

# 2025 Community Priorities



- Increase access to Natural Gas and Electricity;
- Support policies that will bring down the cost, and increase the availability of insurance;
- Complement the City of Myrtle Beach's downtown revitalization progress with additional state and federal resources;
- State and federal funding for an Interstate Connector, Southern Connector, Waccamaw River Crossing, and Coast RTA;
- Expand our area's workforce and prepare it for the jobs that our economy demands along with the appropriate housing accommodations they need;
- Environmental initiatives that improve beach and public health (beach renourishment, deepwater outfalls, inlet dredging, etc.);
- Additional public safety resources in the City of Myrtle Beach and Horry County by renewing the A-Tax public safety provisos;
- Enforce standardized K-12 school start date statewide;
- City-county rail trail between Myrtle Beach, Horry County and Conway;
- Establishment of a state-level hate crimes statute;
- Maintain the ability of local governments to regulate short-term rentals and collect all appropriate taxes;
- Additional resources to fund the Rural Civic Center.