

**CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS
PUBLIC HEARING**

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2009

The City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina held a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard. Present for the meeting were Council members Bergwerf, Bettelli, Buckhannon, Duffy, Piening, Rice and Taylor, Mayor Cronin, City Administrator Tucker, Building and Planning Director Kerr, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. Councilman Loftus was excused as he was detained in traffic.

1. Mayor Cronin called the Public Hearing to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Ordinance 2009-14 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 4, Article 9, Section 5-4-205 of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Specify the Location for and Manner of Placement of the Written Notice Required to be Conspicuously Located in all Short-term Residential Rental Dwellings and to Prohibit the Removal, Destruction or Obstruction of Such Notice.**

Mayor Cronin asked Director Kerr to come forward to review the ordinance and the proposed amendments to it.

Director Kerr stated that this amendment relates, specifically, to the placement of short-term rental placards that are required to be in each short-term residential rental unit. By way of history, the Director recalled that, in February 2007, the City enacted a set of regulations governing short-term rentals; one (1) provision of these regulations was that each unit must have a placard that is generated by the City and that is conspicuously posted in the unit. This amendment changes the language from “conspicuously posted” to “conspicuously posted inside the residence within fifteen feet (15 ft) of the main entrance to the residence.” The City Attorney thought it would be beneficial to add language that specified the following:

“It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, hide, obstruct, conceal or remove the notice.”

This amendment has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and they recommend approval.

Jeff Jacobs, 606 Ocean Boulevard, expressed his appreciation to all who had been involved in “getting to this point; it has been a long process.” He noted that there had been Council members, staff personnel and rental agents on the island involved. He commented to the fact that this, as all other ordinances, have no meaning without enforcement, and he thought it reasonable for an officer to confirm the existence and placement of the placard in a residence when he or she is dispatched to a complaint at the residence.

3. Adjourn

Since there were no other speakers, Mayor Cronin adjourned the hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Marie Copeland
City Clerk