Ordinances

1985

Introduced: December 12, 1984
Approved: July 10, 1985

Bill No.: 1984-33

A BILL

A Bill to authorize Mayor L. Clay Cable to execute, seal and deliver a deed to certain real property of the City of Isle of Palms.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, in council assembled:

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1950, the Governor of the State of South Carolina approved Act No. 1137 which provided that a portion of Charleston Avenue commencing at 9th Street and running to 10th Street be conveyed to the adjacent land owners; and,

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that said property should be conveyed to the adjacent land owners pursuant to this Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms that:

Section I: Purpose and Intent - That purpose of this ordinance is to convey to the adjacent land owners that portion of the sixty (60') foot right-of-way of Charleston Avenue which has been abandoned as a road.

Section II: That the Mayor be and is hereby permitted to execute, seal and deliver quit-claim deeds to that portion of Charleston Avenue which was abandoned as a road pursuant to Act No. 1137 as approved by the Governor of the State of South Carolina on May 25, 1950.

Section III: This Bill, after having passed the required three (3) readings be engrossed and ready for ratification in open council at the next meeting of said council, or at such time as prescribed by the City Council.

This Bill shall become effective upon ratification as an ordinance.

Attest: Nellie S. McDuffie
Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk Treasurer

L. Clay Cable
Mayor

Bill No: 1985-11
Introduced: November 13, 1985

A BILL

A Bill to close Charleston Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street and to authorize the Mayor of Isle of Palms to execute, seal and deliver a quit-claim deed to certain real property of the City of Isle of Palms.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina in council duly assembled:

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1950 the Governor of the State of South Carolina approved Act Number 1137 which stated that the portion of Charleston Avenue commencing at Seventh Street and running to Ninth Street be closed and the property conveyed to the adjacent landowners; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1950 Charleston Avenue ended at Tenth Street and was unopened from Seventh Street to Tenth Street and it was the intention of the Legislature of South Carolina and the Governor of South Carolina to close Charleston Avenue from Seventh Street to Tenth Street and that said portion of Charleston Avenue be conveyed to the adjacent landowners; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that it is in the best interest and convenience of the City of Isle of Palms and its citizens that Charleston Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street remain closed and be abandoned due to the fact that Charleston Avenue had previously been abandoned from Seventh to Ninth Street and does not extend beyond Tenth Street; and therefore, that portion of Charleston Avenue provides no access. Furthermore, the City of Isle of Palms is charged with the maintainance of that portion of Charleston Avenue from Ninth street to Tenth Street, whether it is opened or not and can be legally liable for any injuries to people arising from a defect in said portion of Charleston Avenue, even though not opened; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that due to the above reasons, that said portion of Charleston Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street should remain closed, be abandoned, and be conveyed to the adjacent landowners pursuant to this Bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms that:

Section I: Purpose and Intent - The purpose of this ordinance is to abandon and forever close that portion of Charleston Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street and further to convey to the adjacent landowners that portion of the sixty (60') right-of-way of Charleston Avenue which has been abandoned as a road way.

Section II: That Charleston Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street be forever closed and abandoned.

Section III: That the Mayor be and is hereby permitted and authorized to execute, seal and deliver quit-claim deeds to that portion of Charleston Avenue from Ninth Street to Tenth Street which was abandoned pursuant to this Bill to the adjacent landowners.

Section IV: This Bill, after having passed the required three (3) readings be engrossed and ready for ratification in open council at the next meeting of said council, or at such time as prescribed by the City Council.

This bill shall become effective upon ratification as an ordinance.

First reading: November 13, 1985

Second reading: December 10, 1985

Third reading: January 8, 1986

Ratification: January 8, 1986

Attest:

Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk of Council

Carmen R. Bunch
Mayor

Bill No: 1985-10
Introduced: October 9, 1985

A BILL

WHEREAS Section 7-1-8 of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances incorporates, by reference, a business license fee schedule; and,

WHEREAS, an amendment to the business license fee schedule constitutes an amendment to the business license ordinance itself, which by Section 5-7-260 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, requires that any ordinance must itself be amended by ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL of the City of Isle of Palms, SC, in Council assembled:

That the business license fee and classification known as Operators of Dwellings Other Than Apartments, Class 6514, incorporated by Section 7-1-8 of the Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances, is hereby deleted from the business license classification and rate schedule.

