



**Resolution No.: R-2024-08**

***Authorizing the Creation of a Youth Council***

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of engaging young people in the democratic process and providing them with a platform to express their views and participate actively in community governance; and

**WHEREAS**, a Youth Council will empower young citizens, giving them a voice in local government decisions that affect their lives and the future of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Youth Council aligns with the City's mission to be the most sustainable, family-friendly community beach community in South Carolina, and its goal to increase citizen engagement among all residents, particularly youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Council will serve as a forum for young people to discuss issues of concern, propose initiatives, and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding policies and programs that impact their generation; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative will encourage young leaders to develop skills in leadership, communication, and collaboration, preparing them for active citizenship in the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Isle of Palms this 24 day of September, 2024, that the establishment of a Youth Council is hereby approved.

1. The Youth Council shall consist of five (5) Isle of Palms high school students between the ages of 14 and 18 from public, private, charter and home schools who will serve one and two year terms with appointments made by the City Council.
2. The Youth Council members shall have a proven record of leadership and commitment to community service and community values who want to create positive opportunities for the youth on the Isle of Palms.
2. The City Council shall work with local schools, community organizations, and youth groups to facilitate the formation and recruitment of the Youth Council members.
3. The Youth Council will meet at least quarterly and provide reports to the City Council on their

discussions, recommendations, and initiatives.

4. The City Council commits to providing necessary support and resources to the Youth Council to ensure its effective operation and impact.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA ON THE 24 DAY OF September 2024.**

  
Phillip Pounds, Mayor



ATTEST  
  
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk