



The Town of Hilton Head Island Intergovernmental & Public Safety Committee Special Meeting

November 13, 2018
12:00 p.m. – Town Hall
Conference Room 3

**Note
New
Time**

AGENDA

As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**
Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Unfinished Business**
None
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Discussion regarding Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Audit Report
 - b. Discussion to Request to Enter into Agreement with Beaufort County to Allow Enforcement of Beaufort County Ordinances within the Municipal Boundaries of Hilton Head Island
- 6. Adjournment**



P. J. Tanner
Sheriff

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BEAUFORT COUNTY**
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BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29901

October 24, 2018

AREA CODE (843)	
SHERIFF	255-3200
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Mayor David Bennett
Town of Hilton Head Island
One Town Center Court
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928

Dear Mayor Bennett:

In recent conversations with Mr. Josh Gruber the Assistant Town Manager, the need to enforce County ordinances within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Hilton Head by Deputy Sheriff's was discussed and agreed upon as valid and warranted. This situation most often arises in instances dealing in criminal matters dealing with resisting arrest and fleeing to evade such arrests.

After an in-depth review and interpretation of the applicable statutory provisions along with a thorough study of the most recent Attorney General's opinion concerning this issue, it is the consensus of opinion that the Town of Hilton Head Island could easily grant permission to our personnel (deputy sheriff) to enforce a County Ordinance within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Hilton Head. This opinion is validated by the fact that that permission, which in essence is a legal formality, has already been similarly granted by the Town in a previous scenario dealing with the Beaufort County Animal Control Ordinances.

Accordingly, I believe that this approval can be attained in the same manner consistent with the correspondence received recently from Mr. Steve Riley, Town Manager extending our authority for town ordinance enforcement; while the original town contract is in abeyance pending the performance audit.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss this important matter of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

P. J. Tanner
Sheriff

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October 30, 2018

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RE: Request to Enter into Agreement with Beaufort County to Allow Enforcement of Beaufort County Ordinances within the Municipal Boundaries of the Town of Hilton Head Island

Dear Sheriff Tanner:

Stephen G. Riley
Town Manager

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 24, 2018, and in which you have requested that the Town of Hilton Head Island consider entering into an agreement with Beaufort County so that your deputies would be authorized to enforce certain Beaufort County Ordinances within the Town's municipal boundaries. I have considered your request, and while I am not in agreement that the Town Manager has been authorized to enter into such agreement, I do believe that this would be an appropriate issue for the Town's Public Safety Committee to take up for possible recommendations and actions before the Town Council.

I have asked Town staff to add this matter as an agenda item to the next regularly scheduled Public Safety Committee. You will receive notification of the time and date for such meeting so that you, or an authorized representative of your organization, can attend this meeting to present this request and answer any questions that may be posed by the Committee.

If you should have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Steve Riley or Josh Gruber to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

David Bennett
Mayor, Hilton Head Island

cc: Stephen G. Riley, C.M., Town Manager
Joshua A. Gruber, Assistant Town Manager