First reading: _____

Second reading: _____

Third reading: 12-11-85

Ratification: 1-8-86

Attest:

Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk of Council

Approved:

Carmen R. Bunch
Mayor

Bill No. 1985-3
Introduced March 13, 1985

A BILL

A BILL TO CREATE A SIGN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina in Council assembled:

SIGN REGULATIONS

The purpose of the regulations of this bill is to regulate all exterior and interior signs placed for exterior observance so as to prevent confusion with regard to traffic lights, signs or signals, or otherwise interfere with the effectiveness of traffic regulations to promote the prosperity, economic well-being, and general welfare of the city, to promote the safety, convenience, and enjoyment of travel and protection of the public investment on highways and streets within the city, and to preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty or aesthetic features of the highway, streets and adjacent areas, and to protect property values, to insure light, air, and open space, to prevent accumulation of trash, and to protect property values, to insure light, air, and open space, to prevent accumulation of trash, and to protect health, safety, and general public welfare by governing the location, size, and other characteristics of signs in each of the use districts established in this Bill.

Section 1: Definitions:

A. Sign: A name, identification, image, description, display, or illustration which is affixed to, painted, or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure, or piece of land and which directs attention to an object, product, place, activity, facility, service, event, attraction, person, institution, organization or business and which is visible from any street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, park, or other public property.

B. On-Premise Sign: A sign that advertises activities, goods, products, etc. that are available within the building or on the lot where the sign is located.

C. Permanent Signs: Signs which are permanently attached to a building, the ground, or other structures and which meet the structural and installation standards of the Standard Building Code and electrical standards of the National Electric Code.

1. Awning Sign: A sign on or attached to a retractable shelter that is supported entirely from the exterior wall of a building.

2. Canopy Sign: A sign on or attached to a permanent overhanging shelter which projects from the face of a building and is supported only partially by said building.

3. Combination Wall-Roof Mount Sign: A double faced, projecting wall sign which projects above the roofline of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by the building.

4. Facia: A sign which is in any manner affixed to any exterior wall of a building and which projects not more than 18 inches and does not extend more than 6 inches above the parapet eaves or building facade.

5. Free-Standing Sign: A sign which is supported by one or more columns, uprights, or braces in the ground.

6. Marquee Sign: A sign on or attached to a permanent overhanging shelter which projects from the face of a building and is entirely supported by said building.

7. Painted Wall Sign: A sign which has been painted on a building which advertises a product or service.

8. Projecting Wall Sign: A double faced sign, and mounted to the wall of a building and which projects out from that building for more than 18 inches.

9. Roof Mount Sign: A sign which is erected on or above the roofline of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by the building.

D. Temporary Signs: Signs which are not permanently attached to a building, the ground or other structures and which may not meet the structural and installation standards of the Standard Building Code or electrical standards of the National Electrical Code.

1. Banners and Pennants: Signs which are usually made of cloth or paper and suspended across streets or building fronts.

2. Bench Sign: Signs painted or attached to the backrest of bench.

3. Portable Signs: Signs which usually rest on the ground on wheels or metal legs, and may be temporarily anchored by weights and/or cables attached to stakes driven into the ground.

4. Sandwich Signs: Signs which are "A" shaped structures and utilize copy on both sides, resting on the ground with no permanent attachment.

E. Area of a Sign: The area of a sign shall be that area which is contained within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of such sign, and in no case passing through or between elements of such sign. It shall include any material or color forming an integral part of the display or

used to differentiate such signs from its background, but shall not include supports. Where two sides of a double-faced sign are not more than twenty-four inches apart at the widest point, and display identical writing or other representation, the sign area shall be computed by measuring one face only.

