

Decision Paper

July 12, 2106

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1. SUBJECT: First Reading of Ordinance # 16-0829 To Accept Ownership and assume Maintenance Responsibility of Poplar Drive South beginning at Surfside Drive and ending at Melody Lane

2. PURPOSE: Council has requested this be brought forward so as to better control traffic movements on this road.

3. ASSUMPTIONS:

- (a) Council wishes to assume ownership and responsibility of this road
- (b) It is in the best interests of the Town to accept
- (c) It is in the best interests of the SCDOT to relinquish

4. FACTS:

(a) There has been a reported safety concern on Poplar Drive South due to the excessive volume of traffic on this road.

(b) Town Council approved a motion at the June 27 regular meeting to direct staff to contact the South Carolina Highway Department to advise it that the town wants to take ownership of South Poplar Drive from Surfside Drive to Melody Lane

(c) Upon adoption of first reading, the South Carolina Highway Department will be sent a formal request for a deed to South Poplar Drive beginning at Surfside Drive and ending at Melody Lane.

(d) Upon receipt of said deed, it will be recorded at the office of the Horry County Register of Mesne Conveyances

(e) Upon recording of the deed, this ordinance shall be presented for second reading with the recording data and legal description included

(f) Town Attorney Mike Battle advised staff that the town is required by State Law to adopt an ordinance to accept real property

5. IMPACT OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE:

- (a) Failure to adopt first reading will leave road in state control
- (b) Success will be achieved by majority vote to pass an ordinance, agreeing to assume ownership of road. Town will assume future maintenance.

6. RECOMMENDATION:

a. Approve first reading as presented.

b. **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Taking ownership of this roadway would enable the town to take actions that would help ensure the safety of town citizens and visitors.

