

AGENDA
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
November 12, 2020
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2020
 - B. Special Council Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2020
 - C. Special Council Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2020
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-23 to Amend Section 78-54 regarding golf cart decals and Increase the Fine for Parking Violations
 - B. Deer Study 2020
- V. **New Business**
 - A. Arc/Billow Drainage Project
 - B. 2021 Meetings and Holidays Schedule
 - C. 2021 Council Goal Setting Retreat
 - D. Camera Project -\$16,120
 - E. Award of RFP 2020-06 Convenience Station Attendant Services-\$30,000
- VI. **Committee Vacancies**
 - A. Water and Sewer Committee – 1 vacancy
 - B. Municipal Elections Commission – 1 vacancy
 - C. Beachfront Management Committee – 1 vacancy
- VII. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Board**
 - A. Town of Edisto Beach, Edisto Beach Spot Nourishment Project 2020 – Hurricane Dorian \$320,000
- VIII. **Departmental Updates**
- IX. **Public Comment**
- X. **Executive Session**
 - A. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to the Sea Island Elevator, LLC v. Patrick Brown and Town of Edisto Beach lawsuit, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2).
 - B. Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege related to the Elise Rhinehart v Town of Edisto Beach lawsuit, S.C. Code §30-4-70 (a)(2).

Upon Returning to Open Session, Action May Be Taken By the Council on Items Discussed During the Executive Session
- XI. **Adjournment**

The November 12 Town Council meeting can be viewed on the Town's YouTube Channel which can be accessed through the Town's website www.townofedistobeach.com

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**AN ORDINANCE**

To Amend Section 78-54 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach to provide for an administrative fee for the issuance of a golf cart decal and increase the fine for parking violations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina, in council duly assembled, that Section 78-54 of the Town's Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 78 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**ARTICLE III. Golf Carts****Sec. 78-54 TOWN GOLF CART DECALS.**

- (A) Application for a town decal shall be made to Town Hall before a golf cart may be parked on a street, right-of-way, or other public property in the town. The decals shall be valid for three years and shall expire on December 31 of the year punched on the decal. The decal shall be displayed on the front of the golf cart.
- (B) The following must be presented to the town to obtain or renew a decal:
- (1) Proof of registration with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (2) Proof of ownership or long-term lease of the property listed on the state registration. "Long term lease" means a lease of six months or longer. All other leases are short term. Short term renters will not be issued a Town registration; and
 - (3) A certification that the golf cart has a rear-view mirror and is otherwise in safe operating condition; and
 - (4) A certification:
 - (a) that the owner has read this article or a town-prepared document that explains the laws related to golf carts; and

(b) that the owner will not allow anyone to operate the golf cart until that person has also reviewed the rules.

(5) Payment of an administrative fee in the amount of \$ 15.00

(6) Proof of Insurance

(C) A lost or stolen decal may be replaced upon payment of a fee of \$10 and the execution of a sworn statement that the decal was lost or stolen. No decal shall be replaced more than once in any calendar year.

(D) It shall be unlawful for a golf cart to be parked on a street, right-of-way, or other public property without a valid town golf cart decal. Any person who violates or fails to comply with the parking provisions of this section shall be fined \$50.00 for each offense, provided the fine is paid within 15 calendar days of the date of the citation. The fine shall then be increased to \$100.00 for each offense on the 16th calendar day after the date of the citation. Failure to pay the fine by the 30th day after the date of the citation shall result in the issuance of a summons for court appearance with the fine to be in the discretion of the court but not to exceed \$100.00 for each offense. The Police Department or anyone who has been approved by the Police Department shall be authorized to issue a parking citation and to impound or immobilize the vehicle. (See S.C. Code § 56-5-710(A)(1).)

(E) The Town decal requirement is for identification purposes. The issuance of a Town decal does not and shall not act as authorization from the Town to the operator to operate the golf cart within the Town limits. The operator and owner must comply with all applicable state and municipal laws related to operation of a golf cart.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

Jane Darby, Mayor

First Reading: 10/08/2020

Second Reading: 11/12/2020

Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

Approved as to form: _____



October 13, 2020

Chief George Brothers
Town of Edisto Beach
2414 Murray St.
Edisto Island, SC
29438

Electronic: gbrothers@townofedistobeach.com

RE: Town of Edisto Beach Deer Spotlight Survey, 2020

Dear Chief Brothers,

Folk Land Management, Inc. conducted a deer spotlight survey in the Town of Edisto Beach on the nights of September 28 and 30, 2020. The estimated acreage we surveyed was 301.7 acres utilizing the observed visibility formula for acreage calculation. This represents approximately 21% of the Town of Edisto Beach acreage (including marsh habitat). The results of the survey are presented on page 3 of this report.

We observed a total of 91 deer during the survey period (same as last year), with 64 deer spotted on September 28 and 27 deer on September 30. The highest observed deer density during the survey was calculated at 4.7 acres/deer on the night of September 28, slightly higher than last year. Of the 91 deer observed, a total of 39 were found in Segment 3 (see attached map), with lesser numbers observed in Segments 4 and 5. Segments 1 and 2 contributed few observations. The numbers seen in Segments 3-5 are indicative of the greater amount of potential deer habitat found on the southern end of the island. Supplemental feeding of deer by homeowners in this area may contribute to the high numbers observed in these segments during the survey.

We were able to closely observe a number of deer and the animals observed looked healthy. We did not observe any major browsing on native vegetation or landscape plants over the course of the survey. Also, high population levels of deer can lead to increased deer/vehicle interactions.

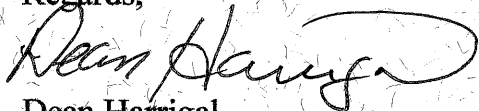
If the deer population in the Town grows to a level where there is noticeable damage to native habitat, there is widespread landscape damage, and public safety reaches a high level of concern then culling should be considered.

I also recommend that the Town continue to monitor the deer herd on a routine basis through annual (or biannual) spotlight surveys. Development of a long-term population data set will enable the Town to make informed decisions about deer management.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you.

Regards,



Dean Harrigal
Certified Wildlife Biologist

cc: Charles Ruth, SCDNR

SURVEY DATA

Number of Deer Observed by Sex and Age

DATE	BUCKS	DOES	FAWNS	UNIDENTIFIED	TOTAL OBSERVED	ACRES/DEER
11/13/19	4	30	4	8	46	6.6
11/14/19	5	31	5	4	45	6.7
9/28/20	8	33	16	7	64	4.7
9/30/20	10	16	0	1	27	11.1

Number of Deer Observed by Route Segment

DATE	Segment I	Segment II	Segment III	Segment IV	Segment V	Total Observed
11/13/19	8	3	19	10	6	46
11/14/19	0	7	26	9	3	45
9/28/20	3	0	28	18	15	64
9/30/20	4	3	11	8	1	27

Population Parameters

YEAR	AVERAGE DOES/BUCK	AVERAGE FAWNS/DOE	HERD INCREMENT	AVERAGE % UNIDENTIFIED
2019	6.7	0.14	0.12	13
2020	2.7	0.32	0.23	9

