, plus various transactions fees. Said charges are subject to annual review by town council.
- (c) All other parking lots, meters, **parking districts**, and pay stations. Hourly charges are hereby established at the rate of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per hour, plus various transaction fees. , except for the pier parking lot as stated in subsection (a) above and value parking as stated in subsection (b) above. Said charges are subject to annual review by town council.
- (d) Daily charges; expiration. Daily charges are hereby established at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day. Expiration of daily rates is 7:00 p.m. on the day of issue.
- (e) 24-Hour Parking. 24-Hour parking charges are hereby established at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per 24-hours. Expiration of the rate is 24-hours from purchase. Vehicles with 24-hour parking passes are allowed to park overnight only at the Yaupon parking lot. Except for 24-hour and weekly passes, all other overnight parking is prohibited.
- (f) Weekly charges; expiration. Weekly charges are hereby established at the rate of forty dollars (\$70.00) seventy dollars (\$70.00) per week, which expires at midnight on the seventh day from issue counting the issue day (i.e., Saturday to Friday midnight; Sunday to Saturday midnight; Monday to Sunday midnight, etc.) Vehicles with weekly parking passes are allowed to park overnight only at the Yaupon parking lot.
- (g) Commercial Passenger Busses. Any commercial passenger bus parking in town rights-of-way shall purchase an annual parking decal which shall be

permanently affixed at the cost of \$500 per calendar year. Commercial busses shall park in designated rights-of-way at Memorial Park.

(h) Beach Access Parking. All vehicles, including golf carts, shall pay using ParkMobile or other approved Internet applications to park in beach access parking, except those vehicles with a current parking decal permanently affixed, or exempt pursuant to §9-16(c) or (d).

(i) Paid Parking Districts.

- (a) All vehicles shall pay in areas designated for parking with signage along all town streets from Dogwood Drive to the Atlantic Ocean within the town's corporate limits using ParkMobile or other approved Internet application, unless exempt from payment by decal properly permanently affixed to the vehicle, or exempt pursuant to §9-16(c) or (d).
- (b) The town's leased pay only parking lot located at the Pier, 212 Surfside Drive, and at 4th Avenue North shall require all users, including vehicles with town decals, golf carts, and other vehicles of any type parked therein to pay, except those exempted pursuant to §9-16(c) and (d). (Note: This section moved here from Section 9-18 and updated to include locations.)
 - (f) (j) Surfside Drive parking.
- (1) C2 Business District. Parking spaces on Surfside Drive in the C2 Business District from Highway 17 Business to Poplar Drive shall be limited to two (2) hours, except for one (1) space on the north side of Surfside Drive which shall be permanently designated as "ten-minute parking only." The two (2) hour parking restriction shall be enforced from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday.
- (2) Poplar Drive to Hollywood Drive. All vehicles without current decals parked in town rights-of-way between Poplar Drive and Hollywood Drive shall comply with Chapter 9 of the Town Code of Ordinances.
- (3) Hollywood Drive to Pinewood Drive. Parallel parking in spaces located on Surfside Drive between Hollywood Drive and Pinewood Drive is limited to one (1) hour require payment to park using ParkMobile or other approved Internet application, unless exempt from payment by current decal properly permanently affixed to the vehicle or exempt pursuant to §9-16(c) or (d).
- (4) Decal parking. Vehicles displaying current Town of Surfside Beach parking decals are exempt from time limitations regardless of where they are parked on Surfside Drive.

Section 9-10. Method of using; failure to deposit US currency, electronic payment, ef pay at pay station, ParkMobile, or Internet. (a) The owner or operator of any vehicle upon entering a parking meter space, pay station area, parking district, or any other town designated parking space shall immediately pay the appropriate fee for parking via the designated method at the location, and when applicable display the receipt for parking on the dashboard in plain sight, unless a current decal is permanently affixed to the vehicle, or exempt pursuant to §9-16(c) or (d). Failure to pay shall be a violation of this code and shall be subject to penalties hereunder.

where a parking meter is installed, shall immediately deposit the appropriate United States currency or make an electronic payment in the parking meter within that parking space, and shall operate the meter in accordance with the instructions thereon. The deposit of the appropriate United States currency or an electronic payment 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 electronic payment 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, or is installed without depositing the appropriate United States currency or making an electronic payment 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.
- Sec. 9-11. Parking within marked spaces. All vehicles shall be parked within the lines designating a parking space; should more than one space be required, then payment shall be adjusted accordingly. In parking districts where spaces are not marked, vehicles shall be parked in an orderly, consistent manner so as to not block the roadway or other vehicles, and shall be situated completely off the road.

