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CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AGENDA
February 11, 2025

STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."

WORKSESSION - City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor - 5:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Philip Cromer, Mayor

II. EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE RECOGNITION

A. Police Department - Yousef Smith

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Interviews of Applicants for Boards, Commissions and Committees - Waterfront Advisory Committee

B. Development Code discussion regarding electric fences

IV. ADJOURN



CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 1/28/2025
FROM: Scott Marshall, City Manager
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Interviews of Applicants for Boards, Commissions and Committees - Waterfront Advisory Committee
MEETING DATE: 2/11/2025
DEPARTMENT: City Managers Office

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following will be interviewing with Council for the 3 citizen seats that are available on the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Christopher Bliss, Patrick Canning, Gregory DiGiovanni, Perry Dukes, Willard Fosberry, Holly Forester-Bennett, Robert Green, David Loring, George Milner, Andrew Newell, Joseph Oliver, Stephen Perkins, Gregorie Rawls, David Russell, Josh Schott, Kim Shoemaker, Donald Starkey, Patra Watson, James White, Christopher Youmans

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Christopher Bliss	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Patrick Canning	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Gregory DiGiovanni	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Perry Dukes	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Holly Forester-Bennett	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Willard Fosberry	Backup Material	2/5/2025
Robert Green	Backup Material	2/5/2025
David Loring	Backup Material	1/30/2025
George Milner	Backup Material	2/5/2025
Andrew Newell	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Joseph Oliver	Backup Material	1/30/2025

Stephen Perkins	Backup Material	2/5/2025
Gregorie Rawls	Backup Material	1/30/2025
David Russell	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Josh Schott	Backup Material	1/31/2025
Kim Shoemaker	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Donald Starkey	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Patra Watson	Backup Material	1/30/2025
James White	Backup Material	1/30/2025
Christopher Youmans	Backup Material	1/30/2025

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Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

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Applicant Information

First Name Christopher

Last Name Bliss

Home address

City Beaufort

State Sc

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you *Field not completed.*

Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Statement of qualifications and interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Electronic Signature	Christopher bliss
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Applicant Information

First Name Patrick

Last Name Canning

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	I have an extensive background in Bridge & Heavy Infrastructure Projects
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	I am recently retired as an Estimating Engineer from a Bridge & Heavy fabrication company from Pennsylvania and I am familiar with all aspects of design, specifications, public work bidding process, project management, procurement, fabrication and sitework.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Patrick J Canning

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Applicant Information

First Name Gregory

Last Name DiGiovanni

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	Over 40 years working in construction trades and building. Lived in ocean communities my whole life. The love for the ocean and boating is second to my family.
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	Over 40 years owner of plumbing and heating company. Experience in all trades. Knowledge of building blueprints and schematics. Outstanding problem solving acumen. General financial and computer skills. Experience with managing technicians. Complete Resume on request.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Gregory DiGiovanni

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Applicant Information

First Name	Perry
Last Name	Dukes
Home address	
City	Beaufort
State	SC
Zip	29902
Day Phone Number	
Email Address	
If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you	Field not completed.
Business address	Field not completed.

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	I am a South Carolina native with permanent residence in Beaufort. I am a retired Professional (Civil) Engineer and have extensive experience boating on the Intracoastal Waterway. Our waterfront is the primary downtown attraction that draws local residents and visitors by land and water. The operation and maintenance of this extraordinary facility is critical to our quality of life in Beaufort.
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	Education: Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Civil), Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 1974. Professional Engineer (retired). My career specialties were Project Management, Geotechnical/Foundation Engineering, and materials testing. I began my career with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah in 1974. After positions in Germany, Virginia, Florida, and the Savannah Rive Site, I took an early retirement from government service in 2000. For about 15 years, I was the manager, then lead engineer of the Augusta, GA office of S&ME, Inc., an engineering and testing firm. We built a vacation home on Harbor Island in 1995 and moved there in 2005. In 2018, my wife and I built a home on Hermitage Road, where we live today.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Perry E. Dukes

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Applicant Information

First Name Holly

Last Name Forester-Bennett

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	Experience in Public Works: I worked for the City of Cape Coral, FL as a Contract Manager and Procurement Specialist in the Procurement division of Public Works. I managed infrastructure contracts for the City and ran the solid waste contract. I often had to make presentations for City Council and briefed the City Manager on current projects. As a relatively new resident to a town I have wanted to live in for some time, I'd be very proud to serve on this committee in order to make a positive difference for an amenity enjoyed by so many!
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	Resume Highlights: EDUCATION St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD – B.A. Economics/minor in Business, 1991 1995 - 2001 City of Cape Coral Public Works - Procurement Division: Managed infrastructure and solid waste contracts. 2002 - 2007 Eagan McAllister Assoc. - Financial Analyst: Managed financial data for Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) CODE 616. Prepared and tracked delivery order progress and expenditures. Provided direct support to two Project Engineers and periodic support to Code Branch Head. Provided support to sponsor at Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM) in Quantico, VA. Coordinated all aspects of program-related conferences held on site. 2006 - 2007 Land Securities LLC - Princess Hay Development, Exeter England - Marketing Assistant: Focal point for all contact regarding the status and future progress for this major city center redevelopment project. 2007 - 2012 SAIC, Project Management - Contract Specialist: Responsible for project planning, including financial and contract requirements, budgeting, program documentation and process improvement. 2012 - 2016 Imagine One, LLC - Management Analyst: Provided program management, technical editing and financial management support for Consolidated Afloat Networks and Enterprise Services contract,• Supported the risk management process, supported the Intelligent Decision Making Technology Development (IDMTD) project in budgeting labor hours for individual tasking based on funding, tracking subcontractor and task order expenditures, tracking trends and collecting metrics, developing cost estimates, performing forecasting, and resource allocation, prepared bi-weekly financial and technical status reports, as well as other duties. 2016 - 2017: Traveled the country for one year. 2017 - Present: Manage personally owned rental properties and co-own a British Imports business with my husband.

