

AN ORDINANCE,
SECTION 22-60

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND:

INTENT

The purpose and intent of this ordinance is for the Town of Pawleys Island to have sufficient funds within the accommodation's tax fund necessary to accommodate all services needed for tourism related matters in the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawleys Island enacted Ordinance Section 22-60 on January 14, 2013;

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawleys Island enacted a repeal of Ordinance Section 22-60 in 2016;

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawleys Island is dedicated to a unique heritage of gentleness, tranquility, and history for the benefit of its resident, property, owners, and visitors;

WHEREAS, the major impact of Tourism on the facilities and employees of the Town during the Tourist season has increased from year to year as result of more homes being rented during the season and a significant year to year increase in day visitors to the Town;

WHEREAS, the permanent (voting) population of the Town has decreased and is now less than 135 individuals occupying less than 15% of the 550 living units In the Town, with the balance of the living units being used for rental and seasonal tourism;

WHEREAS, From mid-winter to the "tourism season " the "in bed" population of the island increases by over 3,000 percent and the addition of day tourists fill all of the available beach access parking areas and most of the available roadsides every weekend during the summer, all comprising the most available free public beach access in Georgetown County;

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk and Town Hall facility must provide tourism information, not only for the Town but also for the greater community area known as "Pawleys Island";

WHEREAS, all other services, water and sewer, fire protection, ambulance and rescue, street maintenance, garbage service, etc. are not provided by the town, but by the SCDOT, Georgetown County, and private contractors;

WHEREAS, without the significant increase in tourism in the Town during the tourist season the town would not need to maintain its own Police Department or to provide many other services which protect and serve its visitors;

WHEREAS, The Town of Pawleys Island apportions some law enforcement and other Town expenses to "Tourism Related Expenses" for Accommodation's Tax funding, and the available Accommodation's Tax funds are always less than the apportioned expenses, creating a Deficit in the Accommodations Tax Fund which has been covered by an inter fund transfer loans from the Town General Fund to the to the Town Accommodations Tax Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976 (AS AMENDED) THAT:

Sec. 22-60 – Supplementation of Accommodation’s Tax Fund

- (A) That the Town of Pawleys Island intends to continue to supplement the Accommodation’s Tax Fund by transferring funds from the Town General Fund to the Town Accommodation’s Tax Fund. The Town Council and the Mayor believe that this is in the best interest of the Town of Pawleys Island, in order to have sufficient funds necessary to accommodate all services needed for tourism related matters in the Town of Pawleys Island; and
- (B) That the Town Council of the Town of Pawleys Island directs that any future shortfalls created in the Accommodation’s Tax Fund due to the tourism related expenses exceeding available Accommodation’s Tax tourism related funds shall be forgiven by transferring funds from the General Fund of the Town of Pawleys Island for the fiscal year in which the deficit occurs. This shall not be considered a loan; it shall be considered an inter-office transfer of funds within the Municipality.

This Ordinance shall take effect and amend Chapter 22 of the Code Section 22-60 and be in full force after adoption of this Ordinance section herein by the Town Council of the Town of Pawleys Island.

Adoption of the foregoing Ordinance moved by Sarah Zimmerman and seconded by Ashley Carter and after discussion and call to vote thereon, the vote was as follows:

Those in favor: Jimmy Braswell, Ashley Carter, Gerry Green, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

Those opposed: None

Date of first reading: February 12, 2018

Date of second reading: March 12, 2018

APPROVED: James Braswell
JAMES BRASWELL, MAYOR

DATE: 3/12/18

ATTEST: Diane Allen
DIANE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK

DATE: 3/12/18