



**Public Safety Committee  
11:00am, Tuesday, October 7, 2025  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

**Public Comment:**

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

**Agenda**

- 1. Call to order and acknowledgement that the press and the public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.**
- 2. Citizen's Comments** – All comments have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
- 3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – September 1, 2025.**
- 4. Old Business**
  - a. Discussion of changes to the noise ordinance/nighttime noise levels
  - b. Update on e-bike and motorized scooter regulations
  - c. Update on golf cart regulations brochures
  - d. Update on scope of future traffic study
  - e. Discussion of Ordinance 2025-07 – fishing regulations
  - f. Discussion of Public Safety-related matrix recommendations
  - g. Update on Breach Inlet signage
  - h. Update on marina boat ramp safety effort
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Miscellaneous Business** – Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 11:00am
- 7. Adjournment**



**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
11:00am, Tuesday, September 9, 2025  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and  
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Present: Council members Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

**2. Citizen's Comments – none**

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2025**

**MOTION:** Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Presentation – BCDCOG update on mobility study progress**

Kathryn Basha of BCDCOG provided an update on the mobility study being done on the City's behalf by BCDCOG and ExploreCharleston.

Ms. Basha explained that the first phase, now complete, consisted of "making an inventory of all the non-motorized infrastructure that the island currently has, like sidewalks and paths." The data was collected in May and June of this year. This work assessed their condition and identified "connectivity gaps," flood-prone areas, and unsafe locations. Maps were created to solicit public feedback.

These maps are available for the Committee and Council for input and will be presented to the public at a meeting on October 20 at the Recreation Center. This drop-in style meeting will allow residents to identify other areas of concern for COG to investigate. An online survey will launch around the time of the meeting to give residents another option for recording their concerns.

A list of projects will be presented upon completion of the study, and the Committee will be key in prioritizing those projects. Council Member Streetman stressed the importance of heavily advertising this meeting to solicit input from the residents.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Discussion of traffic data at the intersection of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Forest Trails**

Administrator Kerr reported that SCDOT has painted a stop bar at this intersection. He specified, "Their correspondence that came back to me indicates that that office was not aware of the temporary pilot situation that we describe." He added that SCDOT is willing to re-evaluate the situation if the City requests it.

Chief Cornett presented data from the intersection, stating: "I can tell you that those numbers are still consistent with the numbers that we see today [...] even before the stop sign went up. And after the stop signs went up, the average speed is between 22 and 23 miles per hour on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, which is compliant with the law." He also confirmed there has been no significant increase in collisions and believes there is nothing negative about the sign being there.

Since SCDOT sees this stop sign as permanent and the data indicates its effectiveness, Administrator Kerr does not see a reason for this discussion to continue past the Committee.

**B. Update on Breach Inlet signage**

Chief Oliverius said the sign designer recommended producing a proof on a metal substrate before ordering the nine planned signs. He said, "We should be getting that real-time proof back by the end of this week or early next week."

Once the proof signage is approved, they will be placed at all beach access paths from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Breach Inlet. The signs on Sullivan's Island will be the same; only the specific fine amount will differ between the islands.

**C. Discussion of changes to the noise ordinance/nighttime noise levels**

Council Member Streetman thanked Mr. David Cohen for his help in drafting the redline ordinance in the packet. He likes all that he has read except for the 55 dB level suggested for nighttime noise and would like that to be discussed more with the full Council.

Council Member Bogosian reiterated his belief that it is up to City Council to set the vision of what they want for the community. He believes "nighttime should be sacred," and one should not hear unreasonable noise outside their home at night.

Mr. Cohen explained that 55 dB is a common level seen in noise ordinances. He shared some examples of noise that would register at approximately 55 dB.

Administrator Kerr said he would ask the City Attorney to review the ordinance. Chief Cornett pointed out that two Front Beach businesses would be in violation of this ordinance every weekend as currently written. Council Member Bogosian asked if a "carve out" is needed for Front Beach businesses.

Council Member Bogosian would like the matter to be further discussed at the October Committee meeting and then moved to the City Council workshop agenda in October.

**D. Discussion of e-bike and motorized scooter regulations**

Chief Cornett presented research on e-bike regulations in other municipalities. He explained that State law allows municipalities "to regulate the use of bicycles and to require registration and licensing." He noted enforcement challenges with minors, as jurisdiction falls to Family Court for most offenses, and the Family Court docket is already overloaded. He also mentioned that Representative Bustos intends to raise this issue at the next legislative session.

Chief Cornett presented a safety brochure and highlighted some areas that could be enacted on the Isle of Palms. He proposed a potential solution permitted by State law: requiring the registration of all bicycles to verify compliance, educate owners, and create a registry. The downside of that is the volume of registrations and administration that would be required.

The Committee expressed concern about "teeth" in the State law especially with regards to the safety of children using these types of transportation.

Committee members liked the brochure presented by Chief Cornett. He intends to visit the local businesses that rent such bikes and scooters to share the brochure and encourage them to pass along this knowledge to their renters. He would like to work with the businesses before putting an ordinance in place.

Chief Cornett also noted that electric scooters, lacking pedals, are likely not classified as bicycles under state law and would require a specific municipal ordinance.

**E. Discussion of scope of future traffic study**

Council Member Anderson said that the Town of Mt. Pleasant's Transportation Committee would like to be involved in a traffic study with the City and hopes staff will speak with them about that. Administrator Kerr said Mayor Pounds is speaking with Sullivan's Island about participating in a study.

Council Member Bogosian would like to know who intends to participate at the October Committee meeting.

**F. Discussion of public safety-related matrix recommendations**

Chief Cornett said he is finalizing the golf cart brochure and will bring that to the October Committee meeting. Administrator Kerr said he will have the public safety-related recommendations color coded and updated prior to the next meeting.

**5. New Business**

**Discussion of marina boat ramp safety**

Chief Cornett will make a recommendation to recognize the people who jumped in the water to help those in the most recent incident of a car ending up in the water at the marina.

Chief Cornett shared new safety measures at the marina boat ramp are under consideration, including the installation of reflective, spring-mounted delineator posts between the ramp's three

lanes. The addition of low-illumination amber lighting is also discussed, as power is available nearby.

Scott O'Toole, Marina manager, said one reason this could be happening is due to the slow calibration of the GPS to the driver's location prior to the driver leaving the marina. White lines and safety reflectors have been added to the area, but the evening of the most recent event was quite rainy and dark.

Administrator Kerr said the ramp is City property. Staff will proceed with adding safety measures within their existing budget and will submit a request to Council if the budget is exceeded.