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.

- 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 any vehicle to remain in that a parking area for a period longer than the time for which that coin or payment had has been made. deposited in that parking meter or pay station.
- **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 or currency of the United States or any fraudulent electronic payment.
- **Sec. 9-14. Injuring or tampering with meters or pay stations.** 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.
- **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.

Sec. 9-16. - Decals and exemptions.

(a) Parking decals. In this paragraph (a), the word vehicle includes golf carts. A current parking decal authorizes the vehicle to which it is permanently affixed to park without paying a fee, except at the pier; 212 Surfside Drive, and the 4th Avenue North parking lots. The decal does not guarantee space is available.

- (1) Full time resident vehicles including golf carts. All persons residing within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one (1) free decal per vehicle three (3) decals at a cost of five dollars (\$5.00) each) to be issued by the town upon verification that current the vehicle is currently registration is registered in the corporate limits of the town. 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 the vehicle to park free of charge at metered and pay station areas, when space is available, Such decal shall also allow golf carts to park free of charge in golf cart only designated parking areas when space is available.
- (2) Non-resident residential property owner vehicles including golf carts. All non-resident residential property owners within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to two (2) free decals at a cost of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each for two (2) vehicles per property, to be issued by the town, only upon verification of proof of property ownership. Additional decals may be purchased for fifty (\$50.00) dollars each. A name on the vehicle registration must be the same as a name on the property tax record to show proof of property ownership. Additional decals may be purchased for the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each additional vehicle 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 the vehicle to park free of charge at metered and pay station areas, when space is available.
- (3) Merchant and patron validation program. Merchants, including vacation rentals by owners (VRBO), may be issued validation codes and passes upon request from the town's parking management company. Merchants should contact Town Hall (843-913-6111) to obtain the correct contact information. A three-day notice is required for programming and code issuance. Rates for Merchant and Patron Validations shall be the same as those stipulated in Section 9-9, Charges. Repeal this paragraph in its entirety.
- (4) (3) Beach access parking. All Golf carts may park free of charge vehicles shall pay via ParkMobile or other approved Internet application at beach accesses when space is available, except when the vehicle has a current decal permanently affixed, or is exempt pursuant to §9-16(c) or (d). , except at meters or pay station parking lots [Exceptions: parking decals for full time residents, see subsection 9-16(a)(1); parking decals for nonresident property owners, see subsection 9-16(a)(2), and for seasonal nonresident parking passes subsection 9-16(a)(5)], or when prohibited by signs.
- (4) Nonresident parking passes. Up to one hundred (100) nonresident parking decals may be sold during each parking season at a cost of two hundred fifty dollars (\$200.00) each. Town council reserves the right to review, repeal and/or amend this section.
- i. Nonresidents shall be issued a parking decal with a yellow center, which shall be permanently affixed to the vehicle.
- ii. Vehicles with a nonresident decal shall be prohibited from parking in the pier, 212 Surfside

 Drive, and 4th Avenue North parking lots, but may park at any other legal parking place without paying the meter fees.
- iii. Those purchasing a nonresident parking decal shall sign a copy of this section to acknowledge that the decal does not allow free parking in the pier parking lot.

