

Property Owners of Surfside Shores

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Pet Owners

**Please be kind to others
and keep control (leash)
of your critters. Also,
please “pick up” after
them.**



Bylaws

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SURFSIDE SHORES, INC. BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The organization shall be known as the “Property Owners of Surfside Shores, Inc.,” herein referred to as the Association. Surfside Shores is a single family residential sub-division on the Fort Morgan peninsula in Baldwin County, Alabama.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE

To provide a strong and effective neighborhood union, so that worthy causes are fostered for the benefit of the residents and property owners and

Rip Tides

Baldwin County has just installed warning signs on Ft. Morgan Road alerting people to the existence of rip tides (rip currents). When conditions are right for rip tides, the yellow sign light blinks. Be aware of these signs and heed the caution; it may save you or your kids lives. For more information , click [HERE](#)

Important

Please do not park golf carts at the intersection of Surfside Drive and the beach road. This past Memorial Day weekend, a young man suffered a broken neck at the beach and the Ft. Morgan Volunteer Fire Department responded. They were able to drive onto the beach, load the injured person onto their vehicle and drive him to the neighborhood entrance. From there he was transported by helicopter to a hospital. As is often the case, if golf carts had been parked at the intersection, the rescue people may have been delayed or prevented from driving onto the beach.

Public Beach Access

by supporting and promoting fire and safety protection and other community services to enhance the quality of life and property values.

To provide a mechanism for representation to local, state, and national authorities on such issues, among others, as crime, safety, the environment, and legal issues affecting the sub-division

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Association, which is voluntary, shall be restricted to property owners of Surfside Shores. Membership applications shall be made by payment of dues and by completion of a form provided by the Association. The same application requested may be submitted by electronic means. Dues shall be determined at the first meeting of the Association in any calendar year. Payment of the membership fee entitles a member family to one (1) vote. Such voting rights will only be become immediately upon payment of dues, except that during the months of January and February members in good standing during the previous year shall be permitted to vote whether or not their dues have been paid for the current year.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be permanent residents of Surfside Shores. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority of the votes cast at the first meeting of the Association in any calendar year. A nominating committee, appointed by the president, shall make nominations. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. In the event that no member is elected to one of the offices, the positions may be combined to permit one person to serve in more than one office, but the use and control of funds shall be overseen by at least two officers.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers of the Association and three at large members of whom at least two shall not be permanent residents of Surfside Shores. The at large members shall be appointed by the President but shall be ratified at the next scheduled meeting of the Association.

There is a lot of misinformation about public vs. private beach access. While the beach is open to the public, **ACCESS** to the beach from Surfside Shores is **PRIVATE** and is to be used only by residents and guests. There is no public parking in Surfside Shores; automobiles are subject to be towed if parked illegally in the neighborhood.

There is a public beach access on the western side of Morgantown about one mile west of Surfside Shores. This is a Baldwin County park and has a parking lot and boardwalk for easy beach access. For a map and directions to this access, click **[HERE](#)**

Fort Morgan News

For the latest news from the Fort Morgan Civic Association, click **[HERE](#)**

BALDWIN COUNTY REVENUE MAP

People are always wanting to know who owns a certain parcel(s) in the neighborhood. Click on this link **[HERE](#)** to go to the Baldwin County Parcel Viewer. Zoom in on the county and then the neighborhood. When you have zoomed in close enough to read the green parcel

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

The president may call a meeting at any time for any purpose and will designate the time and place. Prior to the first meeting of the year a mailing will be made to every property owner with 30 days advance notice. This mailing list will be as current as is available on the Baldwin County property owner's website. Notice for subsequent meetings will be posted on the property owners website **www.surfsideshores.site**.

ARTICLE VII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VII AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

These bylaws may be amended at a meeting by majority vote, including proxy votes submitted by mail or electronically, provided that all members have been sent, to their last known physical or email address, a copy of the proposed changes together with a formal ballot form at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Copies of the proposed changes must also be available at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The outgoing president shall preside over the election of all officers and directors and then turn the meeting over to the new president. All records will then be delivered to the new president. All officers and directors shall be elected for a term of one year but may be re-elected without regard to the number of years served in any office. Vacancies occurring in an office shall be filled by appointment by the president. Officers or directors so appointed shall serve until the end of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE X DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The president shall direct the day-to-day activities of the Association and respond to any situations that are believed to be in the best interests of the property owners. The president shall preside at meeting of the Association, call special meetings and appoint special and standing committees.

number on a lot, click on that number and an information box will appear. This will give you the name of the person (or company) that is responsible for the property taxes.

SEA OATS

Those plants with the large plumes you see along the beach may look like weeds, but they are a vital part of the ecosystem. Sea oats play an important role in coastal conservation. That's why signs are posted along the beach asking you to avoid areas where there is plant vegetation or a dunes restoration project. And whatever you do, don't pick the sea oats. It's illegal and you could be fined. Thank you for understanding how important the sea oats are and working to protect our beaches.

LINKS

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The Vice-President, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of the president. Upon resignation or removal of the president, the Vice-President shall become president until the next election of officers.

The secretary shall keep, in permanent form, the minutes of the Association and the Board of Directors; keep an alphabetical roster of members, a list of committees, a record of attendance, and conduct the correspondence of the Association.

The treasurer shall receive all monies, pay all legitimate bills, and disburse funds as directed by the Board of Directors and prepare a financial report to be submitted at each regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association in matters of policy and major importance to the Property Owners and any decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the Board. In the event of a tied vote the President shall have a casting vote which shall be in addition to the vote cast for any proposal. Any such decisions shall be reported to the membership either by newsletter, email, or at the next scheduled meeting. Meetings of the Board may be called by the president as business demands.

ARTICLE XII QUORUM

Fifteen members present at a scheduled meeting or a meeting called by the president shall constitute a quorum. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the Board of Directors but every reasonable effort must be made to contact all members of the Board advising them of the issues to be considered prior to such meetings. Board meetings may be conducted by any form of communication provided all members of the Board have the ability to participate.

ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In the event that issues are not part of these by-laws or that an interpretation is required then Robert's Rules of Order, Revise 9th Edition shall be the authority for this Association.

Effective Date October, 2, 2004

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SURFSIDE SHORES

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Adoption of Bylaws

At a special meeting held at the Beach Club on October 2, 2004, there being a quorum present, a motion was made from the floor, and seconded, that the proposed Bylaws, dated October 2, 2004, be adopted. The proposal was adopted by unanimous consent. The President was Ralph Gilgus and the Secretary was Edith Bolster.

Amendment of Bylaws

Three amendments were adopted by a quorum of members at a meeting held on October 22, 2016 while the President was Alex MacDonald and the Secretary was Lynne Wornall. Those amendments are included in this document.