

1 **STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
2 **COUNTY OF Horry**  
3 **CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-60**

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5 **AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I, SECTION 14-7**  
6 **DEFRAUDING A RESTAURANT**

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8 **IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** that Section 14-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the  
9 **City of Myrtle Beach is enacted as follows:**

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11 **Sec. 16-7** Defrauding a restaurant

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13 Any person who:

- 14 1) Orders and obtains any portion of food or beverage from a restaurant, and then  
15 before or after presentation of the bill, leaves quickly, secretively or sneakily,  
16 thereby absconding so as to avoid payment, or  
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18 2) Orders and obtains any portion of food or beverage from a restaurant, then fails or  
19 refuses to pay upon presentation of the bill because of a civil dispute over the  
20 provision of the food, and then refuses at the business's request to leave  
21 identification for each adult consumer so that the civil dispute may be resolved  
22 later by the parties, or upon being informed by the business that the police have  
23 been summoned to make a report, then refuses to wait for the police to arrive to  
24 make a report, and then leaves without paying, is guilty of defrauding a restaurant,  
25 which is a misdemeanor, and upon conviction must be fined not more than five  
26 hundred dollars and/or imprisoned not more than thirty days, and restitution for  
27 the amount owed or for damages is hereby permitted.

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29 This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.  
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35 JOHN RHODES  
36 MAYOR

37 ATTEST:

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39 JOAN GROVE, CITY CLERK  
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41 1st Reading: September 9, 2008

42 2nd Reading:  
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