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R2019-55: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MYRTLE BEACH QUALITY OF LIFE COURT IN THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL COURT.

Applicant/Purpose: Staff / to establish a quality of life court in the City's Municipal Court.

Brief:

- An unparalleled quality of life is a very high priority of City Council.
- One issue effecting the community's quality of life is public nuisances & fire and property code violations.
- If left unabated these nuisances and violations have a detrimental effect on our community.
- Public nuisances, neglect of fire codes, & poor property maintenance can be contributing factors to increases in criminal activity, deter Economic Development & redevelopment
- The efficient abatement of public nuisances and fire and property code violations will help ensure the public health, safety, and welfare of our neighborhoods, our businesses, and our visitors
- The establishment of a Quality of Life Court is an efficient system to abate public nuisances & property code violations, & if implemented properly will achieve a great compliance from violators

Issues:

- If established a Quality of Life Court will hear all public nuisance & fire and property code violations.
- Once the Court is fully implemented, there will be no more Rule to Show Cause hearings or abandoned vehicles items in front of City Council. These cases will be heard in the Quality of Life Court.

Public Notification: Normal meeting notification.

Alternatives: Do not pass resolution.

Financial Impact: Staff will analyze public nuisances, fire code & property code abatement and may make recommendations in the FY2020-21 budget.

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Attachment(s): Proposed resolution.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
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WHEREAS, an unparalleled quality of life is the number one priority of City Council;
and

WHEREAS, one of the issues effecting the community's quality of life are public
nuisances, fire and property code violations; and

WHEREAS, if left unattended these nuisances and violations can have a negative
impact on our neighborhoods, our businesses, and our visitor experiences; and

WHEREAS, neglected public nuisances, neglected fire codes, and poor property
maintenance can be contributing factors to crime, act as a deterrent to economic
development and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, efficient abatement of public nuisances, fire code violations, and property
code violations will help ensure the public health, safety, and welfare of our
neighborhoods, our businesses, and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Quality of Life court is an efficient system to abate
public nuisances, fire code violations, and property code violations, and if
implemented properly will achieve greater compliance from violators.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH HEREBY RESOLVES: the establishment
of a standalone Quality of Life Court in the City of Myrtle Beach's Municipal Court
system.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 8th day of October, 2019.

BRENDA S. BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK