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**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH COMMENTS ON JULY 10, 2019
COURT ORDER REGARDING CIVIL ACTION NO. 2019-CP-26-01732**

North Myrtle Beach, SC – July 11, 2019 – The City of North Myrtle Beach has reviewed the July 10, 2019 Order from Judge William H. Seals, Jr. pertaining to Civil Action No. 2019-CP-26-01732.

In that Order, the Court specifically ruled that on and after August 10, Horry County cannot collect its Hospitality Fee in the city of North Myrtle Beach.

The Order does not affect North Myrtle Beach's lawful tax ordinances, which authorize the City to collect its Accommodations Tax of 3%, Hospitality Tax of 2% and Amusement Fee of 1%. North Myrtle Beach businesses should continue to collect and remit these taxes and fee in full to the City of North Myrtle Beach as previously outlined in the City's June 24, 2019 notice mailed individually to all businesses within its jurisdiction.

According to the July 10 Court Order, on and after August 10, only the City's Hospitality Tax, Accommodations Tax and Amusement Fee will be collected in the City of North Myrtle Beach.

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SCROLL DOWN TO READ JULY 10 COURT ORDER

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF HORRY)	FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
)	
City of Myrtle Beach,)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2019-CP-26-01732
)	
For Itself and a Class of Similarly)	
Situated Plaintiffs,)	
)	ORDER
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	
)	
Horry County,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

After hearing arguments from all attorneys on July 10, 2019, this Court understands that there may have been a misinterpretation of its Order for a Preliminary Injunction dated June 21, 2019. Therefore, this Court is not holding the Defendant in Contempt of Court pursuant to the Plaintiff's Rule to Show Cause. However, this Court is being extremely lenient with this ruling as the Complaint specifically makes clear in paragraphs 1, 7, 40, 42, and 43 that all municipalities in Horry County are included in this action. Additionally, there are specific references to all the municipalities throughout the Order for Preliminary Injunction, as well as specific references to all municipalities within Horry County throughout oral arguments. Additionally, the caption states "for itself and a class of similarly situated Plaintiffs."

For clarification, this Court is hereby making it clear that it's Order for a Preliminary Injunction dated June 21, 2019, includes not only Myrtle Beach **but also Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Conway, Loris, North Myrtle Beach and Surfside Beach** during the pendency of this action. As to Myrtle Beach, the Preliminary Injunction Order dated June 21, 2019, is already in full force and effect, and shall remain so for the pendency of this action. **As to the remaining above mentioned municipalities, this Order for Preliminary Injunction shall take full force and effect on**

August 10, 2019, for the pendency of this action. All of the reasons as outlined in the Court's Order for Preliminary Injunction dated June 21, 2019, are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by specific reference thereto. Additionally, this Court believes that a bond as required by Rule 65 is not necessary and/or required for these parties.

Furthermore, after careful and deliberate consideration, the Defendant's Motion to Reconsider is hereby denied. Lastly, the parties are hereby ordered to provide the Court with a Scheduling Order within fifteen days from the date of this Order. If the parties cannot agree on a Scheduling Order then this Court will issue its own Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Honorable William H. Seals, Jr.
Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

This ____ day of July, 2019
_____, South Carolina



Horry Common Pleas

Case Caption: Myrtle Beach City Of VS Horry County Of

Case Number: 2019CP2601732

Type: Order/Other

IT IS SO ORDERED

s/ The Honorable William H. Seals Jr. #2157