

**RESOLUTION****A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, ADOPTING THE RULES AND  
PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (the “*Town Council*”) recognizes that public engagement is an important aspect of local governance and believes that members of the Bluffton community should be afforded the opportunity to inform their elected officials of their views on Town Council business; and,

WHEREAS, Town Council encourages public input in local government but recognizes that the primary purpose of Town Council meetings is to afford elected officials the opportunity to conduct Town business in accordance with state law; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton has an overriding interest in ensuring that its Council meetings remain an effective means of debating and deciding upon Town Council business; and,

WHEREAS, to ensure that business can be efficiently and orderly conducted while preserving public participation, Town Council acknowledges the necessity for adopting the attached “*Rules and Protocols for Public Comment*”; and,

WHEREAS, these “*Rules and Protocols for Public Comment*” are intended to provide for the orderly presentation of public views and comments on matters within the purview of Town Council, while also safeguarding Town Council’s ability to conduct its business during its meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as forming the legislative and administrative findings, purposes, and intent of this Resolution.

2. The Town Council hereby adopts the “*Rules and Protocols for Public Comment*” in the form attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A** and which is incorporated herein by reference.

3. These “*Rules and Protocols for Public Comment*” shall apply to all meetings of the Town Council at which public comment is provided. These “*Rules and Protocols for Public Comment*” may be amended, modified, or repealed, in whole or in part, by Town Council. These “*Rules and Protocols for Public Comment*” are adopted to expedite and facilitate the efficient transaction of Town business and, as such, the failure to strictly observe any particular rule or protocol shall not affect the jurisdiction of or invalidate any action taken by Town Council.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.**

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED AS OF THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH, 2023.**

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Lisa Sulka, Mayor, Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

ATTEST:

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Kimberly Gammon, Town Clerk, Town of Bluffton, South Carolina