## **6. Miscellaneous Business**

Administrator Kerr shared an update regarding the crosswalks at 43<sup>rd</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> avenues: "Those owners, a handful of those owners reached out to the DOT. DOT reached out to us, kind of talked us through what they had planned to do in response to those inquiries. They noticed that there is a lack of the ADA kind of rumble strips, we call them. So they are... proposing to add those new ADA landing strips on the ocean side of Palm, 43rd, 46th, and then add the, they call it the ladder style crosswalk, I guess that's white lines with the perpendicular lines, and they would put that out to bid, so they wouldn't do it internally, which they can turn around quicker if it's internally, they were going to go out to hire a third party, so they told us to expect that work within about 60 days, and that's now probably been three weeks ago or so, so another month and a half or so they should be making those improvements."

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 11:00am.

## **7. Adjournment**

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk

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## Sec. 9-2-5. Noise.

- a. *Declaration; specific noises.* It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any noise in the City that is unreasonably loud or disturbing in the circumstances to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities except as expressly allowed pursuant to subsections e. and f. of this section. The following are declared to be unreasonably loud or disturbing noises in violation of this section, but such acts shall not be deemed to be exclusive:
- (1) *Blowing horns.* Except as required by law, no person shall blow or cause to be blown within the City any steam whistle, electric horn, or other signaling or warning device, except as alarm signals in case of fire or collision or other imminent danger.
  - (2) *Pets.* It shall be unlawful to keep, stable, harbor or maintain any animal or bird which disturbs the comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity by making continually or frequently loud noise.
  - (3) *Loudspeakers, etc.* It shall be unlawful to use, maintain or operate loudspeakers, sound trucks, amplifiers or other mechanical or electrical devices for increasing the volume of sound, upon the street, sidewalks, parks or other outdoor public places owned or under the control of the City, except as permitted under subsection e. and f. of this section; provided, however, that any City-owned property subject to a commercial lease and a noise control agreement or permit is exempt from the requirements of this paragraph.
  - (4) *Hawking or peddling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to make any noise on a public street or in such proximity thereto as to be distinctly and loudly audible on such street by any kind of crying, calling, or shouting or by means of any whistle, rattle, bell, gong, clapper, horn, hammer, drum, musical instrument, or other device for the purpose of attracting attention or of inviting patronage of any persons to any business whatsoever. It is the express intention of this paragraph to prohibit hawking, peddling, soliciting or using other loud noises to attract attention to a business and not to prohibit the spill-over noise emanating from a lawfully operating business.
  - (5) *Radios, phonographs, televisions, etc.* The use, operation or playing of or permitting the use, operation or playing of any radio, hi-fi, stereo system, phonograph, piccolo, television or any musical instrument in such manner or with such unreasonably loud volume in the circumstances as to disturb any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, or the playing of such instrument in such manner as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling or other residence.
  - (6) *Use of vehicle.* The use of any automobile, motorcycle, motor boat, personal watercraft, water jet pack or other type of vehicle in such a state of disrepair, or so loaded, or used or repaired in such a manner as to create unreasonably loud or disturbing noises in the circumstances, particularly grating, grinding, rattling, riveting, revving or other disturbing noises.
  - (7) *Exhaust discharge.* To discharge into the open air the exhaust from any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat engine, motorcycle or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
  - (8) *Noise in proximity to schools, courts, etc.* The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, library, or court, while the same is in session, or adjacent to any church during church services, which interferes with the work or worship at any such place or institution.
- b. ~~*Amplified Music—Nighttime sound-play.*~~ It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or establishment to play, operate or cause an equivalent sound level in excess of 55 dBA beyond the property of the noise source as

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measured with a sound meter conforming to ANSI/ASA S1.13-2005 (or later) during the nighttime, which is the time between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Additionally, at nighttime it shall be unlawful to play, operate or cause to be played or operated, any radio, amplified musical instrument (including but not limited to brass or drum instruments), or other amplification device or apparatus with the primary purpose of making sound making or reproducing musical or other sounds or cause any sound created by yelling, screaming, or loud talking between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday, in such a manner as to be plainly audible on any adjacent street or right-of-way, or adjacent to any place of public accommodations, dwelling or other residence in any adjacent street or right-of-way, adjacent place of public accommodation, or adjacent dwelling or other residence. For the purpose of this section, plainly audible shall mean any sound that can be detected by a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities using his or her unaided hearing faculties, including the understanding of spoken speech, comprehension of whether a voice is raised or normal, or comprehension of musical rhythms.

- c. *Amplified Music—Daytime Play.* It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or establishment to play, operate or cause to be played or operated, any radio, amplified musical instrument (including but not limited to brass or drum instruments), or other amplification device or apparatus making or reproducing musical or other sounds between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, in such a manner or with such unreasonably loud volume in the circumstances as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling or other residence.
- d. *Piledrivers and other apparatus, tools or equipment.* It shall be unlawful for any contractor, subcontractor, landscaper, supplier or vendor to operate or use any piledrivers, steam shovels, pneumatic hammers, derricks, steam or electric hoists, or other apparatus, tools or equipment, the use of which is attended with loud or disturbing noises, at any time other than between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. No such use shall be permitted on Sundays or on the following legal holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. Approval for such use may be granted by the City for performing emergency repairs outside of the hours specified. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an owner or member of an owner's immediate family from performing maintenance, repairs, or other work on their own property at any time, provided that such work is otherwise in compliance with City ordinances.
- e. *Public interest events.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, on application to, and approval by, the Chief of Police, written permits may be granted to broadcast programs of music, speeches, general entertainment, or announcements as a part of and incident to community celebrations of national, State, or City occasions, public festivals, or other public interest events, provided that traffic on the streets is controlled. In determining whether or not to issue such a permit, the Chief of Police shall weigh the public interests in the event against the noise and disturbance anticipated to be created by the event and must consider the intensity and duration of the noise and the area that will likely be affected. The language or content emanating from the event shall not be considered.
- f. *Exceptions.* None of the foregoing prohibitions shall apply to or be enforced against:
  - (1) Any City vehicle engaged in City business;
  - (2) Any City-hosted, City-sponsored or City-sanctioned special events;
  - (3) Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets or highways, by or on behalf of the City, county or state during the night, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform the work during the day; nor shall the same apply to work performed by public utility companies under like conditions and circumstances, or when there is urgent necessity therefor;

