

2024 MBACC Legislative Priorities

AFFORDABLE, AVAILABLE INSURANCE & ALCOHOL LIABILITY

- Support policies to increase the number of insurance carriers and decrease the cost of premiums.

BUILDING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

- Transformative downtown Myrtle Beach economic development project;
- Deep water ocean outfalls;
- Spec building inventory;
- Establishment of a local land bank;
- Execution of city-county rail trail.

COMMITTING TO A LONG-TERM LOCAL TRANSPORTATION TAX

- Interstate Connector;
- Southern Connector/Highway 22 extension;
- Conway Waccamaw River Crossing;
- Upgrades to existing roads/bridges to handle increased strain;
- Proportional representation of taxing jurisdictions and taxpayers.

DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE

- Investment in Workforce Housing;
- Coast RTA increased capacity;
- Support for initiatives encouraging job training, apprenticeships and internships;
- Funding for Coastal Carolina University and Horry Georgetown Technical College programs;
- Maintain MBREDC and NESAC investment;
- Expand seasonal visas including J-1 and H-2B to meet employers actual needs;
- Increase access to affordable and safe childcare;
- Ensure access to vital records for returning incarcerated citizens seeking employment.

EMPOWERING LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Expand resources to help individuals that are unhoused;
- Promote federal safety programs and like COPS and AFG;
- Support enactment of a hate crimes statute for South Carolina;
- Provide support to local government agencies on the front lines of the mental health crisis;
- Consider modern solutions to provide care for those impacted by opioid crisis;
- Renew the public safety proviso redirecting A-Tax funding to policing in Myrtle Beach.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOURISM

- Support the current structure of state and local tourism promotion programs;
- Keep K-12 school start date at third Monday in August;
- Maintain ability for local governments to regulate short-term rentals and collect all appropriate taxes;
- Renew destination specific matching grant program;
- Beach Renourishment;
- Murrells Inlet dredging;
- Rural Civic Center development.

GRAND STRAND ENERGY NEEDS

- Oppose seismic testing and offshore drilling;
- Grand Strand area grid resiliency and electric generation;
- Increase access to natural gas;
- Expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure.