

ORDINANCE 2025-~~107~~

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 28th DAY OF October, 2025.



Phillip Pounds, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:



Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk
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Public Hearing: N/A
Second Reading: October 28, 2025
Ratification: October 28, 2025

