



# CITY OF FOLLY BEACH

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Introduced by: Mayor Goodwin

Date: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## ORDINANCE 015-25

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FOLLY BEACH TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020.

The City Council of Folly Beach, South Carolina, duly assembled, hereby ordains that Folly Beach Code of Ordinance be amended as follows:

**NOTE: Deleted material struck through, new material shown in red.)**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Folly Beach (the “Municipality”) is authorized by S.C. Code Section 5-7-30 and Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 3 to impose a business license tax on gross income; and

**WHEREAS**, By Act No. 176 of 2020, known as the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act and codified at S.C. Code Sections 6-1-400 to -420 (the “Standardization Act”), the South Carolina General Assembly imposed additional requirements and conditions on the administration of business license taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Standardization Act requires that by December thirty-first of every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (the “Association”) and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the Municipality (the “Council”) now wishes to amend the Current Business License Ordinance to adopt the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule, as required by the Standardization Act;

**WHEREAS**, The City previously established a subclassification for “All other traveler accommodations (721199) in Appendix B of the Business License Ordinance prior to the Standardization Act and the city wishes to reaffirm the justification

for this subclassification based on the need to easily distinguish between rental licenses for long term rentals and rental licenses for short term rentals through the assignment of different NAICS codes; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsequent regulations related to the tracking and classification of short term rental licenses have created costs to the city and an additional burden on staff to research and maintain information on property ownership, property tax classification, number of nights rented, claims of inheritance and medical hardship, and compliance with licensing deadlines, as well as to enforce the associated requirements for over one thousand licensed short term rentals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Folly Beach, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Amendments to Appendix B.** Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the “Business License Class Schedule,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Classes 1 through 8 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the “Business License Class Schedule,” are hereby amended and restated as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.
- (b) Class 9 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the “Business License Class Schedule,” shall remain in full force and effect as set forth in the Current Business License Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Repealer, Effective Date.** All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be effective with respect to the business license year beginning on May 1, 2026.

**Exhibit A: Amendment to Classes 1 – 8 in Appendix B of the**  
**Current Business License Ordinance**

**APPENDIX B**

**Classes 1 – 8: Business License Class Schedule by NAICS Codes**

NAICS Sector/Subsector	Industry Sector	Class
11	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	2 1
21	Mining	4 3
22	Utilities	1
31 - 33	Manufacturing	3
42	Wholesale trade	3 1
44 - 45	Retail trade	3 1
48 - 49	Transportation and warehousing	4 2
51	Information	4
52	Finance and insurance	7
53	Real estate and rental and leasing	7 6
54	Professional, scientific, and technical services	5 4
55	Management of companies	7
56	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	3
61	Educational services	3
62	Health care and social assistance	4 3
71	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
721	Accommodation	1
722	Food services and drinking places	2
81	Other services	4 3
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>Subclasses</b>	
23	Construction	8.1
482	Rail Transportation	8.2
517111	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.3
517112	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.3
517122	Agents for Wireless Telecommunications Services	8.3
5241	Insurance Carriers	8.4
5242	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance Carriers	8.4
713120	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.51
713290	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.52
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries ( pool tables)	8.6

**Class 9**

454390	<i>Peddlers, solicitors, canvassers, PROHIBITED door-to-door sales direct retail.</i>	9.1
53111	<i>Lessors of residential buildings and dwellings (long term rentals)</i>	9.4
711310	<i>Promoters</i>	9.2
721199	<i>All other traveler accommodation (short term rentals)</i>	9.5

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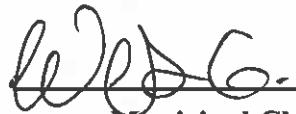
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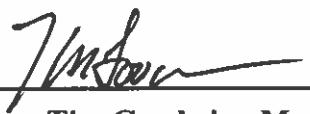
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*Note: Class Schedule is based on three year average (2017 - 2019) of IRS statistical data. 2025 Class Schedule is based on a three-year average (2019 - 2021) of IRS statistical data.*

**RATIFIED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, at Folly Beach, South Carolina, in City Council  
duly assigned.

ATTEST:

  
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Municipal Clerk

  
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Tim Goodwin, Mayor