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- (4) Construction activities performed by or on behalf of a governmental agency, including, but not limited to, construction, repair or maintenance of public buildings and drainage facilities, dredging activities, beach renourishment activities, and other public projects.
- g. *Enforcement factors.* Factors to be considered in determining whether a noise is unreasonably loud, disturbing, or excessive for the purposes of this section shall include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following:
- (1) The intensity and volume of the noise;
  - (2) The intensity of the background noise, if any;
  - (3) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
  - (4) Whether the origin of the noise is associated with nature or human-made activity;
  - (5) The proximity of the noise to sleeping facilities;
  - (6) The land use, nature, and zoning of the area from which the noise emanates and the area where it is received;
  - (7) The time of day or night, along with the day of the week and time of year, when the noise occurs;
  - (8) The time duration of the noise;
  - (9) Whether the sound source is temporary;
  - (10) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent or constant;
  - (11) Whether or not noise abatement measures are possible and whether or not they are used to reduce the noise level;
  - (12) The number of people and their activities that are affected by the noise;
  - (13) The existence of complaints concerning the noise from persons or premises affected by the noise;
  - (14) Whether the noise in the circumstances would disturb a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities; and
  - (15) The nature of any communicative content of the noise shall not be considered for the purpose of this section.
- h. *Violations and penalties.* A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to section 1-3-66. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- i. *Nuisance.*
- (1) Violation of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the City by restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunction, or other means provided for by law, and the City may take action to recover the costs of the nuisance abatement.
  - (2) In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (h) of this section, repeated violations of this section by a person who owns, manages, operates, is a business agent of, or otherwise controls a business establishment may result in the suspension or revocation of any business license issued to the premises on which the violations occurred in accordance with section 7-1-15.

(Code 1994, § 9-2-5; Ord. No. 1999-15, 6-22-1999; Ord. No. 2001-4, § 1, 3-27-2001; Ord. No. 2003-15, § 1, 11-25-2003; Ord. No. 2016-02, § 1, 2-23-2016; Ord. No. 2018-04, § 1, 4-24-2018)



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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** DOUGLAS KERR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR &  
IOP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**FROM:** CHIEF KEVIN CORNETT

**SUBJECT:** E-BIKE LAWS AND ORDINANCES REVIEWS

**DATE:** 8/25/2025

**CC:**



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I have conducted a search for different state statutes and local ordinances pertaining to the operation and use of e-bikes.

SC §56-5-710(A)(8) gives a municipality the jurisdiction to regulate “the operation of bicycles and requiring the registration and licensing of them, including the requirements of a registration fee”

- Must not conflict with state law.

SC §56-1-10(29) defines an electric assist bicycle and bicycle with helper motors.

- Must have full operable pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less, or one horsepower
  - o More than 750 watts is a moped under §56-1-10(26)
- Must have a top motor-powered speed of less than 20 mph (when operated by a rider weighing 170 pounds on a paved level surface)
- The electric motor must stop or disengage when brakes are applied
- Shall have a label applied permanently by the manufacturer in a prominent location that indicates the bicycle’s wattage use and maximum electrically assisted speed.

During my review of local ordinances pertaining to electric assist bicycles (e-bikes) I looked at ordinances for the Town of Hilton Head Island and the Town of Mount Pleasant. I will break down the ordinances for both below.

Town of Hilton Head Island, SC:

- §12-1-611 references SC §56-1-10(29) to define an electric-assist bicycle
- §12-1-612 requires any business that rents or sells electric-assist bikes to provide a town issued safety and etiquette pamphlet with each transaction to consumers
- §12-1-613 provides for punishments associated with the previous two ordinances and includes a provision to declare a business a nuisance for three or more convictions in a 12-month period.

Town of Mount Pleasant, SC:

- §73.30 reinforces state law that an e-bike must obey the laws applicable to a driver of a vehicle.
- §73.31 requires:
  - o E-bikes travel at 15 miles an hour or less
  - o Riders shall operate with due care and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within pathways
  - o Reinforces state law that riders may only ride upon an e-bike with a permanent and regular seat.
  - o Riders shall not be engaged in an activity that is not necessary to the operation of the e-bike which impairs or would be expected to impair safe operation of the e-bike.
- §73.32 requires:
  - o Riders under 21 shall not operate or ride upon an e-bike without a protective helmet
  - o Must have proper brakes
  - o Reinforces state law that requires a headlamp and reflectors.
- §73.33 reinforces state law about the use of hand and arm signals
- §73.34 (Ordinance updated by Town Council at Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting) provides guidelines for the use of e-bikes on sidewalks:
  - o Only children under 17 and their accompanying adults may ride on a sidewalk or shared multi-use path
  - o Must ride at a speed of 12 miles an hour or less
  - o Provides that e-bikes must not be operated in a manner that causes damage to public or private property.
- §73.35 reinforces state law that any bike with a motor that is propelled by a motor exceeding 750 watts or one horsepower is a moped.
- §73.99 provides that anyone (including minors) may receive a citation for violating these ordinances
  - o This was discussed by their town council at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Isle of Palms Police Department has created our version of a Bike / E-Bike Safety & Etiquette pamphlet to distribute and will ask any business that rents or sells e-bikes to distribute them to consumers.

Attached you will find copies of all of the reference local ordinances and the IOPPD Bike/E-Bike Safety & Etiquette pamphlet. I have highlighted some to have further discussions about.

Sec. 12-1-512. - Electric-assist bicycles or bicycles with helper motors.

*Electric-assist bicycles or bicycles with helper motors*, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10(2), and section 12-1-610 of this Code may traverse and utilize any publicly owned pathway designed for pedestrians or bicycles. Bicycles with electric motors that exceed the limitations for an "electric-assist bicycle" or a "bicycle with helper motor" set out in S. C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10, are prohibited on publicly-owned pathways.

(Ord. No. 22-14, § 1(Exh. A), 8-16-22)

## ARTICLE 6. - ELECTRIC-ASSIST BICYCLES

Sec. 12-1-610. - Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to maintain public safety on publicly-owned pathways designed for pedestrians and bicycles.

(Ord. No. 22-14, § 1(Exh. A), 8-16-22)

Sec. 12-1-611. - Electric-assist bicycle defined.

For the purpose of this chapter, the term "electric-assist bicycle" is as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10(29). The term includes "bicycles with helper motors".

(Ord. No. 22-14, § 1(Exh. A), 8-16-22)

**State Law reference—** S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10(29) "Electric-assist bicycles" and "bicycles with helper motors" means low-speed electrically assisted bicycles with two or three (3) wheels, each having fully operable pedals and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts, or one horsepower, and a top motor-powered speed of less than twenty (20) miles an hour when operated by a rider weighing one hundred seventy (170) pounds on a paved level surface, that meet the requirements of the Federal Consumer Product Code provided in 16 C.F.R., Part 1512, and that operate in a manner such that the electric motor disengages or ceases to function when their brakes are applied or the rider stops pedaling. Manufacturers and distributors of electric-assist bicycles shall apply a label that is affixed permanently, in a prominent location, to each electric-assist bicycle, indicating its wattage and maximum electrically assisted speed. The owner or user of an electric-assist bicycle shall not remove or tamper with the label. If a user tampers with or modifies an electric-assist bicycle, changing the speed capability, he must replace the label indicating the vehicle's wattage or horsepower. Electric-assist bicycles and bicycles with helper motors are not mopeds.