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Holly L. Forester-Bennett

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Applicant Information

First Name Willard

Last Name Fosberry

Home address [REDACTED]

City BEAUFORT

State SC

Zip 29902-5711

Day Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

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Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours

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Statement of
qualifications and
interest

The bulk of my professional career has been directorships of Information Technology in the hospital environment. The majority of that experience was at three facilities affiliated with Hospital Corporation of America. More recently I held the IT directorship at Beaufort Memorial. At each location I was challenged with designing and implementing long range technology strategies to accommodate growth while assuring that latest and greatest solutions fit the demanding needs of all health care providers as well as the patients those facilities served. The success at each of these career stops was contingent upon my ability to work with many cross-functional teams, glean wisdom from those teams, then deliver solutions that ensured ease of use, compliance, and long last sustainability. After retiring from that career I changed gears and assumed a leadership role at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Lady's Island. Most of the skills I had honed in IT translated well to this new role at a large and growing parish. I believe this experience would lend well to the Waterfront Advisory Committee. I have a deep personal interest in Beaufort's waterfront going back to the days when my uncle was Commodore at the 1982 Water Festival. I fell in love with the waterfront, the park, as well as the greater downtown area. Last year I was fortunate to be selected for Leadership Beaufort. It was a fascinating and enriching dive into the inner workings of the city, the county, and the myriad non-profit organizations that add so much support to the fabric of the city and its people. I feel that being a part of this vital planning committee would be a mutually beneficial endeavor for myself and the greater community.

Please Enter Basic
Resume Information
Below

Willard R Fosberry

HEALTHCARE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Technology Officer, who championed and built information organizations, processes and technologies from concept, to design; through implementation and execution, for organizations of various size, complexity, and maturity. Envisioning and creating significant culture changes, shifting information delivery methodologies, implementing agile execution approaches, ensuring appropriate controls and governance, focused on enhanced client experience and empowering users to self-serve through optimized user interfaces and digital channels. Capabilities and experience

include:

- Compliance, Audit and Regulatory • Project and Portfolio Management
- Large Scale Technology Management • Architecture and Strategy
- Organization & Talent Development • Project Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Emerging Technologies • Voice of the Customer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Beaufort, South Carolina
Parish Manager, 2019 to present

Parish business manager, recruited specifically to guide the parish through numerous technology upgrades while managing a 13 member cross functional full-time staff. Utilize my extensive experience in project management to lead other traditional capital improvement projects such as plant upgrades, complex contract negotiations, and property acquisition. Serve on parish Finance Council, Parish Council, and Facilities Committee. St. Peter's includes three separate campuses and services a parishioner base of 1600 families in northern Beaufort County.

- Technology implementations include assisted listening system, live streaming technology, time keeping system, digital lighting system upgrade and parish data base application conversion.
- Project management successes include new paved road to service both church and school, extensive building roofing refurbishments, property acquisition of an adjacent commercial property.
- Assist the parish in developing annual budgets and long term strategic plans.

Beaufort Memorial Hospital, Beaufort, South Carolina
Chief Technology Officer, September, 2009 – April, 2019

Oversaw the planning and deployment of services for the technology infrastructure and applications for a 200 bed healthcare system with main campus hospital and 13 clinics.

Provided technology vision, enabled innovation, and incorporated IT trends that created business value. Directed the development of enterprise standards for technology architecture, evaluation and implementation, and provided leadership to the IT governance processes. Responsible for managing strategic vendor and partner relationships and for leading technical, architectural and integration of enterprise-wide business decisions. Provided reliable support for 1700 employees and 250 physicians.

- Led the design and implementation of an entirely new infrastructure to support increased information security requirements and the upgrade of an integrated electronic health record (MEDITECH) system. Used strategic designs for network, server, firewall, virtual machines and disaster recovery. This resulted in increased response time to main campus end users and 13 locations in Beaufort County and created an affordable highly available environment.
- Provided direction on resolving several long-term service issues including chronic print/copier fleet deficiencies which were resulting in runaway costs. Focused the team on evaluating the complex root causes of the problems, engaging subject matter experts and collaborating with the customers on the resolution. The results included environments that were stable, had predictable growth, and were managed by the technical operations staff. The department's customer service reputation has improved greatly.
- Evaluated the storage environment in order to alleviate performance degradation for several applications. Worked with the team to redesign the existing configuration, create a data mapping strategy and implement the design. The results included improved performance for the environment and the elimination of weekly system outages.

