

This statement was read at the September 18, 2012 Horry Council Meeting:

Mr. Chairman and members of County Council, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you. My name is Bo Ives, and I am here speaking for the Board of the Carolina Forest Civic Association.

We are aware of a mining interest which has intentions of coming before the I&R Committee and Council for approval to mine near Carolina Forest. The application has been deferred twice by request of the applicant. We are primarily concerned about the potential for nuisance to nearby residential neighbors and the stated intent to use West Perry Road as the entrance and exit to the proposed site. We plan to observe the process and make a final determination after an airing of all the facts.

In the meantime, we have a mine "Cotton Patch" operating under one of the exceptions allowed in the zoning ordinance and land development regulations. They applied to excavate as needed to provide retention ponds and grade for a residential development. This has been done for many, if not almost all of the residential neighborhoods constructed in Carolina Forest. The fact that you have not heard complaints about these other operations, prior to Cotton Patch, is evidence that there is a way to excavate and transport sand and other material without major disruptions to residential developments and local traffic. The Board of the Carolina Forest Civic Association is not against mining, we are looking for a way for mining activities and suburban development to coexist. Please close the loopholes in the zoning ordinance and land development regulations allowing exceptions which permit cotton patch style operations to excavate beyond that necessary to accommodate residential development.

OPEN BURNING RESOLUTION:

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Chris Eldridge, County Administrator
Horry County Government
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August 8, 2012

Dear Mr. Eldridge:

The Carolina Forest Civic Association has adopted a resolution to request that the County more vigorously enforce Ordinance 80-09 which regulates outdoor/open burning in the County.

Carolina Forest has had significant fires in the recent past. We are rapidly becoming the most developed part of the County. We also have significant acreage of Carolina Bays adjacent to our communities which contain volatile vegetation.

We request that when the SC Forestry Commission determines that "red flag alert" conditions exist, that Horry County ban outdoor open burning as prescribed in the ordinance.

Sincerely,

Karen Young

President

Copy of HC Ordinance 80-09 sent with the above letter