Sec. 12-1-612. - Public safety provisions.

- (a) Any business engaged in renting or selling "electric-assist bicycles," as well as all other electric bicycles that exceed the speed or motor power of "electric-assist bicycles," must provide a town-issued safety and etiquette pamphlet upon each transaction to consumers.
- (b) An "electric-assist bicycle," operated on publicly-owned pathways and roads in the Town of Hilton Head shall have a label permanently affixed to the device indicating its wattage or horsepower and maximum electrically assisted speed, as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10(29).

(Ord. No. 22-14, § 1(Exh. A), 8-16-22)

Sec. 12-1-613. - Violations and penalties.

- (a) *Violations.* It shall be a violation of this chapter to:
  - (1) Fail to comply with any requirement of the chapter.
- (b) Violations of this chapter are subject to the penalties and remedies available under section 1-5-10, section 10-1150, section 9-1-111, et seq. These remedies are in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity for a violation.
- (c) Any business or individual engaged in the leasing or sale of electric-assist bicycles that is the subject of three or more convictions of violations of this chapter in any twelve-month period shall be declared a nuisance under section 9-1-111, et seq., and the violator shall be subject to all remedies available to the town under sections 1-5-10, and 10-1-150.

(Ord. No. 22-14, § 1(Exh. A), 8-16-22)



## **REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO E-BIKES**

### **§ 73.30 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PERSONS OPERATING E-BIKES.**

Every person operating an E-Bike upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic regulations of the town applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this subchapter and except as to those provisions of laws and regulations which by their nature can have no application.

(Ord. 23023, passed 9-15-23)

### **§ 73.31 LIMITATIONS AS TO OPERATION, SPEED, RIDING POSITION, AND NUMBER OF RIDERS OF E-BIKES.**

(A) No person shall operate an E-Bike at a speed in excess of 15 miles an hour.

(B) An operator of an E-Bike shall operate the E-Bike with due care and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within public pathways and rights-of-way.

(C) No person shall ride upon an E-Bike other than upon a permanent and regular seat attached to the E-Bike. Any person operating an E-Bike must keep his or her feet firmly on the pedals or foot pegs while sitting on the seat.

(D) No E-Bike may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(E) No person shall operate an E-Bike while engaged in an activity that is not necessary to the operation of the E-Bike which impairs, or would reasonable be expected to impair, the ability of the person to safely operate the E-Bike.

(Ord. 23023, passed 9-15-23)

### **§ 73.32 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR E-BIKES.**

(A) No person under the age of 21 shall operate or ride an E-Bike unless he or she wears a protective bicycle helmet.

(B) An E-Bike must be equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(C) An E-Bike, when in use at nighttime, must be equipped with a lamp on the front which must emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear that must be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(Ord. 23023, passed 9-15-23)

### **§ 73.33 OPERATORS OF E-BIKES REQUIRED TO USE HAND AND ARM SIGNALS.**

(A) An operator of an E-Bike shall indicate a right turn by extending the left arm upward, by raising the left arm to the square, or by extending the right arm horizontally to the right.

(B) An operator of an E-Bike shall indicate a left turn by extending the left arm horizontally.

(C) An operator of an E-Bike shall indicate stopping or decreasing speed by extending the left arm or the right arm downward.

(D) An operator of an E-Bike is not required to give signals provided for in this section continuously if the hand or arm is needed to control the E-Bike.

(Ord. 23023, passed 9-15-23)

### **§ 73.34 RIDING E-BIKES ON SIDEWALKS.**

(A) No person shall ride or operate an E-Bike upon any sidewalk in the town except:

(1) Children the age of 17 and under and any adults accompanying children the age of seven and under may ride an E-Bike on any sidewalk;

(2) Where the sidewalk is designated by the Engineering and Development Services Department as a shared use path measuring at least eight feet in width;

(3) On sidewalks adjacent to roadways where no bicycle path has been provided; or

(4) Where the adjacent highway has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or more, any person may ride an E-Bike on the adjacent sidewalk except as otherwise herein prohibited or if there is a dedicated bicycle path on the adjacent highway.

(B) For the purposes of this section, "bicycle path" means a portion of the roadway or a paved lane separated from the roadway that has been designated by striping, pavement markings, and signage for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.

(C) Any person permitted under this section to ride or operate an E-Bike on a sidewalk, bicycle path, or shared use path shall at all times ride or operate the E-Bike with due care and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalk.

(D) No person shall ride or operate an E-Bike on any sidewalk or shared use path in the town at a speed in excess of ten miles an hour.

(E) Where permitted in the above divisions, E-Bikes shall not be operated in a manner which causes damage to public or private property.

(F) The provisions of this section shall not diminish, detract from, or change the rights and duties of operators of E-Bikes under this chapter or state law.

(Ord. 23023, passed 9-15-23)

### **§ 73.35 MODIFICATION OF E-BIKES EQUIPMENT TO INCREASE HORSEPOWER OR SPEED.**

Any E-Bike that exceeds 750 watts or one horsepower and produces speeds in excess of 20 miles an hour shall be deemed a moped under this chapter and shall be subject to all regulations applicable to mopeds.

(Ord. 23023, passed 9-15-23)



10 - SIDEWALK  
15 - SHARED USE PATH  
12 MPR FOR BOTH = PASSED

AS AMENDED  
= PASSED

TO DISCUSS AGAIN  
ON 8/12 @ MT. P  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING = FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NO. 25036

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON ) 73.34, ENTITLED *RIDING E-BIKES ON*  
TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT ) *SIDEWALKS*, AND 73.99, ENTITLED  
 ) *PENALTY*, OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT CODE  
 ) OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2023, Mount Pleasant Town Council repealed and replaced Chapter 73 of the Mount Pleasant Code of Ordinances titled *Bicycle* by Ordinance Number 23023 in order to provide regulations and restrictions for electronic-assisted bicycles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 56-5-710(A)(8), municipalities may regulate the operation of bicycles with respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant Town Council, in order to protect the general health, safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors, desires to amend Sections 73.34, entitled *Riding E-Bikes on Sidewalks*, and 73.99, entitled *Penalty*, of the Mount Pleasant Code of Ordinances to provide restrictions to operations of e-bikes on sidewalks and to allow for penalties to be assessed against persons under the age of 18 for violations of Chapter 73; and

WHEREAS, Mount Pleasant Town Council has the authority to amend its Code of Ordinances when deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Town, and now desires to do so as displayed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the Municipality of Mount Pleasant, in Council assembled, Sections 73.34, entitled *Riding E-Bikes on Sidewalks*, and 73.99, entitled *Penalty*, of the Mount Pleasant Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to specifically read as follows:

**For all changes new language and symbols shall be underlined and removed language and symbols shall be represented by a strikethrough.**

