

February 1, 2021

Mayor Carroll and Members of City Council
City of Isle of Palms
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Re: Parking along state-owned highways

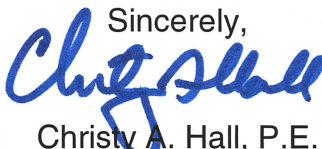
Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Over the past week, there have been several discussions regarding parking along state-owned highways on the Isle of Palms.

In order to ensure that there is no confusion regarding the position of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, I respectfully offer the following:

1. SCDOT has not identified any safety issues along SC 703 (Palm Boulevard) that would warrant the permanent elimination or significant restriction of public parking.
2. SCDOT is receptive to cooperatively working with the City in order to allow angle parking along Palm Boulevard as well as reviewing the flow of multimodal traffic in the area. This review would include evaluating crosswalks, speed limits and signage.
3. SCDOT intends to revoke the full approval of the parking plan implemented by the City in 2015. I am of the opinion that the 2015 plan has improperly designated a significant number of state-owned highway right of ways as "resident only parking" potentially denying non-residents their constitutional guaranty of equality and privilege. Accordingly, at a minimum, the state-owned roads intersecting SC 703 (Palm Boulevard) should be re-evaluated for the restoration of public parking along the first block.

I welcome further dialogue with the City on this important issue as we strive to strike the right balance for the community and region.

Sincerely,

Christy A. Hall, P.E.
Secretary of Transportation

