

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Conference Room

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina

### **AGENDA**

1. **Call to order** and acknowledgement that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**  
Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018
3. **Citizens' Comments**
4. **Old Business**
  - A. Discussion of plan to address parking and traffic issues at October meeting
  - B. Discussion of Coyote Management Plan
    - Obtaining coyote count estimate
  - C. Consideration of an amendment to the City Code to require all dogs, resident or non-resident, to have a written permit from the City at a fee of \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents to serve as proof of rabies inoculation and to adopt language in the ordinance to require proof of current rabies inoculation
  - D. Consideration of an amendment to the City Code **to** change the daily visitor parking passes to annual multi-use passes showing the address they were assigned to and to authorize an ordinance allowing residents two free (2) booklets
5. **New Business**
  - A. Discussion of allowing golf carts on the beach for handicapped persons
  - B. Update on crosswalk request on Palm at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
6. **Highlights of Departmental Reports**  
Fire Department  
Police Department
7. **Miscellaneous Business**  
  
Next Meeting Date: 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2018 in the Conference Room
8. **Executive Session – if needed**  
Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session
9. **Adjournment**

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Council Chambers

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 20:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2018 in Council Chambers, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bell and Ward, Chair Smith, Interim City Administrator Fragoso, Interim Police Chief Usry, Fire Chief Graham, Attorney Copeland and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Smith called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. She also introduced Jim Mercer of the Mercer Group, the search firm hired by the City to assist with hiring the City Administrator, the Chief of Police and the Assistant Public Works Director.

### **2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**MOTION: Councilmember Bell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as submitted; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **3. Citizens' Comments**

Judy Gogol, 8 Summer Dunes Lane, stated that she was a member of the Coyote Coalition; she told the Committee that the coyote pups were coming out of the dens and the number of resident sightings has increased. With a camera on her house directed to the beach, she had three (3) sightings between August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>; the sightings were at night, but one (1) showed the coyote chasing two (2) deer. She thought that everyone had seen the photo of the group of coyotes on the beach at 8:00 a.m.; they appear to have no fear of people. She was interested in knowing when the City would begin trapping again. Questions from the coalition were:

- What are the City's trapping plans, how many traps will be set and when will trapping begin?
- Will the remote trapping sights have cameras to monitor the coyote activity because the law states that the traps must be checked daily? Is this a consideration in hiring trappers?

Ms. Gogol stated that the residents have a feeling of urgency in addressing this problem and are concerned about how the number of coyotes has multiplied over the winter. In conclusion, she thanked the City for adopting and implementing the Coyote Management Plan.

Bob Miller, 3 Fairway Village Lane, noted that he has addressed the Committee in the past; he stated that the coyotes are back and so was the Coalition. He commented that they are seeing on the internet more and more instances of people throwing out food waste that is attracting coyotes; the culprits are construction sites, restaurants, picnics, etc. He added that he did not know the answer to that problem. Mr. Miller asked what the City knew about the coyote situation in Wild Dunes; he opined that the methods of addressing the coyote problem should be island-wide through coordination between Wild Dunes and the City. He also noted that residents who call the Police Department to report coyote sightings are getting mixed messages; some who answer the phone seem to be sympathetic and concerned, while others are relatively dismissive.

Jim Raih, 3904 Cameron Boulevard, commented on the first item under New Business of allowing golf carts on the beach. Being married to a woman who is challenged mobility-wise, he expressed the opinion that anything the City could do to make the beach more accessible to the handicapped would be much appreciated.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **A. Discussion of plan to address parking and traffic at October meeting**

The Chair recalled that she had distributed a sheet at the August meeting of topics she thought worthy of more in-depth discussion, but she acknowledged that all of the issues could not be discussed and resolved in one (1) meeting. Since the Committee had decided to incorporate this discussion into a regular meeting, she questioned how much time could be devoted to this discussion.

Councilmember Bell stated that he was not opposed to a two (2) hour meeting with a concise agenda and repeated his statement from an earlier meeting that the City needed a balance parking plan. "If the City is prepared administratively to educate those that have not paid a lot of attention to the prior Stantec plans, has an understanding of what current ordinances cover and the City's position on areas previously excluded from public parking, he thought it could be a productive meeting."

Councilmember Ward voiced agreement with Councilmember Bell and stated that he liked having things concise and moving in a set direction; he wanted to set a goal for the meeting so that time is not spent on things that have already been discussed in the years the City has employed Stantec as a consultant on parking on the island.

Chair Smith reminded the Committee that, in the current contract with Stantec, they had been asked to provide some updated information relative to the impact of the changes to the parking plan made early in the year. She continued that she thought that paid parking and its implications should be a priority in the discussions.