### **§ 73.34 RIDING E-BIKES ON SIDEWALKS.**

- (A) No person shall ride or operate an E-Bike upon any sidewalk in the town except:
- (1) Children the age of 17 and under and any adults accompanying children the age of seven and under may ride an E-Bike on any sidewalk;
  - (2) Where the sidewalk is designated by the Engineering and Development Services Department as a shared use path measuring at least eight feet in width;
  - (3) On sidewalks adjacent to roadways where no bicycle path has been provided; or
  - (4) Where the adjacent highway has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or more, any person may ride an E-Bike on the adjacent sidewalk except as otherwise herein prohibited or if there is a dedicated bicycle path on the adjacent highway.
- (B) For the purposes of this section, "bicycle path" means a portion of the roadway or a paved lane separated from the roadway that has been designated by striping, pavement markings, and signage for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.
- (C) Any person permitted under this section to ride or operate an E-Bike on a sidewalk, bicycle path, or shared use path shall at all times ride or operate the E-Bike with due care and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalk.
- (D) No person shall ride or operate an E-Bike on any sidewalk or shared use path in the town at a speed in excess of ~~ten~~ fifteen miles an hour.
- (E) Where permitted in the above divisions, E-Bikes shall not be operated in a manner which causes damage to public or private property.
- (F) The provisions of this section shall not diminish, detract from, or change the rights and duties of operators of E-Bikes under this chapter or state law.

### **§ 73.99 PENALTY.**

Any person ~~18 years of age or older~~ violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, on conviction in the municipal court therefor, in addition to any other penalties as mentioned in this section and applicable state law, be punished by the payment of a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Any corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter, on conviction in the municipal court therefor, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500, which may be recovered by an action for debt, and by the suspension or revocation of any license mentioned in this chapter. However, no penalty shall exceed the penalty provided by state law for similar offenses.



THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL READING.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
J.W. Haynie, Mayor  
Town of Mount Pleasant


Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Barrett  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
Mount Pleasant, SC

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
Final Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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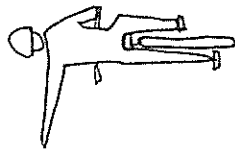
Safety & Etiquette

This pamphlet shares important information for visitors and residents so they are aware of and adhere to local bike laws, take precautions to remain safe when out riding their bicycles and know how to make their bicycle riding experience enjoyable for themselves and others.

These safety and etiquette guidelines apply to all bike riders including e-bike riders.



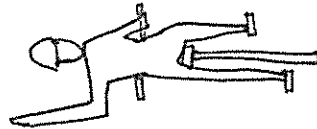
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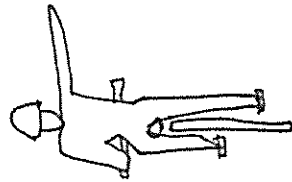
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STOP



RIGHT



Source: SC Department of Public Safety, Safe Streets Save Lives Campaign

## Bike Safety Tips:

**Bikes have to follow the same rules as a car**

**Stop at stop signs**

**Ride with the flow of traffic**

**Wear a helmet**

**Yield to pedestrians when riding on a sidewalk**

**Walk bicycles/e-bikes when using a pedestrian crosswalk to cross over a roadway instead of riding**

**Yield to pedestrians crossing at a crosswalk when you biking in the roadway traffic lanes**

**Watch out for cars (they may not see you!)**

**Bicycles & e-bikes must have a red rear reflector and a headlight if biking at night**

**Use a SAFE and courteous speed**

**Use hand signals when turning or stopping**

# E-BIKES

Before you ride, it is important to understand an e-bike is different from other bicycles. It can be faster, heavier, handles differently, needs longer stopping distances, and requires some practice to operate. Practice mounting, dismounting, stopping, and starting your e-bike in a safe location prior to your first ride.

South Carolina law states any e-bike that is being operated on publicly owned pathways, sidewalks, and roads must have a permanent label indicating the bike's horsepower and maximum assisted speed to ensure that it falls within the class 1 and class 2 limitations.

Isle of Palms Municipal Ordinance prohibits the use of e-bikes on the beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day

ORDINANCE 2025 – 11  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 LICENSING AND REGULATION,  
CHAPTER 3 BEACH AND MARINE RECREATION REGULATIONS,  
ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS ON  
RECREATIONAL FISHING FROM SHORE AND PIER

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms has a significant and growing number of visitors that use the beach for recreational uses that include fishing, swimming, and walking along the beaches within City Limits; and

WHEREAS, fishing within busy areas of the beach could endanger the public and pose a hazard to humans; and

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms City Council finds that regulating recreational fishing from the beach or shore is imperative to the health, safety and welfare to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Isle of Palms City Council has the authority to enact new sections of its Code of Ordinances when deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and now desires to do so as displayed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Isle of Palms, in Council assembled, that Section 7-3-23 be amended under Title 7, Chapter 3, Article A of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 7-3-23 “Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier” be included to state as follows:

Section 7-3-23 Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier

- (a) It shall be unlawful to use any artificial/mechanical means other than traditional rod and reel hand casting for the purpose of delivering fishing lines, fishing bait or other manner of fishing from any fishing pier, or any beach or shore.
- (b) Police officers, Beach Services Officers, Code enforcement officers or any other appointed police department official shall have the authority to require persons engaged in fishing from the beach to cease fishing if, in their judgement, circumstances indicate that cessation of fishing is in the interest of public safety. In the event the official determines that fishing

from the beach may be unsafe for other users of the beach, the official may order any person engaged in fishing from the beach to immediately cease fishing until such time as he or she indicates that it is safe to resume fishing. The official may indicate that fishing may occur at an alternative location on the beach during the time that the cease fishing order is effective. Failure to comply with an order of the police officer, Beach Services Officer, Code enforcement officer or any other appointed police department official shall be deemed a violation of this section.