Premiere Communications, Inc. Charleston, SC
General Manager, March 2008 – November 2008

- Managed operations of structured wired and cabling firm
- Performed all back office functions including payroll, invoicing, new job creation.
- Conducted site visits for potential cabling jobs and generated quotes, take offs and bids for those jobs.
- Researched, ordered and tracked materials to fit project requirements.
- Maintained budget expectations as directed from corporate office.

Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC
Director IT & S, 1996 – 2008

- Managed team of 10 IT professionals with annual budget of \$2.5 million.
- Led full PACs install efforts and complete technology refresh project.
- Implemented several formal processes for asset security.
- Supported all hardware, software, and systems integration for entire health system including its satellite facilities

EDUCATION

BS, Business Administration
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

AFFILIATIONS

Member –Health Information Management Systems Society
(HIMSS)

CERTIFICATIONS

Project Management Professional (PMP) – Pending
Leadership Beaufort – Class of 2024

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Electronic Signature

Willard R Fosberry

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Applicant Information

First Name Robert

Last Name Green

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902-5810

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you

Business address Field not completed.

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	Beaufort homeowner since 2015. Graduate USC Business and Law. Member of South Carolina Bar since 1975. Work, Single member LLC, Registered Investment Advisor; BG Financial Advisors, LLC. Member, Chechessee Creek Club, ST Helena Episcopal Church. Past Board Member of Sea Island Coalition. Candidate for SC House Seat 124, 2016 (Hugely unsuccessful).
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Robert L Green

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Water Front Advisory Committee

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Applicant Information

First Name David Loring

Last Name Loring

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Field not completed.

Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	15 years on Historic Preservation Committee Freehold, NJ (chair and vice chair positions held during this time). USN retired, 26 years of service. High school teacher, 17 years.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	David Loring

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Waterfront Advisory Committee

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Applicant Information

First Name George

Last Name Milner

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you

Own property in the city?, Have a current business license?

Business address

Business hours	8-5 pm
Statement of qualifications and interest	Concerned resident
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	George A. Milner, IV

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Applicant Information

First Name ANDREW

Last Name NEWELL

Home address

City Beaufort

State South Carolina

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	Field not completed.
Statement of qualifications and interest	Field not completed.
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	EXPERIENCE Best Buy Geek Squad, Bluffton, SC — Consultation Agent August 2024 - Present Responsible for diagnosing and providing over-the-counter assistance with client electronics and software. I prepare items for work with our repair agents and for shipment to various repair centers. Mira International, Beaufort SC — Warehouse Associate August 2024 - November 2024 Prepared bulk orders of dried foodstuffs for import and export. Used heavy equipment such as forklifts to store products, as well as timely loading and unloading of trucks. Beaufort County Library, Bookmobile North — Assistant I April 2022 - August 2024 Duties included event planning, driving, shelving, cleaning, and involved customer support. Responsible for preschool storytimes and creating a weekly session of Dungeons & Dragons for the Beaufort Branch. Beaufort County Library, St. Helena — Assistant I January 2018 - April 2022 Performed myriad library duties including shelving, circulation, and customer support. Notable activities include illustration and fabrication for the children's department and an annual reading of The Polar Express.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Andrew D. Newell

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Applicant Information

First Name Joseph

Last Name Oliver

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you *Field not completed.*

Business address N/A

Business hours

N/A

Statement of
qualifications and
interest

My wife and I are full-time residents of the City of Beaufort. We moved here from Washington, D.C., in 2015 and live in the Historic District.

The current state of the waterfront seawall and the failure of the marina lease are two of the most pressing issues facing the City government. While each of these presents problems that should be resolved on a priority basis, I believe each situation also presents opportunities that should be explored by the Waterfront Advisory Committee. I have a strong interest in assisting in getting these matters resolved to the benefit of all residents of the City. In particular, I believe my experience as an attorney would be a valuable resource in the work of this committee.

I believe the restoration of the waterfront park seawall is the more important of the two issues, both because of its potential cost and the importance of the park as a community asset. The park provides a vital place of recreation and enjoyment for residents of all areas of the City. We should work to maintain this access as much as possible during project work and also be open to possible permanent enhancements of the park's features that could be added on a cost-efficient basis during construction. This project will require significant legal effort, first in negotiating the various agreements necessary for the project to commence and also in revising use agreements with third parties to protect the seawall structure going forward.

The reason the marina issue is presented at this time is because of a failed lease agreement. Addressing how to respond to this will require an understanding of the current legal relationship between the City and Safe Harbor Marinas as well as the City's options. Furthermore, while it is unfortunate that this matter has arisen, it may in fact present the City with opportunities to consider improved lease conditions or different operating alternatives for the marina.

I would strongly support having the committee solicit and receive public input on proposed recommendations before they are submitted to Council.

