

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 5 "BEACHES AND WATERWAYS" TO AMEND SECTION 5-10 TO REPEAL THE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND TO REPLACE WITH THE BELOW REFERENCED LANGUAGE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

Sec. 5-10 Regulations regarding recreational fishing.

- a) Any person who fishes in saltwater within the City shall obtain, as required by the South Carolina Code of Laws, a saltwater fishing license from the State *before* engaging in saltwater fishing within the City.

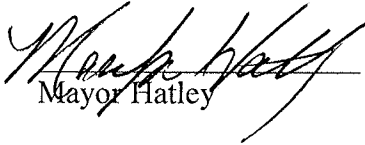
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to bait, fish for, catch, or otherwise attract sharks in the area of the beach from the shoreline extending seaward for the distance of one (1) mile into the Atlantic Ocean *and/or* in any saltwater area within the City including but not limited to inlets, marshes, channels and any portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway located within the jurisdictional limits of the City. In addition, no person shall chum for any marine life in the above referenced areas.

In the event a person engaged in saltwater fishing catches a shark or any other marine animal that he or she reasonably knows may pose a danger to persons swimming, wading or otherwise engaged in activities in the above referenced areas, such person shall release the same at the place where the shark or other dangerous marine animal was caught immediately upon recognizing the catch as a shark or other dangerous marine animal.

- c) Lifeguards and Public Safety Officers shall have the authority to require persons engaged in saltwater fishing to cease fishing if circumstances indicate that cessation of fishing is in the interest of public safety. In the event a Lifeguard or Public Safety Officer determines that fishing is unsafe, the Lifeguard or Public Safety Officer may order any person engaged in saltwater fishing to immediately cease fishing. Any person engaged in saltwater fishing ordered to cease fishing shall immediately

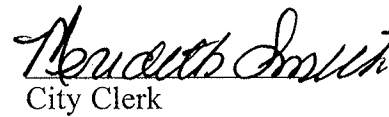
comply with the order until such time as the Lifeguard or Public Safety Officer indicates that it is safe to resume fishing. The Lifeguard or Public Safety Officer may indicate that saltwater fishing may occur at an alternate location during the time that the cease fishing order is effective.

- d) All debris, bait, fish line, hooks, and other fishing equipment or tackle must be contained and not allowed to be placed uncontained upon the beach or any area where saltwater fishing activities occur and shall be removed from the beach or saltwater fishing area immediately after any fishing has been concluded.
- e) Penalty. A person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to punishment under section 1-6 upon conviction.



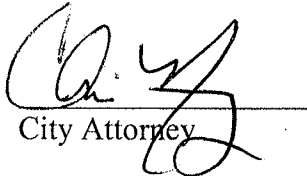
Mayor Hatley

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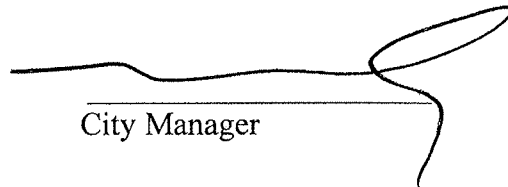
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney

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City Manager

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: 12-17-12