

Town of North Topsail Beach

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Nature's Tranquil Beauty

NORTH CAROLINA
RESOLUTION No. 2022-0008

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A LOCAL MAGISTRATE

WHEREAS, the magistrate has the authority to set release conditions, process dispositions by waiver for misdemeanors and infractions involving alcohol, traffic, boating, state park / recreational areas, littering, and wildlife, and issue arrest and search warrants

WHEREAS, the magistrate holds a key position that is necessary for proper execution of arrests; and

WHEREAS, the nearest magistrate to the North Topsail Beach Police Department is approximately 20 miles away; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Topsail Beach has 2-3 officers on duty each shift and driving to the closest magistrate takes an officer away from patrol for an average of 2-3 hours; and

WHEREAS, numerous arrests are made each year ; and

WHEREAS, many of those arrests many are required to be seen by a magistrate with no cite and release option; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of North Topsail Beach, by resolution is in support of placing a magistrate in Holly Ridge, NC (Onslow County) which could be utilized by the North Topsail Beach Police Department.

Adopted this the 14th day of October, 2022.

Joann McDermon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda Mier, Town Clerk