Councilmember Bell stated that he thought the dated signs for the Parking Management Plan needed to be removed immediately; the ordinance approving the enforcement of the plan year-round was approved months ago, so the law is in effect. He asked that this subject be included on the October agenda.

##### **B. Discussion of Coyote Management Plan**

###### **• Obtaining coyote count estimate**

Interim Police Chief Usry reported that the traps recently have been replaced on the golf course near the 3200 block of Waterway Boulevard; the Department received a report that a dog had become trapped in one (1) of them and that a young boy had been caught up in one (1) of the traps, but they have not been able to verify the information to determine if they are accurate reports. These traps have been pulled to ensure safety of the public; she noted that the traps were set way off the path and into the marshy area, so the dog and young boy had to go out to run into them. The Interim Chief indicated that she was in talks with another trapper to add to the current trapper to see if the City could increase its capture rate. Since the last meeting, another coyote has been hit by a car and this time it was a police vehicle; the vehicle had some minor damage, and the coyote had to be dispatched since it was injured. For the public safety, additional traps have not yet been deployed; she reported that the City works with Wild Dunes to

deploy the traps. The traps are checked a couple of times a day, both by the trapper and the Animal Control Officer; the City also deploys to monitor what is happening at the trap. The report from the Coyote Coalition is that food waste has become a problem, she thought additional public education was necessary, and the PD would coordinate with the rental agencies and the property owners who rent to communicate the problems.

Councilmember Bell commented that he has learned from residents of Intercoastal Court that they were seeing more coyotes; Richard Campsen said that a coyote had been under his dock barking at his dog recently. Mr. Campsen stated that he had spoken with a Mount Pleasant officer who told him that they were having reasonable success with the trappers they are using, and Councilmember Bell has suggested to Interim Administrator Fragoso that the City find out who they are using and to contact them.

The Interim Chief reported speaking with Deputy Chief Gragg recently and has the trapper's name and plans to begin communicating with him. She also reminded the Committee that the City is limited in where it can trap; the City cannot set traps on private property. On the other hand, any property owner is free to apply to DNR for a Deprivation Permit for trapping on their property.

Chair Smith stated that education and information will be the City's best tools for control, and she felt that the public should be advised of the risk so they can be prepared to prevent problems by being aware. The public should be encouraged to be proactive, especially when it comes to food so that they are not inadvertently providing food sources for coyotes.

The Chair also wanted the City to engage a researcher on coyotes to get a rough count of the coyote numbers on the island.

Interim Administrator Fragoso recalled that, when the Committee and City Council discussed hiring a researcher to get a count, staff was not given a clear directive on what approach to take; if the will of Council has changed, staff would look for direction. She informed the Committee that the FY19 budget was increased for trapping and surveillance, but no funds were earmarked for a coyote count.

Councilmember Ward stated that he would check the budget and report at the Ways and Means Committee meeting about funds for a coyote count.

#### **C. Consideration of changes to the visitor parking passes**

The Interim Administrator reported that, at the August Council meeting, City Council approved the changes to the visitor parking passes recommended by the Public Safety Committee; included in the meeting packet was a redline version of the ordinance changes needed to modify the visitor passes. This ordinance will go before City Council for First Reading at the September meeting.

**MOTION: Councilmember Bell moved to recommend to City Council approval for First Reading of the ordinance modifications relative to the visitor parking pass; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **D. Consideration of dog permitting and related policies and ordinances**

Interim Administrator Fragoso stated that a second redline version of modifications to the ordinance required to move forward with more specific language, requiring both residents and non-residents register their dogs with the City; in order to get a permit, proof of the dog's current

rabies inoculation would be required, and the fee for the permits would remain five dollars (\$5) for residents and would be ten dollars (\$10) for non-residents. An additional provision would add language requiring current rabies inoculation so that the Animal Control Officer could write citations when he encounters a dog without proof.

Chair Smith asked whether the changes detailed above would go before Council despite what could transpire in this meeting, and Interim Administrator Frago concurred.

Councilmember Bell commented that he has heard from residents with “the wrongful belief” that a resident walking his dog down the street would be stopped by a police officer and “read the riot act” about the City’s dog license. The Councilmember stated that the changes to the ordinance would mean nothing to residents; nothing changes for residents regarding the requirement of an IOP dog license. He opined that, if it were possible, the ordinance would read that “dogs off-leash at the Bark Park and dogs off-leash on the beach must have a City registration.” The goal was to have an ordinance that was simple and that gave the enforcement authority to the Animal Control Officer in the event of egregious behavior at the dog park or on the beach that must be addressed.