SECTION 2. That 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 immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Phillip Pounds, Mayor

(Seal)  
Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk  
First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ratification: \_\_\_\_\_



Recommendations	Source	Category/Focus Area	Column2	Assigned Committee	Initiative2	Rec #	Recommendation3	Status
Explore creating an electronic means (text or web-based form) of contacting police and generating incident reports for non-emergency issues, which includes acknowledgement of receipt and notification of next steps.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	1	Explore creating an electronic means (text or web-based form) of contacting police and generating incident reports for non-emergency issues, which includes acknowledgement of receipt and notification of next steps.	
Identify and promote an electronic process for residents, property owners, and businesses to proactively provide background information about their property and special needs of individuals living there to assist Public Safety personnel when they respond to an emergency.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	2	Identify and promote an electronic process for residents, property owners, and businesses to proactively provide background information about their property and special needs of individuals living there to assist Public Safety personnel when they respond to an emergency.	
Monitor safety conditions and rule compliance at the public dock daily, confirming the presence of a life-saving ring, and evaluating the condition of dock surfaces and railings.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Facilities Management	3	Monitor safety conditions and rule compliance at the public dock daily, confirming the presence of a life-saving ring, and evaluating the condition of dock surfaces and railings.	
Frequently incorporate safety-related information in messages from multiple city communication channels; place particular emphasis on increasing use of Sunnie for real-time communication. Suggested topics include but are not limited to, paramedics on the island, importance of reporting non-emergency situations, emergency preparedness, Coffee with a Cop, emergency/incident notification (e.g. Connector closed due to accident, avoid an area due to fire, etc.), and personal property safety (locking doors, etc.).	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	4	Frequently incorporate safety-related information in messages from multiple city communication channels; place particular emphasis on increasing use of Sunnie for real-time communication. Suggested topics include but are not limited to, paramedics on the island, importance of reporting non-emergency situations, emergency preparedness, Coffee with a Cop, emergency/incident notification (e.g. Connector closed due to accident, avoid an area due to fire, etc.), and personal property safety (locking doors, etc.).	
Work with golf cart rental companies to develop a communication piece for distribution to each renter, a placard/sticker to be posted in each cart, and/or a pledge to be signed by all renters that emphasizes state and local laws.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Golf Cart Code Enforcement	5	Work with golf cart rental companies to develop a communication piece for distribution to each renter, a placard/sticker to be posted in each cart, and/or a pledge to be signed by all renters that emphasizes state and local laws.	
Consider passing an ordinance adding a requirement for golf cart and LSV owners/users to read and agree to a golf cart/LSV safety pledge emphasizing state and local laws.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Golf Cart Code Enforcement	6	Consider passing an ordinance adding a requirement for golf cart and LSV owners/users to read and agree to a golf cart/LSV safety pledge emphasizing state and local laws.	
Advocating to appropriate state agencies, ex. South Carolina Department of Transportation ("SCDOT"), to reinstall speed limit signs removed from Waterway Boulevard, Palm Boulevard, and any other interior streets that experience frequent speed limit violations.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Traffic Enforcement	7	Advocating to appropriate state agencies, ex. South Carolina Department of Transportation ("SCDOT"), to reinstall speed limit signs removed from Waterway Boulevard, Palm Boulevard, and any other interior streets that experience frequent speed limit violations.	
Request permission from SCDOT to install permanent speed monitoring/reporting mechanism near Waterway Boulevard & 29th Avenue to collect real-time data, informing the need for more frequent traffic enforcement.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Traffic Enforcement	8	Request permission from SCDOT to install permanent speed monitoring/reporting mechanism near Waterway Boulevard & 29th Avenue to collect real-time data, informing the need for more frequent traffic enforcement.	
Identify locations on the island with the most repetitive parking violations that impact safety and evaluate the need for signage.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Parking Management	9	Identify locations on the island with the most repetitive parking violations that impact safety and evaluate the need for signage.	
Given the increased activity, assess the costs, risks, impacts to public beach access, and benefits of taking more aggressive measures, such as depredation on public property; seek appropriate state agency, ex. Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") and state support, if it is determined to be necessary to protect the public's safety.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Forecasting	10	Given the increased activity, assess the costs, risks, impacts to public beach access, and benefits of taking more aggressive measures, such as depredation on public property; seek appropriate state agency, ex. Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") and state support, if it is determined to be necessary to protect the public's safety.	
Adapt existing Coyote Management Plan to add color-coded threat levels defining triggers for moving between levels AND actions that the city will take at each level.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Wildlife Stewardship	11	Adapt existing Coyote Management Plan to add color-coded threat levels defining triggers for moving between levels AND actions that the city will take at each level.	
Establish a notification process that would communicate: 1) color-coded threat levels and 2) den locations or reported sighting/incidents so appropriate precautionary measures may be taken. Notify property owners of their right to set traps and depredate coyotes on their private property, per DNR guidelines.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Wildlife Stewardship	12	Establish a notification process that would communicate: 1) color-coded threat levels and 2) den locations or reported sighting/incidents so appropriate precautionary measures may be taken. Notify property owners of their right to set traps and depredate coyotes on their private property, per DNR guidelines.	
Notifications should occur via multiple communication channels to include text.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	13	Notifications should occur via multiple communication channels to include text.	
Consistently add temporary warning signs to beach paths where coyotes are active.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	14	Consistently add temporary warning signs to beach paths where coyotes are active.	
Explore ways to increase police officer and beach safety officer staffing during peak summer hours.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	15	Explore ways to increase police officer and beach safety officer staffing during peak summer hours.	
Recruit from areas that have high demand in winter months.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	16	Recruit from areas that have high demand in winter months.	
Recruit semi-retired officers.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	17	Recruit semi-retired officers.	
Create a beach safety lane, where necessary, by maintaining a corridor from the dune for emergency access.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	18	Create a beach safety lane, where necessary, by maintaining a corridor from the dune for emergency access.	
Restore, update and improve signage for dune protection, coyotes and beach rules.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	19	Restore, update and improve signage for dune protection, coyotes and beach rules.	
Increase public media messages regarding all safety matters.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	20	Increase public media messages regarding all safety matters.	
Restrict e-bike usage with speed limitations on beach accesses.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	e-Bike Policy	21	Restrict e-bike usage with speed limitations on beach accesses.	
Extend restriction of e-bikes to April 1st through September 14th	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	e-Bike Policy	22	Extend restriction of e-bikes to April 1st through September 14th	
Collaborate with other beach communities to request state officials to ban firearms from the beach.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Firearms Policy	23	Collaborate with other beach communities to request state officials to ban firearms from the beach.	
Get community/resident support to change state laws to designate the beach as a no firearms zone.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Firearms Policy	24	Get community/resident support to change state laws to designate the beach as a no firearms zone.	
Require registration of any Hobie Cat and volleyball nets that might be left on the beach (similar to Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head).	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Litter Management	25	Require registration of any Hobie Cat and volleyball nets that might be left on the beach (similar to Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head).	
Maintain 4' off pavement chalk line on Palm Boulevard more than just weekends.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Parking Management	27	Maintain 4' off pavement chalk line on Palm Boulevard more than just weekends.	
Request new, more accurate renderings of Palm Boulevard including existing driveways, beach paths, mailboxes and drainage ditches prioritizing safety of residents and beachgoers. Engage the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) to study and supply technical data to improve pedestrian safety.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Forecasting	28	Request new, more accurate renderings of Palm Boulevard including existing driveways, beach paths, mailboxes and drainage ditches prioritizing safety of residents and beachgoers. Engage the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) to study and supply technical data to improve pedestrian safety.	
Increase enforcement of speed limit along Palm Boulevard 21st-41st in the off season.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Traffic Enforcement	30	Increase enforcement of speed limit along Palm Boulevard 21st-41st in the off season.	
Program intersection at IOP connector and Palm Boulevard that emphasizes the pedestrian right of way with use of lead pedestrian intervals (all-way stop) and raised materials that designate pedestrian space.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	32	Program intersection at IOP connector and Palm Boulevard that emphasizes the pedestrian right of way with use of lead pedestrian intervals (all-way stop) and raised materials that designate pedestrian space.	
Request updated traffic study to help direct makeover of Palm Boulevard that focuses on pedestrian safety along with traffic and seasonal adjustments.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Forecasting	33	Request updated traffic study to help direct makeover of Palm Boulevard that focuses on pedestrian safety along with traffic and seasonal adjustments.	
Encourage bikers in the direction of the existing bike lane from 14th Avenue to Breach Inlet with improved signage and education of local bike groups to avoid the areas of Palm 21-41st Avenues where there is more parking and traffic.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Cycling Enhancements	37	Encourage bikers in the direction of the existing bike lane from 14th Avenue to Breach Inlet with improved signage and education of local bike groups to avoid the areas of Palm 21-41st Avenues where there is more parking and traffic.	
Install bike repair/air station at the public safety building and recreation center.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Cycling Enhancements	39	Install bike repair/air station at the public safety building and recreation center.	
Consider hiring independent consultants to assess performance and departmental needs periodically.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	40	Consider hiring independent consultants to assess performance and departmental needs periodically.	