Section 2: General Provisions: All signs within the City of Isle of Palms shall comply with the following regulations:

A. Traffic: No illumination simulating traffic control devices or emergency vehicles shall be used. No advertising sign shall interfere with vision or vehicles operated along any highway, street, or road; or at any intersection of any street, highway or road with a railroad track.

B. Hazard and Directional Signs: Warning and directional signs less than three square feet in area, consisting solely of arrows, or such words as "steps", "fire escape", "exit", "entrance", "parking lot", "danger", or similar symbols and displaying neither the name of a product nor any advertising matter shall not be included in computing maximum allowable sign area.

C. Illumination:

1. No sign shall be illuminated by lights which are intermittently cut on and off, change in intensity and/or color, or otherwise create the illusion of flashing or movement.

2. Illumination from all bare light bulbs shall be directed toward the face of the sign except where power rating of individual bulbs does not exceed 15 watts.

3. An illuminated sign within five hundred (500) feet of a residential district shall be shielded in a manner preventing light being cast into such districts.

4. An illuminated sign within a residential district shall be shielded in such a manner as to prevent illumination from being cast into residences within one hundred feet thereof.

D. Height, Setback and Location:

1. A projecting wall sign:

a. Shall not project more than 5 feet from building

b. Shall have bottom at least 10 feet from grade and top no higher than whichever is lowest: 25 ft. above grade, or the height of the building at building line.

c. Shall have no exposed guy wires or turnbuckles.

2. Free standing signs, awning signs, canopy signs, marquee signs and temporary signs must have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from the curb of the street and in no case

be installed within the street right-of-way or project into the vertical plane of the street right-of-way.

3. Facia signs shall not project more than 18 inches from wall of building and shall not extend more than 6 inches above the parapet, eaves, or building facade.

4. Roof mount signs may not project more than 10 feet above the highest point of the roof or parapet.

5. Combination Roof/Wall mount - See (1) and (4) of this section.

6. No sign shall obstruct any fire escape, or any window, door, or opening used as a means of ingress or egress for fire fighting purposes, or so as to prevent free passage from one part of a roof to any other part thereof. No sign shall be attached in any manner to a fire escape or be so placed as to interfere with any opening required for legal ventilation.

7. Temporary signs shall have a maximum total area of 32 square feet. Only two temporary signs may be placed on any lot. Temporary signs shall conform to all other general regulations regarding illumination, setback, etc. included in this Section.

8. Street furniture placed along the street to aid pedestrians shall not be used for advertising purposes. Examples of such items include benches, waste receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountains, and public telephones.

E. Construction of Signs: The design, selection of materials, supports, installation, and electrical wiring for all permanent signs erected in the City of Isle of Palms shall conform to the Standard Building Code and the National Electrical Code.

F. Signs Prohibited: No sign shall be erected or displayed in salt marsh areas or on land subject to periodic inundation by tidal salt water.

Section 3: Administration and Enforcement

A. Sign Permit Required:

1. Except for signs described in Section 4 (1) and (2) it shall be unlawful, after enactment of this Ordinance, for any person to erect or place a sign within the Corporate limits of the City of Isle of Palms unless a permit is secured.

2. In the event that the owner wishes to alter an existing sign for which a permit has been issued, a new petition must be submitted.

3. The existence of a permanent sign at the time of passage of this Ordinance, which does not conform with the standards of this Ordinance or other ordinances of the City of Isle of Palms shall constitute a vested right. When any such is removed, or whenever any renovation, change or repair becomes necessary, other than routine maintenance or routine painting up to 50% of the sign replacement cost, such sign shall not be replaced or renovated except in conformity with the regulations of this and other ordinances of the City of Isle of Palms.

4. A temporary sign shall be allowed only once and only for a period of 30 days to accommodate the establishment of a new business or political campaign.

B. Petition for Sign Permit:

1. A petition for a permit required by this Article shall be filed with the Clerk and Treasurer, who shall mark such petitions as received and filed as of the date of such receipt and filing. The petition shall be in the following form:

_____
Name of Applicant or Establishment

PETITION

To the City Council of the City of Isle of Palms:

The undersigned, this _____ day of _____, 19 ____, hereby applies for permission to _____* a sign on the lot of land owned by _____ in the City of Isle of Palms, located as shown in the attached plans.

