

ORDINANCE 2017/10

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REQUEST FOR \$30,000 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING 2017 MCAS BEAUFORT AIR SHOW AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000 FROM THE STATE 2% ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND TO COVER SUCH COSTS

WHEREAS, County Council is authorized to utilize State 2% Accommodations Tax Funds to promote tourism and enlarge the economic benefits of tourism through advertising, promotion, construction and maintenance of access and access to nearby roads for civic, cultural recreational or historic facilities; and

WHEREAS, S. C. Code Ann. §6-4-10(4)(b) expressly authorizes a county which has a high concentration of tourism activity to use state accommodations tax funds "to provide additional county and municipal services including, but not limited to, law enforcement [and] traffic control" as may be necessary for tourism related activities; and

WHEREAS, MCAS Beaufort, one of Beaufort County's strongest economic drivers, will host the 2017 MCAS Air Show at its facility in Beaufort County between April 29-30, 2017 which will feature, among others, static displays and live performers designed to showcase naval aviation at its best with demonstrations by the United States Naval Flight Demonstrations Team, the Blue Angels all of which is expected to draw approximately 100,000 visitors; and

WHEREAS, given that MCAS Beaufort is remote and that most, if not all, attendees will utilize highways, streets and roads to access the facility resulting in unusually large volumes of traffic on the highways, streets and roads all of which will need to be managed by law enforcement, including Beaufort County Sheriff's office; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff estimates his office will incur approximately \$30,000 in unanticipated and unbudgeted expenses directly related to providing police and traffic services to the community as a result of the 2017 MCAS Beaufort Air Show; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council believes these tourism related expenses should be shared by the City of Beaufort and Beaufort County equally and that its share of these expenses should be appropriated from the State 2% Accommodations Tax Fund.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Beaufort County Council, duly assembled, hereby appropriates \$15,000.00 from the State 2% Accommodations Tax Fund to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office to defray a portion of the anticipated expenses associate with the 2017 MCAS Beaufort Air Show.

DONE, this 8th day of May, 2017.

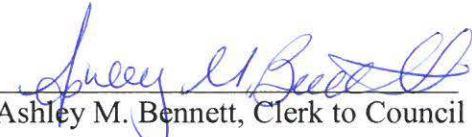
COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: 
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Thomas J. Keaveny, II
Beaufort County Attorney

ATTEST:


Ashley M. Bennett, Clerk to Council

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