Councilmember Ward noted that Folly Beach and Myrtle Beach do not have regulations for dogs like the Committee is discussing, only Sullivan’s Island. He believed that the issue has become too complicated, and he cannot support it in its current form.

Chair Smith also agreed that the motion passed at City Council was “an overreach” in that it applied to all dogs that come on the island and lacked an effective way of getting City registration to be meaningful by switching to a colored collar system from metal tags; therefore, she would no longer support what Council passed. She offered two (2) alternates that could be considered together or separately. The first suggestion was that all dogs must have an IOP registration and tag or proof of current rabies inoculation; in the Chair’s opinion, this would be simple and as easy as possible to provide that proof. The fee would remain five dollars (\$5) for residents and ten dollars (\$10) for non-residents, but registration would be voluntary. With this suggestion, the rules would be the same for residents and non-residents.

Councilmember Bell added that property owners would also pay five dollars (\$5) for dog registration.

Chair Smith’s second advocacy would be to require all off-leash dogs, resident and non-resident, at the dog park and on the beach to have proof of City registration with a switch in the registration system from metal tags to a system of colored collars. In her opinion, this would add an extra layer of accountability attached to the privilege of letting dogs off-leash in the public setting; she also thought that the colored collar system would compel compliance and make the ordinance easily enforceable.

The Interim Administrator stated that, if the goal was to provide public safety, it must be enforced island-wide; the City has reports of incidents involving dogs all over the island, not just in the dog park or on the beach.

Councilmember Bell asked if City Council could legally limit enforcement only in the dog park and on the beach for enforcement.

Attorney Copeland stated that for enforcement, the City could do what Councilmember Bell was suggesting.

Councilmember Bell was of the opinion that, if enforcement were to be island-wide, it would create an uproar among the citizens; he reiterated that the original issue the Committee sought to address was off-leash dogs on the beach or in the dog park.

Interim Chief Usry stated that, for the police officers to enforce and for the general public safety, the ordinance should apply island-wide and not in certain areas; she added that dogs are off-leash in other areas, for instance, the dog that escapes the back yard. Researching records from January to September 2, 2018, the Interim Chief found that forty-seven (47) citations have been issued for dogs-at-large; of that number, twenty-two (22) were issued on the beach and twenty-five (25) were in other areas of the island. No tickets have been issued for dog issues at the dog park.

The Interim Chief distributed to Committee members a sheet comparing the dog policies for Sullivan's Island, Folly Beach and the Isle of Palms.

Chair Smith stated that the collars are expected to cost less than two dollars (\$2), so the five dollars (\$5) that residents would continue to cover the cost. She repeated that colored collars would encourage compliance and that the City would sell more collars than it currently sells tags.

Interim Administrator Fragoso was hearing two (2) different goals from the Committee; in previous meetings, she had heard concerns about dogs without current rabies inoculations coming to the island. If that is the goal, the ordinance Council approved provides an equal process for both residents and non-residents and solves the current inoculation issue. If the goal is to reduce the number of dogs coming to the beach or to the dog park, that is a different discussion.

Councilmember Bell stated that the number of dogs coming to the island is growing along with the population of Mount Pleasant, but the City has one (1) Animal Control Officer – the problem is an inability to enforce. He opined that the IOP beach is the dog park for people residing on the other side of the Connector, and the hours that dogs are legally allowed to be off-leash are not adhered to. In his opinion, the issue has become convoluted and it is no longer just a public safety issue but a growing population issue.

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Being responsible for adding this item to the Agenda, Chair Smith stated that her goal primarily was to add an extra layer of accountability attached to the privilege of allowing dogs to be off-leash; she was not trying to discourage people from bringing their dogs to the island or to reduce the number of dogs coming to the island, but to assure dog owners that all off-leash dogs have been properly inoculated.

When the Chair was told that she could make a motion in this meeting, she stated that her understanding was that she could not.

Interim Administrator Fragoso explained that the ordinance as presented to the Committee would go to City Council for First Reading at the September meeting; during Second Reading, Councilmembers could submit an amendment. She continued noting that this item was presented to Council at the August meeting as an amendment and did not pass, and only someone who voted with the prevailing vote could submit a motion to reconsider and that motion must be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the meeting.

Attorney Copeland stated that a Council member who was on the side of the prevailing vote could have motioned on the record in the meeting that he/she wanted the item to be reconsidered at the next meeting. That action would mark in time the request and satisfy Robert's Rules.

Councilmember Bell noted that making the dog registration voluntary has ramifications for enforcement, but any changes could be made via an amendment at Second Reading.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of allowing golf carts on the beach for handicapped persons**

**MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to allow golf carts on the beach to allow handicapped persons easier access to the beach; Chair Smith seconded.**

The Chair reported that a resident of Wild Dunes who is unable to walk from the Citadel Beach House to chairs on the beach reached out to Council about his situation. In the past, the resident's spouse drove him to the beach in a golf cart, but they have been told that driving the golf cart on the beach is not allowed.