Combat attrition by performing an annual review of compensation packages and adjusting to make and keep IOP public safety positions competitive.. Match or exceed those of comparable roles..	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	41	Combat attrition by performing an annual review of compensation packages and adjusting to make and keep IOP public safety positions competitive.. Match or exceed those of comparable roles..	
Consider post-retirement health care options for public safety personnel, possibly with the assistance of state/county organizations.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	42	Consider post-retirement health care options for public safety personnel, possibly with the assistance of state/county organizations.	
Provide training budgets that meet the ever-changing needs of the Police and Fire Departments.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	43	Provide training budgets that meet the ever-changing needs of the Police and Fire Departments.	
Modify the court schedule to have less impact on work shift schedules. Investigate virtual options.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	44	Modify the court schedule to have less impact on work shift schedules. Investigate virtual options.	
Explore ways to compensate for the lack of affordable local housing. Look at cost of living increases, housing allowances, and/or incentives for IOP property owners to rent to public safety personnel. Explore using city-owned property to provide housing alternatives for city employees. Assess/survey if this would be desirable to city staff to determine if the market for this exists.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	45	Explore ways to compensate for the lack of affordable local housing. Look at cost of living increases, housing allowances, and/or incentives for IOP property owners to rent to public safety personnel. Explore using city-owned property to provide housing alternatives for city employees. Assess/survey if this would be desirable to city staff to determine if the market for this exists.	
Evaluate partnerships with Wild Dunes Resort and Wild Dunes Community Association to establish a staffed and equipped public safety building inside of Wild Dunes reducing response times, providing much-needed training space, and providing respite for police officers following traumatic experiences or waiting between court appearances and the start of their shift.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	46	Evaluate partnerships with Wild Dunes Resort and Wild Dunes Community Association to establish a staffed and equipped public safety building inside of Wild Dunes reducing response times, providing much-needed training space, and providing respite for police officers following traumatic experiences or waiting between court appearances and the start of their shift.	
Hire seasonal, part-time police officers, recruiting retired police officers when possible; one such position to serve as a transport officer.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Talent Management	47	Hire seasonal, part-time police officers, recruiting retired police officers when possible; one such position to serve as a transport officer.	
Require local businesses hosting events to pay for additional police support to avoid having to pull scheduled patrol officers away from patrolling the rest of the island.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Revenue & Funding	48	Require local businesses hosting events to pay for additional police support to avoid having to pull scheduled patrol officers away from patrolling the rest of the island.	
Conduct annual review of equipment needs to include considerations for things like a high-water vehicle for the Fire Department and more diverse patrolling options for the Police Department (bicycles, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles, etc.). Explore resource sharing.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	49	Conduct annual review of equipment needs to include considerations for things like a high-water vehicle for the Fire Department and more diverse patrolling options for the Police Department (bicycles, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles, etc.). Explore resource sharing.	
Consider how to best acquire an accelerant and explosive detection canine for large events, which may include a mutual aid agreement and/or shared use with other jurisdictions.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	50	Consider how to best acquire an accelerant and explosive detection canine for large events, which may include a mutual aid agreement and/or shared use with other jurisdictions.	
Ask the Police Department to present a plan for a formalized drone program utilizing licensed volunteers to supplement the police force. Ensure the plan clearly defines public spaces where drone use can help monitor activity and identify when this type of surveillance is needed (i.e., proactive vs. reactive monitoring, special events, seasonal, emergencies only, etc.).	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	51	Ask the Police Department to present a plan for a formalized drone program utilizing licensed volunteers to supplement the police force. Ensure the plan clearly defines public spaces where drone use can help monitor activity and identify when this type of surveillance is needed (i.e., proactive vs. reactive monitoring, special events, seasonal, emergencies only, etc.).	
Identify communities to learn and evaluate what they have done for noise/light ordinances to see what IOP could explore.	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	Environmental Sustainability	75	Identify communities to learn and evaluate what they have done for noise/light ordinances to see what IOP could explore.	
Track noise and light complaints across geographical grids to evaluate levels of complaints for targeted mitigation efforts.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Communications	76	Track noise and light complaints across geographical grids to evaluate levels of complaints for targeted mitigation efforts.	
Recognize that complaint data may not include Wild Dunes Community Association Security, Wild Dunes Resort Security or other island entity data. Work towards consistent data capture.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	77	Recognize that complaint data may not include Wild Dunes Community Association Security, Wild Dunes Resort Security or other island entity data. Work towards consistent data capture.	
Create a 'Good Neighbor' program to incentivize and recognize those properties that exemplify desirable rentals.	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	79	Create a 'Good Neighbor' program to incentivize and recognize those properties that exemplify desirable rentals.	
Develop metrics of predetermined thresholds of STR complaints to become a 'trigger' for review of total number of licenses.	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	80	Develop metrics of predetermined thresholds of STR complaints to become a 'trigger' for review of total number of licenses.	
Additional communications to residents and visitors regarding noise and light ordinances, best practices, and process for proper notifications if concerns exist.	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	83	Additional communications to residents and visitors regarding noise and light ordinances, best practices, and process for proper notifications if concerns exist.	
Educate more of the positives of the STRs and publish data tracking to residents.	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	84	Educate more of the positives of the STRs and publish data tracking to residents.	
Collaborate with the STR companies to update required signage with quick access to policies/regulations/fines as well as to update on local efforts, i.e., QR Code	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	85	Collaborate with the STR companies to update required signage with quick access to policies/regulations/fines as well as to update on local efforts, i.e., QR Code	
Educate public of rental companies' consortium success.	Community Enrichment Plan	Quality of Life		Public Safety Committee	STR Excellence	86	Educate public of rental companies' consortium success.	
Require acknowledgement of city's beach rules as part of the online parking checkout process.	Community Enrichment Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	94	Require acknowledgement of city's beach rules as part of the online parking checkout process.	
Revisit the Palm Boulevard streetscape proposal.	Community Enrichment Plan	Seasonal Impacts (Traffic and Par		Public Safety Committee	Improved Traffic Flow	168	Revisit the Palm Boulevard streetscape proposal.	
Manage traffic on the Isle of Palms Connector during specific time periods within the course of the year with seasonal police personnel for traffic management.	Community Enrichment Plan	Seasonal Impacts (Traffic and Par		Public Safety Committee	Improved Traffic Flow	176	Manage traffic on the Isle of Palms Connector during specific time periods within the course of the year with seasonal police personnel for traffic management.	
Investigate the possibility of re-striping the Isle of Palms Connector to accommodate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two lanes of traffic exiting the island</li> <li>Dedicated Bike lane on one side</li> <li>A pedestrian lane that is compliant with SCDOT standards; any additions to the bridge structure should preserve the views that exist today.</li> </ul>	Community Enrichment Plan	Seasonal Impacts (Traffic and Par		Public Safety Committee	Improved Traffic Flow	177	Investigate the possibility of re-striping the Isle of Palms Connector to accommodate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two lanes of traffic exiting the island</li> <li>Dedicated Bike lane on one side</li> <li>A pedestrian lane that is compliant with SCDOT standards; any additions to the bridge structure should preserve the views that exist today.</li> </ul>	
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The City should continue to monitor the Emergency Medical Services serving the island	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Public Safety Enhancements	214	The City should continue to monitor the Emergency Medical Services serving the island	
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Develop a plan to improve alternate modes of transportation on the island including bikeways and sidewalks with an emphasis on installing sidewalks and improving pedestrian safety	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Infrastructure Improvements	246	Develop a plan to improve alternate modes of transportation on the island including bikeways and sidewalks with an emphasis on installing sidewalks and improving pedestrian safety	
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Continually assess stop sign locations on the island to determine proper and legal placement	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Traffic Enforcement	276	Continually assess stop sign locations on the island to determine proper and legal placement	
Ensure an adequate number of speed limit signs on all streets to encourage compliance and improve safety	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Traffic Enforcement	277	Ensure an adequate number of speed limit signs on all streets to encourage compliance and improve safety	
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Encourage appropriate measures including signs, traffic restrictions and parking restrictions	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Traffic Enforcement	279	Encourage appropriate measures including signs, traffic restrictions and parking restrictions	
Encourage appropriate measures to collect accurate traffic counts including the installation of new hardware at the key points of ingress and egress of the island	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Improved Traffic Flow	280	Encourage appropriate measures to collect accurate traffic counts including the installation of new hardware at the key points of ingress and egress of the island	
Identify problem areas and appropriate funding sources	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Improved Traffic Flow	281	Identify problem areas and appropriate funding sources	
Expand the system of bike lanes and walking paths	Comprehensive Plan	Public Safety		Public Safety Committee	Infrastructure Improvements	282	Expand the system of bike lanes and walking paths	

