#2026-13

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 ELECTIONS
OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

Amend Chapter 30, Sec. 30-4, Sec. 30-8, Sec. 30-10(a-c)of the Town's Code of Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING AND IMPLEMENTING THE ABOLITION OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ACT NO. 213 OF 2026, PROVIDING FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR POPULATIONS UNDER 10,000 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted South Carolina Act No. 213 of 2026 (H. 3556), which revises municipal election administration and provides for the abolition of municipal election commissions in municipalities with populations under 10,000 effective January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edisto Beach (the "Municipality") has a population of under 10,000 residents, as determined under the population standard applicable to Act No. 213, and is subject to those mandatory abolition provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for county election officials to assume responsibility for conducting and certifying elections in affected municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to conform its local enactments to state law and facilitate an orderly transition without interrupting election administration or the preservation of election records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Edisto Beach Town Council in Edisto Beach, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled, as follows:

Effective January 1, 2027, the Municipal Election Commission of the Municipality is abolished pursuant to Act No. 213 of 2026. From that date, no local provision shall be construed to authorize the continued operation of the Commission, the appointment or reappointment of its members, or the exercise by the Commission of authority transferred by state law;

AND FURTHERMORE, beginning January 1, 2027, the Colleton County Election Official shall conduct and certify the Municipality's elections and exercise the related authority assigned to it by Act No. 213 and other applicable law;

AND FURTHERMORE; as needed, the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Edisto Beach, shall continue to preserve all election records in the Town's possession in accordance with applicable retention requirements and confidentiality rules. No record destruction is authorized by this ordinance.

The effective date of these amendments shall become effective upon adoption of the second reading by Town Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

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W. Crawford Moore, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

First Reading: November 12, 2026
Public Hearing:
Second Reading:

Approved as to form: _____