The resident has researched Sullivan's Island's Code relative to motor vehicles on the beach and learned that, upon written request, Council can grant an exception when the person making the request has either a handicap placard or license plate. The Sullivan's Island Code states the following:

"by allowing [party requesting] to have vehicle on the beach for a specific purpose that will not be injurious to health, safety or welfare of injurious to natural resources and habitats"

In addition to the state issued placard or license tag, the Sullivan's Island issues a placard that must be displayed on the cart at all times for easy identification by the police; they have additional regulations that must be followed.

The City acknowledges the difficulties in accessibility to the beach and embraces opportunities to improve accessibility for the handicapped. The City does have concerns about public safety and sea turtle nesting and habitat that need to be discussed by staff, as well as what regulations should be established if City Council wants to proceed with such a policy. The Interim Administrator has learned that in the past ten (10) years, Sullivan's Island has only issued eight to ten (8 – 10) tags for golf carts indicating that it is a little used policy there, but she stated that she would expect a much higher usage at the Isle of Palms. The Interim Administrator thought a policy might be more workable here if they were restricted to an area of the beach on or near emergency vehicle accesses. The Edisto Beach State Park also allows golf carts on the beach, but Folly Beach does not; however, they do provide beach wheelchairs to handicapped persons at no charge. The beach wheelchairs cost between twelve hundred and fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,200 - \$1,500) each.

Responding to Councilmember Bell, Interim Administrator Fragoso stated that the City does not own a beach wheelchair. The purchase of one (1) or more of these wheelchairs was not contemplated in the FY19 budget; she, therefore, thought staff should do more research with a possible purchase in FY20.

Councilmember Ward withdrew his motion, and Chair Smith withdrew her second.

Councilmember Bell recounted have seen a golf cart heading to the beach that got stuck in the sand; three (3) men were needed to get it to and from the beach.

Interim Chief Usry added that, if people are not available when a golf cart becomes stuck, it has become a public safety/first responder issue. She shared other concerns, such as the fact that state law does not address the state's beaches; therefore, a child could drive a golf cart on the beach. She displayed a photograph of a beach wheelchair and noted that they have wide tires so that they displace more sand and are less likely to become stuck.

Believing that the residents of the island are caring and giving people, Councilmember Bell asked if the City could establish a GoFundMe account so that the City could provide the same service Folly Beach offers.

Councilmember Ward said that the City should not get involved, but he would be happy to do it as a private citizen, but he asked where the City would store one (1) or more wheelchairs.

Chief Graham agreed that storage would be a problem, but she questioned how the wheelchair would get to the beach. She also reported that the personnel from the Fire and Police Departments drive handicapped persons to and from the beach whenever called upon.

The Committee agreed to delay a decision until staff could provide them with additional information.

#### **B. Update on crosswalk request on Palm Boulevard at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Interim Chief Usry reported that she had reached out to SCDOT traffic engineers about installing a crosswalk on Palm Boulevard at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and was told that, unless the City was planning to install a sidewalk, they would not approve the request. When pressed, SCDOT said that a sidewalk system would need to extend from the Exchange Club to the last house the other side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue where the last house on Merritt is located.

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Interim Administrator Fragoso noted that the City has been successful in receiving funding from Charleston County CTC and TST for the construction of sidewalks and that this was a project that could be requested in the next cycle for local funding requests.

Chair Smith asked that the Interim Administrator contact Alice Bova, who made the request, with the status after contacting SCDOT.

#### **6. Highlights of Departmental Reports**

Between the Labor Day holiday and the meeting being held early in the month, neither the Police Department nor the Fire Department had completed their reports for August; they will be posted to the City's website upon completion.

Councilmember Bell reported having been on a five (5) hour ride-along with a patrol officer on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and that he found it to be an eye-opening experience. He recommended that all members of City Council should arrange to do the same.

#### **7. Miscellaneous Business**

Next Meeting Date: 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2018 in the Conference Room.

#### **8. Executive Session – not needed**



**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Councilmember Bell moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk

# **City of Isle of Palms, SC Coyote Management Plan**



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Coyote Management Plan**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this plan is to provide a management strategy and guidelines for staff responses to conflicts with coyotes. Public safety is the City's primary concern and coyotes and other wildlife will be managed with human safety as the priority. The plan seeks to achieve a balance between the importance of human safety and the benefits of maintaining natural wildlife populations. While the City employs educational outreach tools as part of the program to manage human/coyote conflicts, the City recognizes there are situations where immediate control may be necessary.

## **Strategic Plan**

1. Create and implement an ongoing education program.
2. Provide information about the rights and responsibilities of private property owners.
3. Track and monitor coyote activity.

4. Implement a program for lethal control, only when it is determined to be necessary for public safety. For example, when the interactions between humans and coyotes change from sightings and encounters to potentially unsafe *incidents or attacks*. (see definitions below)

This plan should not be seen as static in nature and as the situation and circumstances change the plan should likewise be reviewed and the necessary modifications made.

### **Definitions**

The following definitions should be used when obtaining information from the public and assist in standardized documentation of coyote behaviors.

**Observation** - The act of noticing or taking note of tracks, scat, and/or vocalizations without actually seeing a coyote.

**Sighting** - A visual observation of one or more coyotes from a distance.

**Encounter** - An unexpected direct meeting between human and coyote that is without incident.

**Incident** - A conflict between a person and a coyote where a coyote exhibited behavior creating an unsafe situation. A coyote may show aggression towards a person without any physical contact.

**Attack** - An aggressive action by a coyote that involves physical contact with a person and/or a person is injured by the actions of a coyote (example injured while trying to escape an incident or attack)

### **Descriptions of coyote behavior:**

#### **Nuisance**

**Habituated** - A coyote that appears to frequently associate with humans or human related food sources, and exhibits little wariness of the presence of people.

**Depredating** - A coyote that is preying on pets or livestock.

**Menacing** - A coyote that exhibits aggravated abnormal behavior; however such coyote does not display the characteristics of a “dangerous coyote”. This may include coyote incidents and/or encounters where a coyote or a group of coyotes could potentially endanger public safety.

**Dangerous** - A coyote that has attacked a person, exhibits aggressive behavior towards a person and/or poses a significant threat to human safety.

### **General definitions:**

**Coyote Smart** - To exist together at the same time. Coyote Smart is not passive, but active on the person's part, including actions such as removing specific coyote habitats and employing hazing methods. It provides a mechanism by which persons obtain and maintain a level of knowledge and understanding of coyote ecology, behaviors and appropriate responses, so as to be coyote smart.

**Feeding of coyotes** - For educational purposes the following are definitions of the types and kinds of ways persons typically feed coyotes.

**Intentional feeding** - A person is actively and intentionally feeding coyotes. This category also includes intentionally providing food for animals that are in the coyote food chain, an example would be a bird or squirrel feeder.

**Unintentional feeding** - A person is unintentionally providing access to food. Examples are inappropriate composting, fruit from fruit trees left on the ground, pet food/water bowls, barbecue grills, sheds and house doors (garage) left open, etc.

**Unsecured trash** - Trash accessible to wildlife. Examples would be garbage cans, bags or dumpsters that are uncovered, open, overflowing or where trash is scattered outside the receptacle.

**Habitat** - Is a place where a coyote lives and grows and includes food, water, and shelter.

**Hazing** - Is an activity or series of activities that is conducted in an attempt to change the behaviors of habituated coyotes or to instill healthy fear of people back into the local coyote populations. It is not intended to physically damage the coyote, property or persons.

**Passive hazing** - Occurs without the presence of persons and includes methods used to discourage the presence of coyotes on one's property. This form may include but not be limited to motion activated devices such as sprinklers, spot lights or strobe lights, noisemakers, fence rollers, enclosed dog runs and electric fences.

**Active hazing** - Involves personal intervention by both physical presence and action. This may include but not be limited to yelling, clapping or waving one's arms to act threatening towards coyotes, as well as the use of devices including noise makers (air horns, whistles, rocks in cans), water from hoses or water guns, or rock/object throwing.

*\*Safety is the first priority and a coyote should never be cornered or should a coyote's young be approached.\**

## **Education and Awareness**

Public education and awareness is a key element of this plan. The City of Isle of Palms will provide education and information to residents and visitors on how to be coyote smart. The City will obtain educational materials from organizations that are knowledgeable in the areas of coyote ecology and behavior of coyotes and will distribute these materials as needed. It will be the responsibility of the Isle of Palms Police Department and Animal Control to organize and implement the education outreach program.

Examples of educational outreach:

1. Educational brochures will be made available in City's facilities.
2. Information will be distributed to community liaisons in response to reports of human/coyotes conflicts.
3. Coyote information will be available on the City of Isle of Palms website at [www.iop.net](http://www.iop.net).
4. Educational programs for HOAs and other groups will be available.
5. Educational wildlife informational signs will be posted in appropriate parks and open spaces.

