

Holden Beach Board Eyes Parking Rule Changes

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If Holden Beach officials have their way, there will be no more illegal parking at Holden Beach Fishing Pier or Campground By The Sea.

Town commissioners aren't cracking down on naughty motorists. Instead, they have endorsed a set of rule changes that would legalize parking at both businesses.

For years, pier visitors have parked their pickup trucks in the right of way along Ocean Boulevard West. Although a curb clearly separates the street from the pier parking lot, people who park closest to the street are in the right of way and are technically breaking the law.

The same is true at Campground By The Sea, where motorists constantly park illegally in the street right of way while shopping in the campground store.

Commissioners last Wednesday agreed to 10 changes in the town regulations that would make such parking practices legal. The revisions will be presented in the form of an ordinance at the April 4 meeting.

Commissioner Sid Swartz recommended the changes following a recent review of the town's parking rules.

Other proposed changes include the following:

- Prohibit parking within 100 feet of the south corner of Deal Drive.
- Allow parking for customers only on Davis and Cole streets. Alan Holden Realty is on Davis Street, and Cole Street runs between Craig Realty and Hobbs Realty.
- Allow parking for customers only on the east side of Jordan Boulevard and part of the west side of the street. This change also is needed so businesses on Jordan can provide customer parking.
- Designate Holden Street south of Hillside Drive and the east side of Holden Street as a "no parking zone" and do away with the "tow-away zone."
- Allow parking in the north side of the right of way at 203 Hillside Drive.
- Prohibit parking and establish a "tow-away zone" on Ocean Boulevard East east of E Street. Place a "road closed" sign just east of E Street.
- Do away with the "tow-away

zone" on Ocean Boulevard West between Burlington and Greensboro streets.

Two Appointed

Commissioners have appointed John Arnold and John Broadnax as regular members of the Holden Beach Planning and Zoning Board.

Arnold's term will expire July 1, 1995, and Broadnax's will expire July 1, 1996. They were among three nominees considered for the planning board seats, along with Jeff Lee.

Lee also has been nominated as an alternate planning board member along with Myra Burke, Mel Amos and Len Froehlich. Commissioners will fill the two vacant seats for alternate members at their April 4 meeting.

Contract To Expire

Holden Beach's sanitation contract with Waste Industries expires May 2, but town board members agreed last week to extend it for one month while they decide which trash hauler gets the next contract.

Town Manager Gus Ulrich said he will give waste companies until April 12 to submit bids for the next two-year contract.

"The probability is we'll have two bidders," said Ulrich, who expects quotes from Waste Industries and Waste Management.

The town board plans to keep service the same as it is now, with trash picked up once a week in the off-season and twice a week June 1 through Sept. 30.

Ulrich also said he will ask the companies to provide alternate bids for using roll-out carts at every residence. The 90-gallon carts are optional now.

Other Business

In other business last week, commissioners:

■ Set a public hearing for Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. on property owner assessments for underground wiring. Power and cable television lines have been buried between High Point Street and Greensboro Street. Landowners will be assessed about \$60 per 50-foot lot.

■ Voted to purchase a tamping machine, which town crews need to build sidewalks along Ocean Boulevard. The machine also can be used to fix potholes and is needed for other utility work. Commissioners voted to spend between \$1,700 and \$2,000 for the machine.

■ Voted to amend specifications for the sand dune that will be constructed on the south side of Hillside Drive. As a result, the amount of sand used for the dune will be increased from approximately 5,000 cubic yards to 8,240 cubic yards. The change was necessitated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to pay for the dune construction.

CRC Approves Shallotte Plan

The N.C. Coastal Resources Commission gave final approval of the 1992 Shallotte Land Use Plan Update during its meeting last week at Sunset Beach.

The land use plan is a tool used by town and state officials to promote orderly development while protecting and preserving the coastal area.

Expansion of Shallotte's wastewater treatment plant, economic development and beautification of the downtown and riverfront areas are among the key issues covered in the plan.

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