



Special City Council
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

Public Comment:

All citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address, and topic to Nicole DeNeane at nicoled@iop.net no later than **3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting**. Citizens may also provide public comment here: <https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** and acknowledgement that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Citizens' Comments** – All comments will have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
3. **Purpose**

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance 2023-05 – To require a permit from the Isle of Palms police department for events or gatherings on public property, including the beach that are expected to involve more than 25 people

4. **Adjournment**

ORDINANCE 2023-05

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

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“Chapter 8. Regulations for Gatherings on Public Property, Including the Beach and Beach Access Paths.

Section 8-8-1. Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

“Gathering” shall be defined as a social assembly or meeting of more than twenty-five (25) people in one place for a collective purpose.

Section 8-8-2. Permission From the City Required for Gatherings on Public Property, including the Beach and Beach Access Paths.

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- (B) Criteria for approval of gatherings on public property, including the beach and beach access paths.
 - a. Gatherings on public property, including the beach and beach access paths, must accomplish at least one of the following objectives:
 - i. Have a positive impact on the quality of life for residents;
 - ii. Enhance the image of the city;
 - iii. Benefit the city financially; or
 - iv. Promote tourism or benefit the business community between September 10 and April 30.
 - b. No gathering on public property, including the beach and beach access paths, shall be approved if it will:
 - i. Threaten the environment or endanger wildlife;

- ii. Interfere with the public’s use of any street or the beach for more than half a block of the beach between March 1 and September 9;
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- (C) Applications for permits must be submitted to the Chief of Police at least 60 days prior to the planned gathering, unless the Chief agrees to a shorter period.
- (D) City sponsored events approved by City Council and City programs, including Recreation Department programs, are exempt from ~~this-the~~ requirements of this Ordinance and are not required to obtain a permit.-

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(Seal)

Attest:

Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk

First Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

Second Reading: _____

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