



Resolution No.: R-2024-10

Policy Initiatives and Priorities for City Lobbyists to Pursue in the General Session of the 125th South Carolina General Assembly

WHEREAS, the city of Isle of Palms is committed to advocating for policies that enhance the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, effective lobbying is essential for advancing the city's interests at the state level;

WHEREAS, the upcoming general session presents an opportunity for the city to influence legislation that aligns with its strategic goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following policy initiatives and priorities are hereby outlined for the city's lobbyists to focus on during the next general session:

1. Beach Nourishment Funding - Advocate for legislation that establishes a dedicated source of state funding for beach nourishment projects and/or advocate for legislation that would provide greater flexibility for local governments to levy new fees or taxes to support beach nourishment funding needs.

2. State Accommodations Taxes for Tourism Promotion - Advocate for legislation that would limit the State Accommodations Tax dollars required to be spent for advertising and promotion of tourism to develop and increase tourist attendance through the generation of publicity and provide flexibility for municipalities to use a portion of those funds towards critical infrastructure projects.


3. Stormwater Infrastructure Funding - Advocate for funding to improve and expand stormwater management infrastructure to improve resiliency and mitigate flooding.

4. Expansion of Sewer Infrastructure – Advocate for funding for the expansion of sewer infrastructure to ensure reliable and sustainable wastewater management and enhance water quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city's lobbyists are directed to engage with state legislators, stakeholders, and community members to gather support for these initiatives and ensure alignment with the city's strategic vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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