



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BEACHFRONT JURISDICTIONAL LINES EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD UNTIL July 15, 2018

In October 2017, DHEC released proposed beachfront jurisdictional lines for public comment. In an effort to enhance accessibility to this data, DHEC developed a GIS-based application, the Beachfront Jurisdictional Line Viewer (Viewer). The Viewer illustrates the **approximate position** of both the current jurisdictional lines (set in 2008-2010) and the proposed jurisdictional lines in addition to downloadable files containing coordinates and survey information.

The aerial imagery featured in the Viewer is provided by ESRI® as part of its Imagery Hybrid base map service. This imagery is automatically updated periodically by ESRI® as new imagery becomes available. In late February 2018, DHEC became aware that the aerial imagery within its Viewer application was updated, resulting in a perceived shift in the position of the jurisdictional lines due to the angle of the aerial photography. **However, the coordinates of the current and proposed jurisdictional baseline and setback line have not changed since initial release in October 2017.** Base map imagery is provided for reference purposes only and is not intended to illustrate the exact location of jurisdictional lines. To locate the exact position of jurisdictional lines, coordinates must be obtained from DHEC by calling (843) 953-0200 and a property-specific survey must be performed.

Extension of Public Comment Period

To ensure the public has ample opportunity, as appropriate, to view the updated imagery, **the Department has extended the public comment period for the proposed jurisdictional lines until July 15, 2018.**

Note: **Please note that an exception to this time frame is the City of North Myrtle Beach.** Due to statutory requirements contained in SC Code of Laws §48-39-280(C), the proposed jurisdictional lines within the City of North Myrtle Beach must be adopted no later than May 9, 2018. City of North Myrtle Beach property owners may submit public comments no later than April 6, 2018. Dedicated staff are available to address questions or provide assistance. Public comments may be submitted to DHEC through a link provided in the viewing application or in writing to DHEC-OCRM, Attn: Barbara Neale, 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400, Charleston, SC 29405.

During the public comment period, the general public is invited to view the proposed jurisdictional lines and accompanying Line Reports, which describe how the proposed line positions were established on each beach. This information is available for review through the [S.C. Beachfront Jurisdiction Viewer](#) web application and by appointment in [DHEC-OCRM offices](#) in Beaufort, Charleston and Myrtle Beach.

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As a result of this extension, the tentative adoption schedule has been amended. A new adoption schedule for each beach is now available on the DHEC website at <http://www.scdhec.gov/beachfrontlines>.