

RESOLUTION 21-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE, SOUTH CAROLINA TOWN COUNCIL,
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP), TO
SOLICIT RESPONSES FROM QUALIFIED ENTITIES TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH AN
UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE.**

WHEREAS, the authority for local governments to undertake planning and to adopt zoning and land development regulations is granted by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly authorized municipal planning and zoning in 1924 and county planning in 1942; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 replaced the 1967 Act, repealed all of the above statutes and required all local comprehensive plans, zoning and land development ordinances conform to the 1994 Act by December 31, 1994. The 1994 Act, with subsequent amendments, is codified at S.C. Code Title 6, Chapter 29; and

WHEREAS, local governments must establish a local planning commission to begin comprehensive planning. Several types of planning commissions may be created by ordinance. S.C. Code § 6-29-310 through § 6-29-380; and

WHEREAS, the last known comprehensive plans that were adopted was the original in 1999, followed by the 5-year update in 2004 and there has not been an update since then; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, the Town of Yemassee has added over five square miles to the town limits, processed approximately 270 annexations which have subsequently added several hundred new residents to the town's population; and

WHEREAS, the previous "future annexation map" as included in the 2004 version of the Comprehensive Plan has been annexed, which further illustrates the importance of this Planning tool; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan will outline an updated future annexation area as deemed appropriate by the Mayor & Town Council, the Planning Commission, and feedback from local stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yemassee boundaries now extend into the Sheldon and Seabrook Communities and special planning and considerations shall be made to protect these areas from sprawling growth while allowing smart low-density residential uses in one of the last remaining affordable areas to many in Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, the Town will work closely with the staff of the Beaufort County Planning / Community Development Department as well as Hampton County Officials to achieve a truly comprehensive long term goal for the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Yemassee, South Carolina, that

1. The Yemassee Town Council hereby authorizes Matthew Garnes, Town Clerk, solicit RFP's for a Comprehensive Plan, receive the bids, negotiate if appropriate and execute a contract if the contract is within the \$25,000 contractual arrangements threshold currently authorized for the Town Clerk

ADOPTED, THIS 11th DAY OF May, 2021.



Colin Moore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Matthew E. Garnes
Town Clerk

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