_____
Signature of Applicant

*Insert either "erect" or "alter".

2. The plans, drawn to scale, to be attached to the petition for erection or alteration of a sign, shall include:

a. The dimensions of the sign and, where applicable, the dimensions of the wall surface of the building to which it is to be attached.

b. The dimensions of the sign's supporting members.

c. The maximum and minimum height of the sign.

d. The proposed location of the sign in relation to the face of the building, in front of which or above which it is to be erected.

e. The proposed location of the sign in relation to the boundaries of the lot upon which it is to be situated.

f. Where the sign is to be attached to an existing building to which the sign is to be attached.

g. The building frontage as it exists (or is to be built) on the lot, and the setback of the building from the front property line.

C. Action on Sign Permit Petition: The Clerk and/or Treasurer shall promptly deliver the petition to the City Administrator who shall investigate the matter and shall then deliver the petition and his report to the Chairman of the Planning Commission. Said official shall reply to such petition in writing with calendar days.

D. Sign Permit Issuance, Refusal, or Appeal:

1. If the City Administrator shall authorize the erection or alteration of a sign pursuant to a petition filed under this Article he shall issue to the petitioner a permit. If the City Administrator does not authorize the erection or alteration of the sign as applied for in the petition, he shall write a letter to the petitioner, advising that the request in his petition is refused. A copy of the letter shall be attached to the petition.

2. Appeals of refused petitions shall be made to the Planning Commission which has authority to waive technical specifications in this Ordinance, and shall instruct the City Administrator in writing as to the disposition of the matter within 14 calendar days after receipt of the appeal.

E. Sign Permit Form: A permit issued under this section shall be in the following form, and a duplicate of such permit shall be attached to the petition and committee report in the files:

PETITION

To_____

The City Administrator having considered your petition filed the _____ day of _____, 19___, with respect to the _____* of a sign as referred to therein, has granted your request and issues this permit.

_____
City Administrator
Isle of Palms, S. C.

_____ day of _____, 19 _____

*Insert either "erection" or "Alteration"

F. Enforcement:

1. Any person violating provisions of these sign regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each offense. Each day the violation continues, it constitutes a separate offense and will be treated as such. In case any sign is used, erected, altered, or maintained in violation of these sign regulations, the City Administrator, or any other appropriate authority, or any City resident who would be damaged by such violation, may institute injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate action to prevent the use of said sign.

2. If it is determined by the City Administrator that a sign is abandoned, is not being maintained, or no longer being used for purposes under which the original permit was issued, the lot owner will be notified and he shall remove the sign within (30) days. If the sign is not removed by the land owner within thirty (30) days, the City will have the sign removed, and the land owner will be charged for costs incurred by the City. Appeal of a decision by the City Administrator that a sign has been abandoned shall be made to the Planning Commission which shall make final determination as to whether the sign has been abandoned. The Commission shall instruct the City Administrator in writing as to the disposition of the matter within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the appeal.

G. Sign Inspection and Maintenance:

1. Every sign and all parts, portions, units and materials comprising the same, together with the frame, background, supports, or anchorage thereof shall be maintained in proper repair and a proper state of preservation. The display surface of all signs shall be kept neatly painted.

2. All signs for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the City Administrator. The City Administrator will be authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon any property or premises to ascertain whether the provisions of the code are being obeyed. In the event that maintenance is deemed necessary, the sign owner will be notified by letter. The sign owner will then have 30 days in which to have the maintenance completed. The City Administrator may grant an extension beyond 30 days for causes shown. Lot owners may appeal by letter to the Planning Commission which must answer by letter within 14 calendar days.

H. Fee Schedule: The following fees shall be paid to the City of Isle of Palms before a permit will be issued for the erection or alteration of any sign unless exempted by the provisions of this Ordinance. Signs in Section 4 (1) and (2) are exempt from petitions, permits, and permit fees but must conform to all applicable regulations.

