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OCRM Jurisdictional Lines Update Public Comment Period Extended



Overview
Beachfront development in South Carolina is regulated primarily by the South Carolina DHEC Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM). Every 7-10 years, OCRM is required by state law to review and revise the state's beachfront jurisdictional lines (the Baseline and the Setback line). The purpose of the jurisdictional lines is to implement laws and regulations that support the state's beachfront management goals and to guide development away from vulnerable beachfront shorelines. A 2016 amendment of the Beachfront Management Act prohibits the beaching from moving seaward from its position on December 31, 2017. These jurisdictional lines were last redrawn in 2009.

The latest OCRM review process began in October 2017 and was originally planned for completion by December 31, 2017. Based on public comments and concerns, the adoption schedule was changed to extend the public comment period until April 6, 2018. It is estimated that Kiawah's jurisdictional lines will be adopted by August 24, 2018. The current jurisdictional lines remain in effect until the new lines are adopted.

The OCRM jurisdictional line website provides a great overview of the entire jurisdictional line process as well as detailed definitions of both the Baseline and Setback lines. This overview can be found at <http://sdhcr.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Water/CoastalManagement/BeachManagement/BeachfrontJurisdictionalIndex.htm>

What are the lines?
In general, the two lines can be defined as:

Baseline - The crest (top) of the primary oceanfront sand dune.
Setback line - A line drawn parallel to the baseline set at a distance equal to 40 times the annual long-term erosion rate. If the beach is stable or accreting, the Setback line is set 70 feet landward of the baseline.

Developed and undeveloped property that lies seaward of either of these lines is subject to regulations and restrictions regarding new construction and reconstruction of existing structures, including pools and decks, on the portion of the property that extends seaward of either line.

Kiawah's Beach Consultants Weigh In
The Town's beach consultants, Coastal Science & Engineering (CSE), has completed a detailed review of the proposed jurisdictional line changes as well as the methodology and data utilized by OCRM. This technical report, available by contacting the Town, was submitted to OCRM by the Town on November 14, 2017. The report provides specific recommendations to OCRM that are summarized below.

1. Calculation of erosion rates - OCRM utilized shoreline position data from 14 different years between 1854-2015 to determine the long-term erosion rate for Kiawah. CSE questions the accuracy of the data from the 1800s and recommends using lines only from the last 40-50 years in order to account for current coastal processes, development pressures, and sea level trends. Utilizing recent data would decrease the long-term erosion rate for most of the island and result in the setback line moving seaward.

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Charitable Contribution Applications Due Friday

The FY 2017-2018 Charitable Contribution applications are due by January 12 at 3:00 p.m. Applications are posted on the Town's website [here](#). Applications will receive preliminary review by the Ways and Means Committee at their February 27 meeting. Their recommendation will go before Town Council for approval on March 6.



In November, Town Council approved ordinance changes on rental regulations and the application process. These changes will be implemented in the 2018 business license renewal season that began this month. Below is the summary of changes to the ordinance and other supporting documentation. If you have questions, please call Bruce Spicher at 843-768-9166.

[Rental Ordinance](#)

[Summary of Ordinance Changes](#)

[Rental Rules and Regs](#)

2018 Cultural Events Applications Available Now

The Town recognizes that arts and cultural events are essential elements in the character and quality of life in the vibrant community of Kiawah Island. The Cultural Events Fund (CEF) is to be used to build tourism and economic development through the presentation of cultural events while providing tourists and residents artistic opportunities without leaving Kiawah.

The 2018 Cultural Events Application is [available here](#).

Application Submission Deadline: February 5, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Application Selection: February 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.



The Town's Environmental Committee is looking for potential new members. The Environmental Committee's primary objectives are to study and report on environmental issues, serve as an advocate for the protection of wildlife and their habitat, provide and/or support educational programs to increase public awareness of Kiawah's natural environment, and make recommendations as appropriate to Town Council. To be considered, please send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk Petra Reynolds [via email](#).

ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The Town's Arts and Cultural Events Council is looking for new members. The Arts Council is a "working" committee tasked with sourcing concerts and cultural arts events, assisting in the development and distribution of promotional materials, preparing production plans and managing logistics of performances, assisting at events and evaluating event results.

Preferred skill set should include:

- cultural arts background and expertise
- excellent planning and organization capabilities
- knowledge of performing arts and performing arts groups
- ability to work in harmony with performing arts groups & other Arts Council members

In addition, the Council is looking for a committee member willing to assist with lighting at some of the major events. If you would like to explore the possibility of joining the Arts Council, please contact [Diana Mezzanotte](#)



Office Closures

Monday, February 19 - Presidents Day



Solid Waste Notices

Christmas Trees will be collected with yard debris on Thursdays. Trees should be undecorated and placed curbside.

The **2018 Solid Waste Collection Schedule** is available [here](#) Not sure of your collection day? [click here](#)

Next Event

[Quentin Baxter presents](#)
[Rodney Jordan Quintet](#)

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Turtle Point Clubhouse | 7:30 p.m.

\$25 [Tickets Available Here](#)



MEETING NOTICES

- Arts & Cultural Events Council** - January 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- Environmental Committee** - January 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- Public Safety Committee** - January 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- Board of Zoning and Appeals** - January 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- Ways and Means Committee** - January 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- CERT Team** - January 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
- Arts & Cultural Events Council** - January 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

* Meeting are subject to change

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