Since I am now retired I would be able to devote as much time as required to this effort. I have no relationships or interests, personal, business or otherwise, that would conflict with my membership on this committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please Enter Basic
Resume Information
Below

Born: Savannah, Ga., 1946

Education: B.A. (Government), University of Virginia, 1968

J.D. University of Georgia School of Law, 1971
Board of Editors, Georgia Law Review

Employment: Law Clerk to Judge Linton Collins, United States
Court of Claims,
Washington, D.C., 1971-1972

Associate and Partner, Jones Day, Washington D.C., 1972-
1979

Partner, Crowell and Moring, Washington D.C., 1979-2015
(ret.)

My practice focused on the representation of regulated
companies (primarily natural gas and electric utilities) in
commercial transactions and litigation before federal agencies
and
courts.

Civic and volunteer activities:

Trustee, Beaufort Memorial Hospital Foundation, 2019-2022,
Chair, Investment Committee

Volunteer, Child Abuse and Prevention Association, 2016-2018

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I agree.

Electronic Signature

Joseph M.Oliver

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Applicant Information

First Name Stephen

Last Name Perkins

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Business hours

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Statement of
qualifications and
interest

Mr. Mayor and Council,

My wife and I relocated to Beaufort in 2023 from the Fort Mill / Tega Cay area of SC. We originally visited Beaufort in 2011 while I was interviewing for a position with a local company. We loved the area, but the job was not a good fit. Since then, we have visited Beaufort many times over the years. We found ourselves drawn to Beaufort by the charm and beauty of the Historical District, Bay Street Business District, and the waterfront. During a weekend trip to attend the Water Festival in July of 2023, we found a great house on Battery Creek in the Salem Bay subdivision that we purchased and moved into September of that year.

I recently retired (1/1/2025) from a career in the insurance industry and currently looking to get involved in the community by joining a city committee. I bring a significant amount of experience working with city projects like this.

I served two non-consecutive terms between 2003 and 2014 on the Tega Cay City Council. I have much experience working with issues and opportunities like the ones faced with the Downtown Marina and Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park seawall. I have been following the issues through the news. I know that there are many stakeholders, and it is important to get all perspectives.

During my tenure with the Tega Cay City Council, I was involved with developing the Comprehensive Plan with a citizen committee. I was also the Council liaison to the Planning Commission and the finance committee for most of my tenure, so I bring that background as well.

Some of the issues / opportunities faced included the City of Tega Cay purchasing a 27-hole golf course and a private water and sewer utility after much citizen input. After the purchase of the golf course, the Council then dealt with the best way to run the facilities. The City Council sought out companies to manage the golf course while also leasing out the restaurant, bar and conference center. The purchase of the private water and sewer utility came with many challenges due to the infrastructure deterioration and integrating the newly purchased utility in with the existing utility. Both these issues / opportunities were hot topics with the citizens.

Tega Cay City Council also worked with citizen input on

waterfront park projects like enhancements to an existing Windjammer Park on the banks of Lake Wylie and the creation of Catawba Park which is on the banks of the Catawba river. Many of the projects we handled involved both public and private funding.

I feel that I am a very good candidate to serve on the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC). I bring a fresh objective view to the committee. I don't have any political agenda. Just want to make Beaufort a better place. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve.

Stephen Perkins

Please Enter Basic
Resume Information
Below

Stephen Perkins Sr.



Skills:

Thought Leadership | Coaching | Technical Aptitude |
Negotiation | Risk Assessment | Training & Development |
Recruiting | Financial Management | Creative Problem Solving |
Consultative Selling | Public Speaking

Experience

Self Employed 2025 - Present

Semi-Retired | Insurance Management Consultant

MassMutual Agency Brokerage | The Pelora Group 2011 –
2024

Agency Brokerage Director

UNUM – formerly known as AlwaysCare Benefits | Starmount
Life Insurance 2006 – 2011

Regional Vice President of Sales

City of Tega Cay South Carolina 2003 – 2006 & 2010 – 2014
Elected Official - City Council

OneAmerica Financial 1994 – 2005

General Agent | Vice President of Sales | Regional Sales
Director | Regional Manager

UNUM 1988 – 1994

Executive Brokerage Consultant

Education

The American College of Financial Services
Chartered Life Underwriter | Registered Health Underwriter

Municipal Association of SC

Graduate of Municipal Elected Officials Institute

University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
(Concentration in Political Science and Business)

Illinois State University

Major in Political Science

Other Activities

Continuing Education Instructor | SC Department of Insurance
Executive Council | MassMutual Brokerage Director Field
Advisory Committee (BDAX)

President & Board Member - Society of Financial Services
Professionals Charlotte NC

President & Board Member – National Association of Insurance
& Financial Services Charlotte NC

Committee Member | City of Tega Cay Comprehensive Plan
Committee

President | Anchorage Property Owners Association Tega Cay
SC

Chairman | Anchorage Architectural Review Committee Tega
Cay SC

Chairman | Remington Trace Architectural Review Committee
Acworth GA

Member | Lion's Club Tega Cay SC

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Agreement

I agree.

Electronic Signature

Stephen T. Perkins Sr.

