

STATEMENT REGARDING THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM NCDOT

On January 30th, the Town of Sunset Beach Administrator, Lisa Anglin, received a letter from Ben Hughes, District Engineer, NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation). The letter was in response to verbal as well as written communication that he had received from the Town outlining the details of the Comprehensive Parking Plan as it pertains to Main Street. The Parking Plan was developed by the Sunset Beach Island Parking Committee and passed by Town Council.

It is important to understand that the State of North Carolina owns Main Street and is responsible, with support from our Town, for its maintenance as well as the safety of the many citizens and visitors who use this street every year. The Town partners with NCDOT, for example, in maintenance of the right of ways, driveway designation, and installing signs that control parking.

It is also important to emphasize that all of the other roads used for parking on the Island are roads owned by the Town and are not under the same jurisdiction of the State of North Carolina. Hence, the NCDOT letter is only referencing Main Street.

The Town of Sunset Beach initially reached out to NCDOT to make them aware of the details of the Parking Plan for Main Street and to establish a collaborative working relationship through open dialogue.

The Town welcomes the letter from Mr. Hughes and accepts his invitation to “schedule a meeting to explore opportunities for partnership, identify available resources, and refine strategies for improving safety, accessibility, and functionality” on Main Street.

After the meeting takes place, the Town will be in a better position to determine the best way to move forward with the Parking Plan as it pertains to Main Street.

We thank our citizens for their continued interest in making our Island streets safer and for their patience as we carry out this comprehensive parking plan.