

ORDINANCE 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 3, PROCEDURES, COMMITTEES, ORDINANCES AND USE OF CODE, ARTICLE A. -RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE.

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

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms Council believes it necessary to make amendments to ensure orderly meetings for the Council and the citizens of the City of Isle of Palms;

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms Council now desires to amend Chapter 3, Article A, to provide clarity on the rules of procedure during public meetings.

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 1, GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 3, PROCEDURES, COMMITTEES, ORDINANCES AND USE OF CODE, ARTICLE A. - RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE, SECTION 1-3-13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1-3-13. Public Participation

(a) Speakers shall limit their remarks to no more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is granted by the Mayor or by a majority vote of the City Council. Speakers may not pass his or her allotted time to another speaker.

(b) Speakers shall identify themselves by providing their name, address, and shall conduct themselves in accordance with the rules set forth in this section.

(c) Speakers who reside, own property or maintain a business license with the Isle of Palms shall speak first.

(d) A timer shall be used to notify speakers when the allotted time has expired. Speakers will be informed when their allotted time has expired. Upon the expiration of the allotted time, speakers shall stop speaking and leave the podium unless additional time is granted.

(e) Public participation during public comments shall be limited to no more than thirty (30) minutes in total unless extended for a time certain by the Mayor or by a majority vote of the City Council. If there are more speakers signed up to address the City Council than time will allow, citizens may provide a written copy of the comments to be included in the public record.

(f) Groups of speakers should, whenever possible, consolidate their comments and avoid repetition through the use of representative speakers.

(g) Speakers shall address their remarks to the City Council as a whole and not to any individual Council members.

(h) Speakers shall not ask questions of individual Council members or a member of the City staff without first obtaining permission from the Mayor.

(i) Speakers shall refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Council members, staff, other speakers or members of the audience.

(j) Council members may, but need not, ask questions of speakers at the conclusion of their comments.

(k) Members of the audience shall maintain decorum and refrain from noisy outbursts or other distracting actions such as applauding, cheering, or booing during or at the conclusion of any remarks made by any speaker, staff member or Council members.

(Ord. No. 2019-17, 9-24-2019) Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 2019-17, adopted Sept. 24, 2019, repealed § 1-3-13 and enacted a new § 1-3-13, as set out herein. The former section pertained to recognition of speakers and derived from the 1994 Code, § 1-3-13; and Ord. No. 1981-9, adopted Nov. 11, 1981.

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.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ISLE OF PALMS ON THE
23rd DAY OF April, 2024.

Philip Pounds
Philip Pounds, Mayor

(Seal)
Attest: Nicole DeNeane
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk

First Reading: March 26, 2024
Public Hearing: _____
Second Reading: April 23, 2024
Ratification: April 23, 2024