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Traci Guldner

From: noreply@civicplus.com
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City of Beaufort Board and Commission Application

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commission or
committee you are
interested in applying
for. You can choose
more than one board.

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Applicant Information

First Name Gregorie

Last Name Rawls

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in
the City of Beaufort, do
you

Field not completed.

Business address

Field not completed.

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	I have lived in the city of Beaufort for 12 years. During this time, I have been very active in a variety of community activities. My main interest in being on the Waterfront Advisory Committee is because of my long involvement in DragonBoat Beaufort. We are a cancer survivor/supporter dragonboat racing team which paddles the waterways of Beaufort. We also host an annual Dragonboat Race Day Festival in Waterfront Park which brings thousands of people to the Park and has a substantial financial impact on Beaufort. Money raised during this festival is used to fund our Cancer Patient Outreach Program. I believe the Committee needs to have a representative of a non-profit organization which actively uses the waterways in non-motorized boats.
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	BS in Biology, MS in Public Health: University of South Carolina Served in the U.S. Navy Worked as a Health and Safety Professional in a variety of industries Retired to Beaufort, SC in 2012 Current Activities: - Glass Artist showing work in art galleries in Beaufort, Savannah, Charleston and Sullivan's Island. - Set Designer/Set Builder for the Beaufort Theatre Company and the Beaufort Children's Theatre, located at the Center for the Arts at USC-Beaufort. - Active member of DragonBoat Beaufort and have served as President and Race Director.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Gregorie M. Rawls

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Traci Guldner

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Cultural District Advisory Board (CDAB), Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

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Applicant Information

First Name David

Last Name Russell

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

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Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours

Field not completed.

Statement of
qualifications and
interest

Qualifications: I have extensive experience as a corporate attorney and private equity manager negotiating a variety of agreements, including operating agreements, with stakeholders and strategic partners. I also have a broad finance background and have been involved in numerous projects involving budgeting, financing and structuring challenges and goals. Finally, as a former Assistant General Counsel for the New York State Comptroller (the State's top fiscal officer), I am well versed in the mechanics of public entities with regards to procurement, RFPs and contracts, and project financing.

Interest: My interest in the position stems for my desire to give back to our new community that we moved to almost four years ago, and the critical juncture the City is at with what I consider to be its most valuable asset, after the people. I feel my legal, finance and public service experience puts me in a position to add value to the process in multiple ways.

Please Enter Basic
Resume Information
Below

EXPERIENCE

Navan Technologies, San Carlos, CA 2024-present
Strategic Advisor

Provide strategic guidance to biotech company focused on cell therapy delivery systems. Areas of involvement include negotiations with strategic and investment partners, fundraising, M&A, and legal/financial structuring.

GCM Grosvenor, New York, NY
Managing Director - Private Markets 2014-2019
Consultant 2019-2021

Integrally involved in successful sale of Credit Suisse Customized Investment Group to GCM Grosvenor, which now constitutes the Private Markets group within GCM Grosvenor. Member of Private Markets Management and Investment Committees and involved in activities similar to those while at Credit Suisse, including domestic and international marketing and business development; client management, due diligence and portfolio management across institutional, family office and retail programs; product development and group management.

Credit Suisse Alternative Investments, New York, NY 2000-2014

Managing Director and Senior Partner of the Customized Fund
Investment Group

Founding member of \$34 billion customized private equity, infrastructure and real estate fund of funds and co-investment business within Credit Suisse. Member of group's four person Management Committee, and Investment Committee. Involved in all aspects of group management including due diligence, strategic planning, financial oversight, investment program management, investor relations and new business development. Extensive experience fundraising in the US and globally, including EMEA, Latin America and Australia - key channels of distribution included institutional, private banking, family office and third party advisor. Actively involved in investment due diligence, portfolio management and ongoing client relations related to separate accounts, commingled and "single manager" products, and structured offerings, including extensive experience with Shari'ah compliant products. Responsible for day to day management of group product development team, as well as general oversight of EMEA team. Frequent interaction with internal CS sales forces, new product and risk management committees, and Asset Management Division management.

Assistant General Counsel, Office of the New York State
Comptroller, Albany, NY 1997-2000
Managing Attorney for the NYS Common Retirement Fund

Lead representation of the then \$125bb NYSCRF in connection with private equity investments in buyout, venture capital, special situation and real estate fund and direct investments including: assistance in evaluating due diligence and offering materials; negotiation of limited partnership and investment management agreements, side letters and subscription documents; and analysis of complex ERISA and tax issues. Negotiation and drafting of investment advisory agreements for domestic and global public equity managed accounts. Management of federal class action securities litigation. Supervision of staff attorneys and outside counsel.

Seward & Kissel, New York, NY 1991-1996
Corporate Securities Associate

Formation of hedge funds, private equity funds and offshore funds, including preparation of related private placement offering materials, subscription documents and partnership agreements. Representation of issuers and underwriters in

connection with the registration and public offering of securities of closed-end and open-end mutual funds, including preparation of prospectuses and related offering materials. Listing of securities on domestic and international securities exchanges. Preparation of numerous SEC filings

EDUCATION

Albany Law School of Union University
JD, With High Honors, 1991
Rank: 8/242; Note and Comment Editor, Albany Law Review

State University of New York College at Geneseo
BA, With Honors, 1987

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Agreement

I agree.