Cost of Sign	Permit Fee
$0 to $300	$5.00
$300 to $1000	$10.00
$1000 to $2000	$15.00

An additional $3.00 will be assessed to the permit fee for each $1,000.00 of sign cost or fraction thereof.

Section 4: Sign Regulations by Zoning District

A. Residential: In any residential district, there shall not be any sign except as follows:

1. One sign, not exceeding three square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than five feet high and stating only the street number or name of the occupants of the lot or both. Those numbers or letters attached to the owner's home shall not be counted in calculating sign area.

2. One sign, bulletin, or announcement board, or entrance marker for each church or institution not exceeding twenty square feet in area, except that if the street frontage of such church or institution exceeds one hundred feet, one such sign for each hundred feet computed to the nearest hundred but in no event more than three such signs for each church or institution.

3. One "For Sale", "Sold" or "For Rent" sign, not exceeding eight square feet in area, advertising the property on which the sign is located for each licensed realtor listing the property and/or property owner. Said signs shall be removed from the site within thirty days after the property has been sold.

4. One building contractor's or developer's sign, not exceeding thirty-two square feet in total area on a lot where a building is actually under construction. Sub-contractors may present signs not exceeding 8 square feet each. Said signs shall be removed from the site within thirty (30) days after the completion of the project.

B. Business and Industrial: In any Business District there shall not be an on-premise sign except as follows:

1. Signs allowed in Section 4 above

2. One free-standing sign with area no greater than 50 square feet and overall height above grade no greater than 20 feet.

3. In addition to signs allowed in Section 4, any combination projecting wall and roof mounted, painted wall, or marquee signs with total sign area as shown below:

Distance from Street (Property Line Boundary to Building Front)	Total Area Allowed For Building with Less Than 50 Feet Frontage	Total Sign Area Allowed for Buildings with More than 50 Foot Frontage, Sq. Ft. Per Frontage Foot
0-99 feet	50 sq. feet	1
100-399 feet	100 sq. feet	2
400 or more	150 sq. feet	3

4. A shopping center may erect a maximum of 2 free-standing signs with a maximum total area of 1.0 square foot per frontage foot, but not to exceed 500 square feet per sign.

C. Off-Premise Signs: In all Zoning District in the City of Isle of Palms, there shall be no off-premise signs except as follows:

1. Permanent off-premise signs may be erected only in Business (NC, AB, OP) Districts.

2. Separation of off-premise signs over 50 square feet in area shall be at least 1,000 feet, measured along any street or thoroughfare.

3. Setback of off-premise signs shall be at least 20 feet, measured from the pavement edge of the nearest road surface.

Bill No. 1985-3
Introduced March 13, 1985

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ARTICLE H

Section 5-4-121: Definitions:

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5. Combination Roof/Wall mount - See (1) and (4) of this section.

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7. Temporary signs shall have a maximum total area of 32 square feet. Temporary signs shall confirm to all other general regulations regarding illumination, setback, etc. included in this Section.

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E. Construction of Signs: The design, selection of materials, supports, installation, and electrical wiring for all permanent signs erected in the City of Isle of Palms

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Section 5-4-122: General Provisions: All signs within the City of Isle of Palms shall comply with the following regulations:

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shall conform to the (Standard Building Code) and the (National Electrical Code).

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Section 5-4-123: Administration and Enforcement

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2. In the event that the owner wishes to alter an existing sign for which a permit has been issued, a new petition must be submitted.

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   b. The dimensions of the sign's supporting members.

   c. The maximum and minimum height of the sign.

   d. The proposed location of the sign in relation to the face of the building, in front of which or above which it is to be erected.

   e. The proposed location of the sign in relation to the boundaries of the lot upon which it is to be situated.

   f. Where the sign is to be attached to an existing building to which the sign is to be attached.

   g. The building frontage as it exists (or is to be built) on the lot, and the setback of the building from the front property line.