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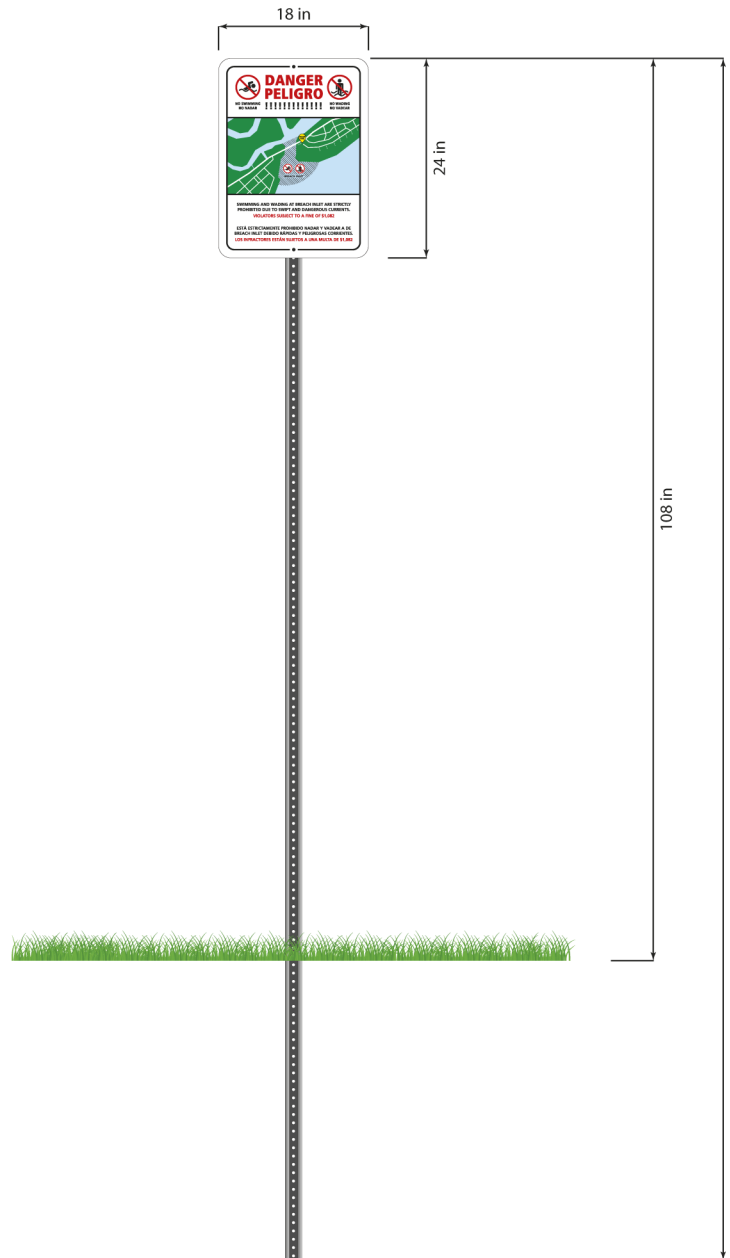
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### Notes

(1) 24"W x 18" H x 0.080" aluminum blank with digitally printed and matte laminated vinyl adhered

blank to be mechanically fastened to 12' galvanized u-channel post

u-channel post to be buried at least 36" deep

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