Electronic Signature

David M. Russell

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Traci Guldner

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Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

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Applicant Information

First Name Joshua

Last Name Schott

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you Own property in the city?

Business address Field not completed.

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	As a lifelong resident of the City of Beaufort, an avid boater, and a past Water Festival Commodore, I take great interest in the future development of the Waterfront Park and Downtown Marina. I feel that I am a qualified applicant due to my knowledge from festival park use and practical knowledge of river access to the Waterfront Park.
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	EMPLOYMENT: 2018-Present - Relief Supervisor I Dominion Energy I 81 May River Road, Bluffton, SC 2017-2018 - Journeyman Lineman/Crew Leader I SCE&G I 81 May River Road, Bluffton, SC 2005-2017 - Apprentice Journeyman Lineman I SCE&G I 36 Burton Hill Road, Beaufort, SC EDUCATION: Beaufort High School LEADERSHIP: 2024 Beaufort Water Festival Commodore 2018-2019 CAPA Dancing with Our Stars Participation
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Joshua G. Schott

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Traci Guldner

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Waterfront Advisory Committee

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Applicant Information

First Name Kim

Last Name Shoemaker

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you

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Business address

Field not completed.

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	I lived in Beaufort about 45 years
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Kim Shoemaker

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Traci Guldner

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Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

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Applicant Information

First Name Donald

Last Name Starkey

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you *Field not completed.*

Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	Active in Beaufort organizations for the last 20 years including: Main Street Beaufort Beaufort Design Review Board Beaufort Board of Appeals Beaufort County Design Review Board Solicitors Office Volunteer South Side Park Committee Member of various local organizations
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	Bachelor and Masters Degree of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Buffalo Electrical Engineering Design positions at Westinghouse. Sylvania Electric, IBM and Sanders Associates. VP Engineering at DSI and Orbital Sciences in Aerospace and satellite design, build and launch.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Donald Leroy Starkey

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Traci Guldner

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Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

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Applicant Information

First Name Patra

Last Name Watson

Home address

City

State South Carolina

Zip 29920

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you *Field not completed.*

Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	I have 30 years experience as a Sr. Forensic Drug Chemist, Environmental Chemist, Criminology Instructor, assisting with large grant acquisitions (Lexington County Sheriff's Office Drug Lab / 40 acres to a Hemp Farmer with the SC Compassionate Cares Act / Clemson University Hemp Program, running the blood ethanol laboratory at Pitt Co. Sheriff's Office in NC). I attend two (2) local churches in the City of Beaufort and enjoy the beauty and ambience of a culturally rich, low country treasure. Ethics and Environmental preservation are essential to preserve our beloved city and structural integrity / environmental areas with regards to the water committee. I am a member of the local water group (drinking water / waste water) that includes municipalities and maintenance of our local water and wastewater (Sea Islands) division. I've tested drugs for the state of SC and parameters involving rivers, streams, drinking water, pharmaceutical grade water, golf course monitoring wells, storm water, fecal coliform / contamination issues, bench testing (microscale), drinking water wells, influent and effluents for factories, Department of Corrections, Wateree, Congaree, Edisto, Seabrook, Kiawah, Richland County, etc. Currently, I am a Chemistry / Organic Chemistry Laboratory Instructor Professor at USCB (Beaufort and Bluffton campuses) and highly recommend to consider me as a candidate for this position. I bring a lot of technical / hands on experience to the equation and have very high standards / ethics in regards to preserving our natural, beautiful waterfront (marina and recreational space)!
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	SR. FORENSIC / ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMIST I efficiently exceed the expectations of clients. Patra Watson PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES University of South Carolina Graduate Student Association Criminal Justice Association [Sgt. At Arms] Southern Association of Forensic Chemists [SAFS] Associate Member / Meeting Presenter Hemp Industries - Member American Chemical Society – Member [32563215] Analytical Chemistry Division Chemistry & the Law Division Environmental Chemistry Division Water Environment Federation [WEF] Water Environment Association of SC [WEASC] CONTACT chemist@anglernook.com

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Graduate Courses 1998-2005

Chemistry and Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science – B.S. - 1996

Chemistry / Minor - Math & Physics

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

S.C. Dept. of Public Safety 1998

Basic Law Enforcement [EXP]

S.C. Law Enforcement Division [SLED]

Agent / Senior Forensic Chemist

SLED

Marijuana Analysis School

Certificate No. 98024 – 1998

SLED

Drug Analysis Department

Certificate of Competency – 1998

S.C. Office of Secretary

Notary Public – EXP

National Welders Supply

Safe Handling of Compressed

Gas Cylinders - 2000

EXPERIENCE

USCB (Beaufort & Bluffton), SC 2025

- Chemistry and Organic Chemistry Laboratory Instructor
Professor. Instructs university level science students in proper
lab technique for research, testing, certification and
accreditation in new methods / inventions in technology using
computers, math and analyses / engineering.

