ORDINANCE 2020-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 4, ZONING, ARTICLE 2, DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms Council is empowered with the authority to make substantive amendments to the Isle of Palms Code, including amending Chapters, and now wishes to do so;

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms, like most municipalities in the Lowcountry, have experienced significant increases in flooding associated with tidal and stormwater influences;

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms believes that additional impervious surfacing will contribute to more stormwater runoff and less stormwater absorption and it is necessary reduce the amount of impervious surfacing added to the island;

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms Council now desires to amend Chapter 4, Zoning of the Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 5-4-13 (Maximum lot coverage; floor area ration requirements; additional setback requirements).

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THAT TITLE 5, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 4, ZONING, ARTICLE 2, DISTRICT REGULATIONS SUBSECTION 5-4-13(1.)(a) SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(a) For lots connected to the public sewer system, not more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the area of a lot shall be covered by impervious material, provided that this requirement shall not limit lot coverage to less than three thousand two hundred (3,200) square feet nor allow lot coverage to exceed seven thousand (7,000) square feet. For lots with on-site wastewater disposal systems, this lot coverage requirement shall be reduced from thirty-five (35%) percent to not more than thirty (30%) percent, provided that this requirement shall not limit lot coverage to less than two thousand four hundred (2,400) square feet nor allow lot coverage to exceed five thousand two hundred fifty (5,250) square feet.

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 That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.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 immediately upon approval by Council.

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