## **Reporting and Tracking**

It is imperative that the City has an efficient and consistent reporting of human-coyote interactions. A City of Isle of Palms Police Department Incident report will be completed on all reports of coyote incidents, attacks and pet loss/attack (see definitions). Reported coyote encounters will continue to be tracked by the police department on a monthly list including locations and times.

These reports will be forwarded to Animal Control for tracking. Coyote observations and sightings will be reported to Animal Control for follow up and tracking. Tracking will also be maintained on intentional feeding reports, unsecured trash and active den sites.

These reports and tracking will allow Animal Control officers to identify "hot spots" where education, or habitat investigations might be needed. Educational materials will be offered to all persons reporting concerns about coyote encounters, observations, or sightings.

## **Hazing**

A main issue facing jurisdictions is that urban coyotes lose or have lost their fear of humans. Due to the coyote's nature they have easily adapted to urban living and combined with their lack of fear more coyote/human interactions and conflicts have arisen. One solution to this problem is to reinforce the coyote's fear of humans through the utilization of hazing techniques (see definitions). Animal Control will provide educational information to residents on hazing coyotes and suggested techniques.

## **Lethal Control**

The City, at the sole discretion of City Council, may implement a program of lethal control when the interactions between persons and coyotes escalate to the level of incident or attack. The City of Isle of Palms Police Department will investigate to substantiate such reports of incidents/ attacks. Lethal control may be utilized when the City determines that a coyote(s) pose an immediate danger to persons. The City recognizes it may be difficult to identify the specific coyote that has become problematic and will take reasonable measures to direct lethal control measures toward the offending coyote.

If a person is being attacked or there is an imminent threat of attack on a person by a coyote, a police officer may act immediately to ensure public safety and remove the threat.

Simultaneous to implementation of lethal control and upon conclusion of lethal control measures a comprehensive awareness and education program will be undertaken by the City of Isle of Palms Police Department in the affected area.

**Public Spaces:** The City, at sole discretion of City Council, is responsible for the decision as to whether to use lethal control for nuisance wildlife in public spaces with public safety in mind.

**Private Property:** Property owners within the City of Isle of Palms may employ lawful methods to control nuisance wildlife on their property.

Isle of Palms	Metal tag \$5.00 (Residents Only)	Dogs are allowed to be off-leash from:  April 1st through September 14th 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.  September 15th through March 31st 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m.	<u>IOP Dog Rules</u>	<p>Proposed Ordinance Changes:</p> <p>6-2-11 would include all dogs on IOP</p> <p>6-2-12 would put State rabies vaccination requirements into enforceable city ordinance</p> <p>6-2-13 would require fees of \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents per calendar year.</p> <p>Includes a \$2 AKC discount.</p>	
Sullivan's Island	Metal tag affixed to a color collar. The color changes each year. \$25.00 for Residents \$35.00 for Non-Residents (\$2 discount applied for AKC Certificate)	WINTER HOURS (October 1 – April 30) Off-leash: 5:00am – 12Noon On-leash: 12Noon -5:00am  SUMMER HOURS (May 1 – September 30) Off-leash: 5:00am – 10:00am No dogs on beach: 10:00am – 6:00pm On-leash: 6:00pm – 5:00am	<u>Sullivan's Island Dog Rules</u>		
Folly Beach	Metal tag \$3.00 (Required for a stay over 30 days) Free for applicants 55 and older	No pets off leash at any time on the beach or public streets  May 1 to Sept. 30, no pets on beach between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	<u>Folly Beach Dog Rules</u>		

ORDINANCE 2018-\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 2, STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING OF VEHICLES, ARTICLE B: RESIDENT PARKING DISTRICTS, OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO CHANGE VISITOR DAILY PARKING PASSES TO ANNUAL, MULTI-USE PASSES BY ELIMINATING THE EXPIRATION AND TAG NUMBER AND LINKING THE NUMBER ON THE PASS BOOKLET TO THE ADDRESS TO WHICH ASSIGNED AND TO AMEND THE PARKING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW 2 FREE VISITOR PASS BOOKLETS PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. That Section 8-2-25(b), is hereby amended to state as follows:

“(b) Visitor permits. Each residence located within a resident parking district may be entitled to two (2) books of thirty (30) visitor annual multi-use passes per calendar year free of charge upon approval by the Police Department. Said permits may be used at any time additional parking is required at the residence. Additional books of permits shall be available for purchase for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per book upon approval by the Police Department. Each permit shall identify the property address of the residence for which it was issued.”

SECTION 2. Should any part of this Ordinance be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable therefrom and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance take effect and be in full force as of January 1, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Jimmy Carroll, Mayor

(Seal)



Attest:

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Marie B. Copeland, City Clerk

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Ratification: \_\_\_\_\_

Sec. 6-2-11. - Permit required; Term.