NC INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES DURHAM, NC

• Forensic Chemist Consultant

HEMP CONSULTANT COLUMBIA, SC

• Consultant for local farmer to acquire 40 acres
under the S.C. Pilot Industrial Hemp Program

• Consulted with various CBD Distributors /
Farmers on product development & placement

• Available for Laboratory Compliance / QA/QC

PITT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GREENVILLE, NC

FORENSICS DEPARTMENT

Blood Alcohol Chemist 2014-2015

• Safety Officer

• Borkenstein School for Alcohol

- University of Indiana

• Agilent Mass Spectroscopy School

- Atlanta, GA

• Ordered Supplies / Procured Sample

Proficiency Testing for Alcohol Laboratory

• Consulted / Drafted Standard Operating

Procedure [SOP] for Alcohol & Drug
Laboratories

- Attended Weekly Meetings for
Lab Certification

- Performed Validation Studies for Certification

INSTRUMENTATION

- Gas Chromatograph/ Mass Spectroscopy
(GC/MS) • Gas Chromatograph/ Flame
Ionization Detector (GC/ FID) • Fourier
Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) • Ion
Chromatography (IC) • Liquid
Chromatography (LC) • Total Organic
Carbon (TOC) Analyzer • Gas Sensor (ISE)
Electrodes • Biological Oxygen Demand
(BOD) Analyzer • UV/ Vis Spectrometer •
Microscope • pH Meter

AWARDS & HONORS

Baptist Foundation Scholarship

JP Strom Scholarship

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer Experience

Sister Care – Children's volunteer for shelter
and volunteered for ticket sales during St.
Patrick's Day Festival

Nancy K. Perry Children's Home – Helped
children with homework in the afternoon

Job Shadow Preceptor – participated with
students in local schools / college interns

University of South Carolina – Science and
Engineering Judge for Statewide Science Fair

ON-LINE ENVIRONMENTAL LEXINGTON, SC
ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMIST 2007-2014

Safety Officer • Trained Analysts / Technicians
Performed microbiology on samples • Analytical/
Inorganic Chemistry including QA/ QC • Used DOSbased
database to create spread-sheets, reports and
billing • Revised SOPs with validation studies to reflect
new federal and state lab regulations • Greeted
clients and checked in samples • Made sure samples
were run in a timely manner • Outsourced samples
Field Technician

MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE WEST COLUMBIA, SC
Criminology Instructor

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION [SLED]
COLUMBIA, SC

DRUG ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT

Senior Forensic Drug Chemist / Agent 1998 – 2005

Certified Marijuana Analyst • Certified Drug Analyst

Safety Officer for Laboratory • Forensic Chemist responsible for analyzing controlled substances for ten (10) different counties in SC • Passed all proficiency tests – both internal and external • Responsible for maintenance of five (5) Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometers (FTIRs) in lab • Helped local county obtain grant for drug laboratory • Computer Support Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Training Responsible for making chemical reagents for lab and other departments (i.e., firearms) • Trained other chemists who were hired as drug chemists • Maintains and Troubleshoots Gas Chromatograph/ Mass Spectrometer (GC/ MS) • Researched / experimented / wrote paper on "date rape drug," Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) - extraction methodology and use of chiral GC columns in differentiation of GHB chemical interconversion to GBL • Certified in solid phase extraction (SPE) • Testified as an Expert Witness 30+ times in Federal, Circuit and Juvenile Courts
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA [USC] COLUMBIA, SC
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT
Assistant 1996
Helped with SC statewide Science Symposium at USC

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Patra E. Watson

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Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

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Applicant Information

First Name James

Last Name White

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you *Field not completed.*

Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	I lived in Beaufort as a child and completed my education here. I attended Wofford College. After earning my Bachelors Degree in Accounting I moved to Nashville Tennessee and practiced accounting in both public accounting arena and the financial services industry. It was at this time I also attended Middle Tennessee State University for my Masters in Accounting degree. As part of my community involvement interests I worked, voluntarily, with several of the city council members in Nashville and the Chamber of Commerce on projects such as commercial billboard and signage restrictions, beautification efforts, tourism advancement, and others. Over the years I have stayed in touch with Beaufort through my regular trips and conversation with family and friends living here. Three years ago I decided to transition into partial retirement and return to my home of Beaufort to enjoy the coming years. I believe with my long connection to Beaufort, my financial background, my experience with Nashville city projects, and my appreciation for the lifestyle and beauty Beaufort I could of value to the Waterfront Advisory Committee.
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	In addition to what I've mentioned in the Statement of Qualifications and Interest the following is a summary of my Educational and Working Experience background. Lower Education: Beaufort public schools; graduating Beaufort High School Higher Education: Undergraduate - Wofford College Higher Education: Graduate - Middle Tennessee State University Work Related: 1983 - Current CPA Firms, Financial Advisory Firms, and Private Practice Now in partial retirement offering IRS representation services and estate tax services only
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	James P White Jr

