



# BSFD Charter Amendment Proposal

## A Proposal To Address the BSBC Voting Constituency

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# Objectives of Proposal

- Create a mechanism for the Beach Club to maintain input into the governance of the community - **commensurate with their collective tax contribution**
- Eliminate the potential of further legal action calling into question the legality of **non-residential commercial stakeholders** having a vote in Fire District elections
- Address the **voter dilution** issue
- Promote a collaborative, cordial relationship with the Beach Club - essential for the future maintenance, and ongoing care of our natural resources

# Current State – What is Dilution?

## FY 2023/ '24

**Budgeted Tax Revenue - Beach Club Units    \$46,661**

**Total Fire District Budgeted Tax Revenue    \$452,107**

**Total Beach Club % of Total Fire District    10.3%**

## Beach Club / Fire District Voting Composition

**1,277   # of Beach Club Assumed Votes (1)**

**3,405   # of Total Fire District Voters**

**37.5% Total Beach Club % of Fire District Voting Population**

(1) Assumes 672 units (eliminates multiple ownership of units and owners of homes in BSFD); average of 1.9 votes per unit

# “Commensurate with Their Collective Tax Contribution?”

FY 2024 / '25		Beach Club / Fire District Board Composition Proposal	
Budgeted Tax Revenue - Beach Club Units	\$62,648	1	# of Board Seats Assigned to Beach Club
Total Fire District Budgeted Tax Revenue	\$514,000	7	# of Total Fire District Board Seats
Total Beach Club % of Total Fire District	12.2%	=	14.3% Total Beach Club % of Fire District Council Seats

# The Proposal

As a result of removing the BSBC constituency from the voting polls - **Add below language to SECTION 6 of the Charter:**

- *The Council shall consist of not less than three and not more than seven members. One Council member shall be appointed by the Bonnet Shores Beach Club and all other Council members shall be elected by the qualified voters of the district. The appointed Council member shall have the same and full voting powers on all matters as elected Council members.*
- Note: The Bonnet Shores Beach Club will design their process for appointing a BSBC Council member to sit on the Fire District Council





This proposal allows the community to move forward.

It's time to focus on neighborhood improvements that will prolong the wonderful community we've always known Bonnet to be!