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor a dog within the City without a written permit from the City. It shall be unlawful for any person, resident or visitor, to own, keep, harbor or allow a dog within the City limits, exercise, walk, or allow a dog on public properties without a written permit from the City.~~

~~Each permit shall be good for one year from the date it is issued.~~

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(Code 1970, § 5-4; Code 1994, § 6-2-11; Ord. No. 2004-4, § 1, 5-25-2004)

Sec. 6-2-12. - Certificate of vaccination required and presented prior to permit and tag issuance; ~~term~~.

~~No person shall own, keep or harbor any pet within the city, or be issued a permit, unless the pet has been vaccinated against rabies as provided herein.~~

~~(A) Unless the pet has received (as evidenced by certificate) a vaccination from a licensed graduate veterinarian using a vaccine which is good for a period of one year, provided the vaccine has been approved with the longer period of time specified by the State Department of Health and Environmental Control after consultation with the executive committee of the Association of Veterinarians.~~

~~(B) A State Department of Health and Environmental Control certificate of pet rabies vaccination will be issued by a licensed graduate veterinarian for each pet, stating the name and address of the owner, the name, breed, color and markings, age, sex of animal and the veterinary or pharmaceutical control number of the vaccination.~~

~~(C) Coincident with the issuance of the certificate, the licensed graduate veterinarian shall also furnish a serially numbered metal tag bearing the same number and year as is on the certificate. The metal license tag shall bear the name of the veterinarian and shall at all times be attached to a collar or harness worn by the pet for which the certificate and tag have been issued. Tags must be of the same color and shape when issued in offices of veterinarians.~~

~~(D) The owner shall have a valid certificate of rabies vaccination readily available at all times for inspection by the animal control services officer, law enforcement officer or the SCDHEC designee.~~

~~(E) In the event that a rabies tag is lost, the owner shall obtain a duplicate tag within seven working days.~~

~~(F) A certificate of rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian from another state will be accepted as valid evidence provided it is less than a year from date of issue.~~

~~(G) Rabies inoculation must be given by age four months to all cats and dogs.~~

~~Before issuing the permit required by this article, the City shall require the applicant to show proof of a current, valid rabies inoculation signed by a licensed veterinarian. Each permit shall be good for one (1) year from the date of its issue, and no longer.~~

(Code 1994, § 6-2-12; Ord. No. 1994-4, 4-26-1994; Ord. No. 2004-4, § 2, 5-25-2004)

Sec. 6-2-13. ~~Badges~~ Tags Issued; records.

The City shall annually provide a sufficient number of stamped metal ~~badges-tags~~ suitable for dogs to be fastened to the animal's collar, numbered from one upwards, stamped "dog permit" and the year of issue. This ~~badge-tag~~ and the written permit shall be delivered to the person owning, keeping or harboring the dog. The name and address of each party to whom such permit and ~~badge-tag~~ has been issued shall be kept on file by the City, for the purpose of identification in case such ~~badges-tags~~ should at any time be lost, stolen or otherwise misappropriated. The cost of the tag will be Five (\$5.00) Dollars for residents and Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for non-residents.

(Code 1994, § 6-2-13; Ord. No. 1994-4, 4-26-1994; Ord. No. 2004-4, § 3, 5-25-2004)

Sec. 6-2-14. - Removal of ~~badge-tag~~ from dog prohibited.

No person shall wrongfully remove a ~~badge-tag~~ from a dog registered as required by this article.

(Code 1970, § 5-7; Code 1994, § 6-2-14; Ord. No. 1994-4, 4-26-1994)

Sec. 6-2-15. - Running at large prohibited; exceptions.

- (a) No person owning, having an interest in, harboring or having charge, care, control, custody or possession of any dog shall cause or permit the dog to be off the premises of its owner or custodian, unless such dog is securely confined by a strong leash, securely and continuously held by a competent person owning, having an interest in, harboring, or having charge, care, control, custody or possession of the dog, or unless the dog is confined within a vehicle, within an enclosure surrounded by an adequate fence or within a house. Provided, however, that a dog owner or other person charged with the custody and control of a dog may allow the dog to roam at large on the beach between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. from September 15 through March 31, and between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. from April 1 through September 14. Such owner or custodian shall at all times be in close proximity to the dog, have a leash in hand, and have the dog under control. Nothing contained herein shall affect a dog owner or custodian's duty to comply with all state laws regarding vicious or dangerous dogs, or the duty to comply with section 62-26 requiring the removal of animal excrement.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, permit, accompany or be responsible for the presence of any diseased dog on the streets or public places of the City or allow the dog to run on the premises of another, at any time; unless and in addition to the other requirements of this chapter the dog shall be securely muzzled to effectively prevent it from biting any person or other animal.