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Applicant Information

First Name Christopher

Last Name Youmans

Home address

City Beaufort

State SC

Zip 29902

Day Phone Number

Email Address

If you do not reside in the City of Beaufort, do you *Field not completed.*

Business address *Field not completed.*

Business hours	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Statement of qualifications and interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please Enter Basic Resume Information Below	I worked for the Parks dept. for 12 years. I currently work for Beaufort County Stormwater department. I have suggestions for your sink holes.
Electronic Signature Agreement	I agree.
Electronic Signature	Christopher S Youmans

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CITY OF BEAUFORT

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 2/5/2025
FROM: Curt Freese, Community Development Director
AGENDA ITEM
TITLE: Development Code discussion regarding electric fences
MEETING
DATE: 2/11/2025
DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A recent electric fence installed in a Beaufort neighborhood, has raised questions on whether electric fences are a public health and safety concern. Staff received a complaint that a resident installed an above ground electric fence around the perimeter of their yard to keep out deer. The fence is charged to discourage deer from entering the yard. Residents were concerned that said fence could be a safety hazard as children could be injured playing in the neighborhood.

The current code on fencing within the city is silent on prohibiting electric fences. Such fences are only prohibited from encroaching into side and rear setbacks. Research on such fencing has uncovered that typically electric fences are prohibited in residential districts. Staff is proposing changes to the current fencing section, currently found in Encroachments, Section 2.5.6 H, to a standalone fencing section in the landscape chapter of the code, Chapter 5.8 (both attached). The proposed fencing section would clearly prohibit electric fences in residential districts, while also providing clearer and stronger regulations on fencing within the city. The Planning Commission is currently considering revisions and amendments to Chapter 5, including the new fence revisions. It is expected a formal recommendation will be made at their March meeting and then forwarded to City Council for approval.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:

Informational only.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Packet	Cover Memo	2/5/2025



CITY OF BEAUFORT
Community Development Department

1911 BOUNDARY STREET
BEAUFORT, SC 29902
(843) 525-7011
FAX (843) 986-5606

SCOTT MARSHALL
City Manager

CURT FREESE
Community Development
Director

Date: February 11, 2025

From: Curt Freese, Community Development Director

To: City Council

ISSUE: Electric Fences

BACKGROUND:

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RECOMMENDATION: Informational only.

Current Code 2.5.6 Encroachments (fencing section)

H. Fences and Garden Walls: Fences and garden/yard walls may encroach into required setbacks. The support structures for fences shall be located on the inside of the fence, and no fence, wall or hedge shall exceed the following dimensions:

1.Front or Street Side Setback: Four feet in height, with the following exceptions:

- a. On T3 lots that front Ribaut Road, fences may be permitted to be 7 feet in height on the condition that such fences are set back from the front property line 1 foot for every 1 foot increase in height above 4 feet.
- b. In the LI District, parcels fronting a Primary Street may have fences or walls up to 6 feet in height. Parcels fronting all other streets may be up to 10 feet in height.
- c. Electric fences are not permitted to encroach into any front or street side setbacks.

5.8 Fencing (proposed new Section in Chapter 5 Landscaping)

The purpose and intent of this section is to establish minimum standards to regulate the location, **height**, and appearance of fences and walls to maintain visual harmony within **neighborhoods** and zoning districts throughout the City, protect **adjacent** properties from the indiscriminate placement and unsightliness of fences and walls, and ensure the safety, security, and privacy of properties.

A. Applicability

This section applies to the **construction**, substantial reconstruction, or replacement of fences or walls not required for support of a principal or **accessory structure**, and to any other linear barrier intended to delineate different portions of a **lot**, within the City. Temporary fences for **construction sites**, sand fencing in beachfront areas, and **tree** protection fencing are exempt from the standards and requirements of this section.

B. Height

Fences and walls shall be subject to the following **height** limits:

1. Front or Street Side Setback: Four feet in height, with the following exceptions:
 - a. On T3 lots that front Ribaut Road, fences may be permitted to be 7 feet in height on the condition that such fences are set back from the front property line 1 foot for every 1 foot increase in height above 4 feet.
 - b. In the LI District, parcels fronting Primary Streets may have fences or walls up to 6 feet in height. Parcels fronting all other streets may be up to 10 feet in height.
 - c. Electric fences are not permitted to encroach into any front or street side setbacks.
2. Interior Side or Rear Setback (if side yard is not facing a street or a double frontage lot)
 - a. Transect-Based District: 6 feet in height if not facing a street,
 - b. Interior Side or Rear Setback of a Conventional District: 8 feet in height.
 - c. Interior Side or Rear Setback of LI District: 10 feet in height.
3. Historic District: All fences shall be 4' in height or less along all setbacks.

C. Materials:

1. The support structures for fences, such as posts, shall be located on the inside of the fence.
2. The **gates**, posts, columns, and associated details of entry **gates** are allowed within the required setbacks along **streets** if they do not exceed six feet in **height** and are approved by the Codes Administrator in accordance with the requirements of this **Ordinance**.
3. All fences in the historic district shall be picket, cast iron, or wire fencing with vegetation.
4. No electric fences shall be permitted on residential lots.

D. Appearance:

Fences and walls visible from a **street right-of-way** shall be composed of a design, materials, and colors that are compatible with those of **buildings** and other elements of **development** on the site.