

Sponsor(s)	:	County Council
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Committee Consideration Date	:	N/A
Committee Recommendation	:	N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-70

COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY

[A Resolution to Form a Partnership with the SC Department of Natural Resources to Assist with the Removal of Derelict and Abandoned Vessels per South Carolina Code of Laws – Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50 – “Abandoned Vessels, Derelict Vessels, and Sunken Vessels”]

WHEREAS:

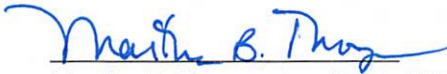
1. Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, titled “Abandoned Vessels, Derelict Vessels, and Sunken Vessels,” establishes the authority, responsibilities, and enforcement framework for the identification, removal, and disposition of vessels that pose hazards to navigation, safety, or the environment; and
2. Derelict and abandoned vessels within the waterways of Colleton County negatively affect public safety, natural resources, navigation, economic development, tourism, and overall environmental health; and
3. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is the state agency statutorily charged with administering and enforcing the provisions of Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50, including the investigation, tagging, and regulatory oversight of abandoned, derelict, and sunken vessels; and
4. Forming an official partnership among Colleton County, and SCDNR will enhance communication, streamline vessel identification and assessment, support the pursuit of state and federal grant funding, assist in the disposal, improve scheduling and operations for removal efforts, and promote the protection of coastal ecosystems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Colleton County hereby establishes a cooperative partnership with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) for the purpose of identifying, managing, and assisting with the removal and proper disposition of abandoned, derelict, and sunken vessels pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

2. The Colleton County Administrator, or their designee, is authorized to work with SCDNR to develop operating procedures, schedules, communication protocols, and any necessary documentation or agreements to implement this partnership effectively.
3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as granting Colleton County independent enforcement authority beyond that provided by law. All actions related to enforcement, tagging, legal process, or official vessel designation remain under the jurisdiction of SCDNR pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

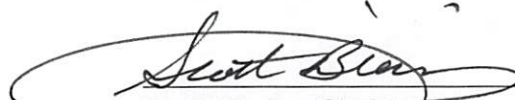
ATTEST:



Martha B. Thompson, Council Clerk



SIGNED:



Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE:

OPPOSED:

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1. That the Board of Directors of the County of Colleton, South Carolina, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is on file in the office of the County Clerk of said County.

2. That the Board of Directors of the County of Colleton, South Carolina, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is on file in the office of the County Clerk of said County.

[Signature]
 County Clerk

[Signature]
 Mayor, The Board of Directors

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