



# Save Folly's Future STR Up Date



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**Mission: Reverse Folly's Population Decline**

## **Short Term Rental Up Date**

### **Folly's Investment STR Cap of 800 remains safe from:**

#### **1. Folly's City Council**

(At least for now.)

#### **2. State Senator Sandy Senn**

(Her attempt to punish F.B. via a S.C. budget amendment did not succeed.)

#### **3. Rep. Lee Hewitt & Bill 3253**

(His bill to punish F.B. appears to have died May 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

#### **4. Lawsuit Challenging the STR Petition and Referendum**

(There are no guarantees but the odds are, this one will fail  
do to factual errors related to the plaintiff's initial filing.)

## **Unfortunately, there is a new STR threat from the S.C. Legislature**

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, an amendment from the State House of Representatives was added to the state budget to punish cities with financial loss if they “prohibit” STRs in their cities.

Although this amendment would not impact Folly Beach (we did not prohibit STRs) it would open the door for the legislature to begin rolling back a city’s right to regulate STRs and almost certainly lead to more STR oversight from Columbia in the future.

Lots of amendments are attached to the budget bill each year. Most do not survive. Let’s hope this one will be removed before the budget is adopted.

**[Link to News 2 article below](#)**

# **Update on STR lawsuit challenging the Petition and Referendum**

**East Indian Co LLC**

**vs.**

**City of Folly Beach**

**and**

**Save Folly's Future**

## **Save Folly's Future is now a party to the lawsuit**

The only hearing in the case was on Feb 9, 2023. A motion to allow Save Folly's Future to intervene was heard on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and granted on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The City of Folly Beach filed a **Motion for Summary Judgement** (Motion to Dismiss) nearly two months ago and on April 19<sup>th</sup> SFF filed its own **Motion for Summary Judgement**. Plaintiffs have also filed an amended complaint and a number of motions. No date is currently scheduled for a hearing on any of the motions.

**STR Noise Monitoring Project  
by Save Folly's Future  
Will Begin Installing Equipment  
Next Week**

**Free units are still available**

Any Folly Beach, Isle of Palms or Seabrook  
property owner may apply.  
(Until all units are allocated)

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**Save Folly's Future supports Mandatory  
Noise Monitoring for all Folly Beach ISTRs.**

(Costs are less than \$20 per month)

**\*It should not be your responsibility to police your  
neighbor's ISTR for too much noise.**

# **Long Story Short**

**Charleston County Election Commission  
Will Not Support  
Folly's April 2, 2024 City Election**

**Folly Beach has no choice  
but to change its  
50 year old election schedule**

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**Folly Beach Ordinance 12-23**

**(Passed first reading on May 9<sup>th</sup>)**

**Folly Beach elections will now occur the  
first Tuesday in November in Odd Years.**

**2023/2025/2027/etc.**

**Bottom Line:**

**The April 2, 2024 City Election for  
three city council seats will be moved  
to Nov 7, 2023.**

**Folly's successful STR Referendum  
has inspired other S.C. communities  
to push for STR Limits**

***Good Fortune To  
Preserve IOP Now !***

**Their STR Petition Drive Continues  
Link to Website & Petition Below**

Residents of several other communities  
have reached out to SFF for advice.

**Our advice to IOP and others:**

1. Work to elect more resident centric council members and
2. Use the Citizen's Petition option as a last resort.