C. Action on Sign Permit Petition: The Clerk and/or Treasurer shall promptly deliver the petition to the City (Building Inspector) who shall investigate the matter and shall then deliver the petition and his report to the (City Administrator). Said official shall reply to such petition in writing with(in fourteen (14) calendar days (of its original submission. Time limit maybe extended through mutual agreement between applicant and City.)

D. Sign Permit Issuance, Refusal, or Appeal:

1. If the City Administrator shall authorize the erection or alternation of a sign pursuant to the petition filed under this Article he shall issue to the petitioner a permit. If the City Administrator does not authorize the erection or alteration of the sign as applied for in the petition, he shall write a

letter to the petitioner, advising that the request in his petition is refused. A copy of the letter shall be attached to the petition.

2. Appeals of refused petitions shall be made to the (City Council) which has authority to waive technical specifications in this Ordinance, and shall instruct the City Administrator in writing as to the disposition of the matter within 30 calendar days after receipt of the appeal.

E. Sign Permit Form: A permit issued under this section shall be in the following form, and a duplicate of such permit shall be attached to the petition and committee report in the files:

PETITION

To _____

The City Administrator having considered your petition filed the _____ day of _____, 19___, with respect to the _____* of a sign as referred to therein, has granted your request and issues this permit.

_____
City Administrator
Isle of Palms, S.C.

_____ day of _____, 19_____

*Insert either "erection" or "Alternation"

F. Enforcement:

1. Any person violating provisions of these sign regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each offense. Each day the violation continues, it constitutes a separate offense and will be treated as such. In case any sign is used, erected, altered, or maintained in violation of these sign regulations, the City Administrator, or any other appropriate authority, or any City resident who would be damaged by such violation, may institute injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate action to prevent the use of said sign.

2. If it is determined by the City Administrator that a sign is abandoned, is not being maintained, or no longer being used for purposes under which the original permit was issued, the lot owner will be notified and he shall remove the sign within (30)

days. If the sign is not removed by the land owner within thirty (30) days, the City will have the sign removed, and the land owner will be charged for costs incurred by the City. Appeal of a decision by the City Administrator that a sign has been abandoned shall be made to the (City Council) which shall make final determination as to whether the sign has been abandoned. The commission shall instruct the City Administrator in writing as to the disposition of the matter within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the appeal.

G. Sign Inspection and Maintenance:

1. Every sign and all parts, portions, units and materials comprising the same, together with the frame, backgrounds, supports, or anchorage thereof shall be maintained in proper repair and a proper state of preservation. The display surface of all signs shall be kept neatly painted.

2. All signs for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the (Building Inspector and)/or City Administrator. The (Building Inspector)/City Administrator will be authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon any property or premises to ascertain whether the provisions of the code are being obeyed. In the event that maintenance is deemed necessary, the sign owner will be notified by letter. The sign owner will then have 30 days in which to have the maintenance completed. The (Building Inspection)/City Administrator may grant an extension beyond 30 days for causes shown. Lot owners my appeal by letter to the (City Council) which must answer by letter within 14 calendar days.

Section 5-4-124. Sign Regulations by Zoning District

A. Residential: In any residential district, there shall not be any sign except as follows:

1. One sign, not exceeding three square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than five feet high and stating only the street number, cottage name or name of the occupants of the lot or both. Those numbers or letters attached to the owner's home shall not be counted in calculating sign area.

2. One sign, bulletin, or announcement board, or entrance marker for each church or institution not exceeding twenty square feet in area, except that if the street frontage of such church or institution exceeds on hundred feet, one such sign for each hundred feet computed to the nearest hundred but in no event more than three such signs for each church or institution.

3. One "For Sale", "Sold" or "For Rent" sign, not exceeding eight square feet in area, advertising the property on which the sign is located for each licensed realtor listing the property and/or property owner. Said signs shall be removed from the site within thirty days after the property has been sold, leased or rented. "For Rent" signs may not be displayed for a total of more than 90 days/year in the given location.

4. One building contractor's or developer's sign, not exceeding thirty-two square feet in total area on a lot where a building is actually under construction. Sub-contractors may present signs not exceeding 8 square feet each. Said signs shall be removed from the site within thirty (30) days after the completion of the project.