- (6) Event Parking. The town administrator shall within his sole discretion have authority to waive parking fees at any or all parking locations during events occurring in the town. All other parking regulations shall remain in full force and effect and are subject to enforcement. Annual Guy Daniels Surfoff Event. Parking permits for free parking at metered spaces and/or in parking lots shall be issued to participants in the event. All other parking rules shall remain in effect and are subject to enforcement.
- (7) (6) Permit parking. **Designated parking spaces** on the west side of Ocean Boulevard beginning at 15th 16th Avenue North and ending at Melody Lane shall be reserved for vehicles displaying a current town issued parking decal.
- (7) Prohibited parking. Parking shall be prohibited on the east side of Ocean Boulevard, except between 16th and 17th Avenues North.
- (8) Bike events trailer parking. Free motorcycle trailer parking shall be allowed in the 13th Avenue South parking lot and the 16th Avenue North parking lot during the spring and fall bike week events. Owners shall be solely responsible for any damage or loss that might occur.
- (b) Golf carts without town issued parking decals. Golf carts without a town issued parking decal must pay applicable fees while parking at meters, **in all parking districts**, and in **all** pay station areas.
- (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.
- (e) **Town of Surfside Beach** Employees. Every town employee shall be entitled to one (1) decal, which will allow the employee to park free of charge in metered areas, **except at the pier, 212 Surfside Drive, and 4th Avenue North parking lot,** 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.
- (f) Commercial Zoning Districts 30-day employee decals. The town shall issue 30-day decals for employees of the pier business any commercial district business or other applicable districts that shall entitle the vehicle to which the decal is permanently affixed to park in permit only parking on Yaupon Drive and in any parallel parking space on Surfside Drive. The charge for said 30-day decal shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) thirty (\$30.00) dollars per month, and shall expire on the last day of the month issued, regardless of the issuing date.

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 (\$25.00) 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 traffic ticket or on a uniform ordinance summons used by the town's parking contractor for parking violations occurring east of Dogwood Drive.
 - (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 or the adjudication process set forth by the town's parking contractor as approved by the town council for parking violations occurring east of Dogwood Drive.
 - (e) [Adjudication.]
- (1) Technical level adjudication. When citations involve technical issues (e.g., broken meter, **pay station**, etc.), violators shall have the right to appeal to the parking management firm.
- (2) Administrative level adjudication. All violators not prevailing at this level shall also have a right to request a hearing before an independent hearing officer (approved by the town) provided that the request to schedule a hearing is received within fifteen (15) days of notification of the denial of the manager's technical appeal and sufficient bond is posted. Bond shall be equal to the amount of the parking citation, including any penalties accrued. The hearing shall be scheduled within fifteen (15) days of the request, unless a request for an extended scheduling is made; at no time shall the hearing be scheduled more than sixty (60) days after the request for an appeal. If the violator is not able to attend the hearing in person, the hearing can be held by telephone. Such requests must be included on the original hearing request form. Violators shall be notified of the hearing officer's decision within seven (7) business days after the hearing concludes. If the hearing officer dismisses the fine, a refund of the bond shall be included in the notification.
- (3) Request and right to criminal adjudication. Persons who receive a parking citation and have exhausted the technical and administrative appeal process may elect to invoke the right of trial upon their written request for and acceptance of a warrant in substitution of each parking ticket issued. Upon receiving a request for such trial, a warrant shall be issued and a courtesy copy of that warrant will be mailed to the owner's address listed in the vehicle's registration information along with the date and time of the trial. The original warrant will be served at the time of the trial. Service of a warrant vests the municipal court with jurisdiction to hear and dispose of the charge for which the warrant was issued and served. If convicted, the person shall be punished for each violation in accordance with the local ordinance that governs a misdemeanor charge.
- (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) 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 police department.
- (h) 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.
- (i) 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.

Sec. 9-18. - Pay only parking lots. The town's leased pay only parking lots shall require all users, including vehicles with town decals, golf carts, and other vehicles of any type parked therein to pay. This section repealed and moved to Section (i)(b) Paid Parking Districts (see page 4). Replaced with the following:

Section 9-18. *Town Administrator to Manage Parking Function*. The Town Administrator is authorized to establish public parking upon any city-owned lots,

public street-ends, and within public rights-of-way as paid parking lots and/or parking districts, which shall be identified as such. In addition, the Town Administrator shall establish the method of payment of the posted parking fees via kiosks, meters, mobile parking applications, pay by Internet or phone options, or any other method of payment that may be available.

Secs. 9-19—9-22. - Reserved.

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 sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, except that fees stipulated herein shall be effective January 1, 2020 and those portions not amended by this ordinance shall remain unchanged.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this 22nd day of October 2019.

Surfside Beach Town Council

Robert F. C	hilds, III, Mayor
David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore	Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council	Ron Ott, Town Council
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Attest: Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk	