

# Daufuskie Island Council

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## A RESOLUTION BY THE DAUFUSKIE ISLAND COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Beaufort County has solicited proposals for passenger ferry services to provide essential transportation opportunities for Daufuskie Island residents; and

WHEREAS, The 2010 Daufuskie Island Plan, a recognized Beaufort County ordinance, serves as the principal planning tool to guide decision making regarding the development of Daufuskie Island; and

WHEREAS, The Daufuskie Island Plan recognizes improved ferry service will spur economic development, resulting in additional tax revenue for the County; and

WHEREAS, Ferry service provides a lifeline to the mainland, including professionals, pharmacies, food stores, and other vital services. Unpredictable or varying service is a significant burden to Islander's quality of life, welfare, and safety; and

WHEREAS, Island residents have several key issues and concerns regarding ferry service and boat embarkation:

- Ferry Service Level
  - A consistent boat schedule with daily service offered throughout the year
  - Daily transits in the early morning and late afternoon/evening permitting employment on/off island
  - Ability to transport a reasonable amount of luggage/groceries/personal effects without additional charge
  - Palmetto Breeze bus service to/from Hilton Head embarkation
- Boat Embarkation/Disembarkation

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- Safe and convenient without placing undue burden on residents, especially those with limited mobility or encumbered with luggage or groceries
- Nearby available parking; preferably lighted and paved

WHEREAS, Award of a new ferry contract is the appropriate time to review and revise Beaufort County's '*Daufuskie Island Ferry Services – Protocol Handbook*' to include additional safety considerations and a ridership feedback mechanism.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Daufuskie Island Council:

- Does not favor any particular bidder offering ferry service, rather it hopes the involvement of multiple bidders will result in better service for all Daufuskie residents
- Reaffirms its support for the recommendations contained in the Daufuskie Island Plan
- Believes any decision on ferry service for Daufuskie Island should not be determined on cost alone, but also consider level of service to be offered
- Is prepared to work with Beaufort County to review and revise the *Daufuskie Island Ferry Services – Protocol Handbook* after contract award.

Adopted by the Daufuskie Island Council on this day, June 14th, 2016

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