B. Business: In any Business District there shall not be an on-premise sign except as follows:

1. Signs allowed in Section 4 above

2. One free-standing sign with area no greater than 50 square feet and overall height above grade no greater than 20 feet.

3. In addition to signs allowed in Section 4, any combination projecting wall and roof mounted, painted

wall, or marquee signs with total sign area as shown below:

Distance from Street (Property Line Boundary to Building Front)	Total Area Allowed For Building with Less Than 50 Feet Frontage	Total Sign Area Allowed for Buildings with More than 50 Foot frontage, Sq. Ft. Per Frontage Foot
0-99 feet	50 sq. feet	1
100-399 feet	100 sq. feet	2
400 or more	150 sq. feet	3

4. A shopping center may erect a maximum of 2 free-standing signs with a maximum total area of 1.0 square foot per frontage foot, but not to exceed 100 square feet per sign.

C. Off-Premise Signs: In all Zoning District in the City of Isle of Palms, there shall be no off-premise signs except as follows:

1. Permanent off-premise signs may be erected only in Business Districts.

2. Separation of off-premise signs over 50 square feet in area shall be at least 1,000 feet, measured along any street or thoroughfare.

3. Setback of off-premise signs shall be at least 20 feet, measured from the pavement edge of the nearest road surface.

First reading: March 13, 1985
Second reading: April 10, 1985
Third reading: July 10, 1985
Ratification:

Attest: Nellie S. McDuffie
Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk Treasurer

L. Clay Cable
L. Clay Cable
Mayor

ORDINANCE

Bill No. : 1985-6
Introduced May 8, 1985
Second Reading June 26, 1985
Third Reading June 26, 1985

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) A Bill Authorizing the Mayor and City Council
) to Make Appropriations and Meet the Liabilities
) of the City of Isle of Palms for the Fiscal Year
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON) Beginning July 1, 1985, and Ending June 30, 1986.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, in City Council Assembled:

Section 1. The sums of money be, and are hereby appropriated for the purpose hereinafter set forth in the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set forth herein verbatim.

Section 2. The attached appropriations are on a basis of twelve (12) months, and are effective as of July 1, 1985, but said appropriations for salaries and operations are subject to cancellation or amendment by City Council as such circumstances dictate.

Section 3. That if any section, item, or portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, items, or portions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be and the same hereby are repealed only so far as they are in conflict herewith.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective on the approval of Council.

BE IT RATIFIED IN open Council this the 10th day of July, 1985.

Ray Castle
Mayor

ATTEST:

Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk

Bill No. 1985-8
Introduced 8/14/85

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-4-33 OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, in Council assembled:

That Section 5-4-33 of the Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section 5-4-33 Lot Area for Class U-1 District

In a Class U-1 District, no building shall be erected or altered to accommodate or make provision for more than one (1) family for each 8,500 square feet of the area of the lot if an interior lot, or for each 7,000 square feet if a corner lot; provided, that one (1) single-family dwelling may be erected on any lot separately owned or on any numbered lot in a recorded subdivision or plat that was on record in the Office of the Registrar of Mesne Conveyance on Dec. 11, 1985.

First reading: 8/14/85
Second reading: _____
Third reading: 12-11-85
Ratification: 12-11-85

Attest: Nellie S. McDuffie
Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk of Council

Clay Cable
Clay Cable
Mayor

Bill No: 1985-9
Introduced: October 9, 1985

A BILL

TO AMEND §5-4-21(3) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS TO PROVIDE FOR A VACATION TIME SHARING PLAN USE IN CLASS U-3 DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, Vacation Time Sharing plans provide for use of property in a manner similar in most respects to resort hotels and motels; and

WHEREAS, by providing accommodations more in the nature of a commercial resort or tourist facility, Vacation Time Sharing plans are a different land usage from multi-family residential use and have a different impact on both nearby properties and community facilities, including both public facilities and private commercial services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Isle of Palms deems it necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City of Isle of Palms, to provide for the appropriate location of accommodations and facilities devoted to the use of Vacation Time Sharing plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Isle of Palms has determined that safeguarding the private property rights of property owners adjacent to facilities offering Vacation Time Sharing accommodations is in the best interest of the citizens of the City and is needed to promote the health, safety and general welfare of its people:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Isle of Palms, SC, in Council assembled:

Purpose and Scope: That the purpose of this Bill is to amend §5-4-21(3) to provide for a vacation time sharing plan use in Class U-3 Districts within the City of Isle of Palms.

