

# Save Folly's Future

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## STR Update

- 1. ISTR Waitlist - Applications are now on-line for pre-referendum owners**  
(Application window-Aug 1 -31)
- 2. Folly East Indian Co., LLC appeals its lawsuit loss to S.C. Court of Appeals.**  
*Case#2023-CP-10-00264*
- 3. STR Business License Report**  
*(by Stacey Ritchie to Council - Aug 13<sup>th</sup>)*  
**OSTRs / Owner Occupied STRs = 106**  
**ISTRs / Investment STRs = 959**  
*(49 are under review)*

# ISTR Waitlist Info

(Text below taken directly from City's website)

**“Phase 1: Applications accepted August 1 to August 31, 2024. Applications received after August 31, 2024 will be assigned in Phase 2.**

**Applicants must provide the date of property acquisition and a copy of the deed. If owned by LLC/trust/spouse must provide proof that owner is beneficiary.**

**Applicants must have been the owner of the record on 2/7/23.**

**Applicants may apply for multiple properties, but only 1 license will be issued per owner.**

**All licenses are awarded in order of property acquisition (from earliest to latest)”**

## Additional Waitlist Info

- **You will need a digital copy of your deed.**  
*(It's easy to digitize your original deed; if lost, you can use an online service to get a digital duplicate.)*
- **Application must be filed online.**
- **Application is located on the City's website.**

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**Need more info or have a question ?**

**Contact: [waitlist@follybeach.gov](mailto:waitlist@follybeach.gov)**

**Folly East Indian Co., LLC** (*Plaintiff*)

**vs.**

**City of Folly Beach & Save Folly's Future**

## **Timeline** (Not all actions are listed)

**Jan 17, 2023 - Initial Summons & Complaint by Plaintiff**

**Jan 27, 2023 - SFF files Motion to Intervene**

**Jan 27, 2023 - City files Motion to Dismiss**

**Feb 7, 2023 - SFF's Referendum Passes**

**April 6, 2023 - SFF granted Intervenor status**

**Jan 12, 2024 - Hearing to Dismiss by Judge Burch**

**March 7, 2024 - Judge Burch dismisses lawsuit  
(City of Folly Beach & SFF win !)**

**March 18, 2024 - Plaintiff files Motion to Reconsider**

**March 29, 2024 - City files Brief in Opposition**

**April 17, 2024 - Judge Burch denies Motion to Reconsider  
(City of Folly Beach & SFF win again !)**

**May 20, 2024 - Plaintiff files a Notice of Appeal  
with S.C. Court of Appeals**

**Soon - Folly Beach and SFF to file briefs in opposition**

**???? - Appellate Court Hearing  
(Should be open to the public.)**

## **Need Help Filing Your Waitlist Application ?**

*(Ask a friend or neighbor for help.)*

## **Don't think you can meet the Deadline?**

*(Petition the City for more time.)*

## **Don't know how to digitize your deed?**

*(Most home scanners can do it.)*

## **Don't have a computer ?**

*(The library has several.)*

## **Can't find your Deed ?**

*(Use an on-line service.)*

## **Still Stumped?**

*(SFF May Be Able To Help.)*

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## **Opinion Piece - Why the Rush?**

After 17 months of waiting the ISTR waitlist is open for applicants only until Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. Why close the sign up window so soon; especially considering it's the end of summer, many people are still traveling, school is starting and Debby, our unwelcome guest, just left town? The city made one Facebook post to announce the program on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't do facebook you could still be in the dark. And how many users on Facebook are Seniors? (Less than 12%) Public outreach by the City on this important issue has been minimal at best. For instance, no notices were in either the July or August Sandspur.

By the time some of our long time property owners get the message, the Aug 31<sup>st</sup> deadline will be past. There needs to be more outreach and an extended sign up period of 60 more days. That's time enough for two Sandspur editions and for all clubs to reach out to their members in September and October. What possible harm would result if the sign up deadline were to be moved to October 31<sup>st</sup>? We all know that it will take several more years before that 959 number falls to 800. Why the rush to close the door on the most loyal and longest of Folly's property owners?

I don't believe City Hall wishes to disadvantage any property owners, especially Seniors, but I do think they can do more. To be fair to everyone, City Hall should extend the sign up deadline to Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

John McFarland (Founder of Save Folly's Future)