(Code 1994, § 6-2-15; Ord. No. 1994-4, § 34, 4-26-1994; Ord. No. 2000-17, § 1, 12-12-2000; Ord. No. 2006-6, § 1, 5-23-2006; Ord. No. 2009-16, § 1, 11-17-2009; Ord. No. 2013-06, § 1, 5-28-2013)

Secs. 6-2-16—6-2-21. - Reserved.

Sec. 6-2-22. - Violation, impoundment, penalties.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the requirements of this article or to suffer or permit a dog to be a danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the public in violation of this article.
- (b) Any dog running at large in violation of this article shall be impounded. The owner of a licensed dog shall be given notice that the dog may be claimed from the City kennel within three (3) days. A dog with no license or identification will be held in the City kennel for two (2) days. An owner claiming a dog must comply with all requirements of this article and pay to the City an impoundment fee as established by City Council. Dogs not claimed within the applicable holding periods will be transferred to the County SPCA for disposal.
- (c) Violation of this article is a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to section 1-3-66.

(Code 1994, § 6-2-22; Ord. No. 1994-4, 4-26-1994; Ord. No. 1997-7, 6-24-1997)

Sec. 6-2-23. - Dogs not to disturb protected species and habitats.

In addition to the requirements of section 6-2-15(a), no person shall allow a dog to disturb protected species and habitats, as follows:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog to disturb nesting sea turtles, turtle nests or turtle hatchlings.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog to enter into critical habitat areas which have been posted to prohibit such entry by the City or the State Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.

(Code 1994, § 6-2-23; Ord. No. 1994-4, 4-26-1994; Ord. No. 1994-7, 5-24-1994)

Secs. 6-2-24—6-2-30. - Reserved.

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### **Dog ordinances and permitting - suggested changes**

- **For all dogs - resident and non-resident - to clearly be required to have proof of city registration OR other proof of current rabies inoculation. City registration fee: \$5 for residents, \$10 for non-residents.**
  - To make it clear in our code and messaging that all dogs should have proof of rabies inoculation.
  - To make it simple and easy as possible to provide that proof, while still offering city registration for ID and tracking purposes.
  - To apply the same rule to residents and non-residents.
- **To require all off-leash dogs - resident and non-resident - at city dog park and on beach to have proof of city registration with a switch in dog registration system from metal tags to a colored collar.**
  - Adds extra layer of accountability attached to privilege of letting dogs off leash.
  - Collar system compels compliance.

Sec. 8-2-25. - Issuance of special permits.

- (a) Health care services permits. On application accompanied by a doctor's statement, the Police Department is authorized to issue temporary permits for health care services to residents of a resident parking district where no off-street parking is available, and when constant health care at the resident's residence is required by a licensed physician. Only one (1) such permit shall be issued for any residence at any one (1) time and shall be valid for a specified duration of time. Such permits shall be free of charge.
- (b) Visitor permits. Each residence located within a resident parking district may be entitled to ~~two (2)~~ books of thirty (30) visitor ~~annual multi-use passes~~ per calendar year free of charge upon approval by the Police Department. Said permits may be used at any time additional parking is required at the residence. Additional books of permits shall be available for purchase for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per book upon approval by the Police Department. Each permit shall identify the property address of the residence for which it was issued.
- (c) Short-term rental permits. Owners of short-term rental properties may, upon application and approval by the Police Department, be entitled to purchase up to four (4) portable parking permits per calendar year for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) each for short-term rental tenants to use where no adequate off-street parking is available on the property. Prior to issuance of a permit, the Police Department may require an exterior inspection of the short-term rental property to determine the maximum number of vehicles permitted pursuant to section 5-4-204, the availability of off-street parking spaces on the property, and the space available on the right-of-way along the street adjacent to the property.
- (d) Contractor permits. On application by a licensed contractor, the Building Department is authorized to issue temporary permits for contractor vehicle parking for any construction projects requiring a building permit on residential properties located within a resident parking district. Such contractor permits shall be subject to any conditions as may be required by the Building Department.
- (e) The special permits provided for in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section will only be valid if:
- (1) The vehicle is parked along the right-of-way of the street in the immediate vicinity of the residence for which it was issued;
  - (2) All required information is correctly provided on the permit in ink;
  - (3) The permit is displayed in a manner prescribed by the Police Department;
  - (4) The permit is free from alteration and is clearly visible; and
  - (5) The vehicle is not parked in violation of any parking regulation posted on the street or otherwise provided in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2017-02, § 3, 3-21-2017)

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