SECTION 1: That the following paragraph be inserted in §5-4-21(3):

> d. Facilities or accommodations made available pursuant to a "vacation time sharing plan" as defined in §27-32-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, and required to be registered with the South Carolina Real Estate Commission, pursuant to §27-32-190 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended.

SECTION 2: That §5-4-21(3) d., e., f., g., h., i., j., k., l., and m., shall be renumbered as e., f., g., h., i., j., k., l., m., and n.

SECTION 3: That the following §5-4-22(C)(1) shall be added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina:

In a Class U-1 District or Planned Residential Development (PRD), facilities or accommodations made available pursuant to a "vacation time sharing plan" as defined in §27-32-10, and required to be registered with the South Carolina Real Estate Commission by §27-32-190 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, are hereby prohibited.

SECTION 4: That this Bill, after having passed the required three (3) readings, be engrossed and ready for ratification in open Council at the next following meeting of City Council or at such time as prescribed by the City Council.

SECTION 5: That this Bill shall become effective upon ratification as an Ordinance.

First reading: 10/9/85

Second reading: _____

Third reading: 12-11-85

Ratification: 12-11-85

Attest:

Nellie S. McDuffie

Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk of Council

Clay Cable
Mayor

Bill No: 1985-12
Introduced: November 13, 1985

A BILL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council members of the City of Isle of Palms in Council assembled:

WHEREAS Councilmember Carmen Bunch, elected to the position of Mayor on November 5, 1985, will resign from her seat as Council member in January 1986; and

WHEREAS this resignation will create a vacancy on City Council for an unexpired term ending December 31, 1987;

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Isle of Palms hereby orders the Municipal Election Commission to notify the public not later than December 6, 1985, to hold a special election on February 4, 1986, for the purpose of filling the vacancy to be created by the resignation of Councilmember Carmen Bunch.

This Bill shall become effective upon ratification by City Council as an Ordinance.

First reading: November 13, 1985
Second reading: November 20, 1985
Third reading: November 20, 1985
Ratification: Jan 8, 1986

ATTEST:

Nellie S. McDuffie
Clerk of Council

Carmen R. Bunch
Mayor

Adopted as 1985-8

Bill No. 1985-2
Introduced 2-13-85

A BILL

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS BY INCREASING THE LOT AREA FOR CLASS U-1 DISTRICT.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, in Council Assembled:

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms is experiencing steady and rapid growth resulting in congestion, increased traffic flow and additional demands on the City Police, Fire and Sanitation services; and,

WHEREAS, to prevent an undue concentration of population, and to preserve the public health and safety of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms that,

Section 1: Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 5, Article C, Section 5-4-33 of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Isle of Palms.

Section 2: Amendments.

The following portion of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Isle of Palms is hereby amended to read:

> Section 5-4-33. Lot Area For Class U-1 District
> In a Class U-1 District, no building shall be erected or altered to accommodate or make provision for more than one (1) family for each 8,500 square feet of the area of the lot if an interior lot or for each 7,000 squrae ffeet if a corner lot; provided, that one (1) single-family dwelling may be erected on any lot separately owned, or on any numbered lot in a recorded subdivision or plat that was on record in the Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance on _____.

Section 3.

This bill, after having passed the required three readings, be ready for ratification in open Council at the next meeting of said Council, or at such time as prescribed by the City Council.

This bill shall become effective upon ratification as an ordinance.

L. CLAY CABLE
Mayor, City of Isle of Palms

February _____, 1985.