

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUPPORTING THE
JOINT LAND USE STUDY

WHEREAS, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort ("MCAS Beaufort") is a major contributor to the well-being and economic prosperity of the citizens in and surrounding Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, the mission of MCAS Beaufort requires certain actions which, by their nature, generate sounds that can be heard outside the perimeter of MCAS Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, certain patterns of development, construction, and subsequent uses, if located near MCAS Beaufort operational zones, have the potential to increase the number of persons who may find such sounds undesirable and, therefore, lead to complaints about such sounds; and

WHEREAS, such patterns of development, construction, and uses are often referred to as encroachment; and

WHEREAS, encroachment has the potential to significantly impact the effective performance of its mission by MCAS Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Beaufort County and the citizens of the United States of America that MCAS Beaufort perform its mission in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, all property owners have an interest in using their property in a manner consistent with the law and with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, MCAS Beaufort, the United States Department of Defense, Beaufort County, the City of Beaufort, and the Town of Port Royal have cooperated to protect MCAS Beaufort from encroachment by several means including, but not limited to, acquiring property and development rights, enacting ordinances, adopting and supporting land use regulations within operating zones for the benefit of MCAS Beaufort and the property owners and prospective owners within those zones; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County, working with MCAS Beaufort, the United States Department of Defense, and the Lowcountry Council of Governments, have conducted a Joint Land Use Study ("JLUS") that considers the patterns of development, construction and uses that are suitable to protect the mission of MCAS Beaufort and guide property owners in the use of their property so as to balance the safety and welfare of the citizens of Beaufort County with the interests of individual property owners; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County, through its planning and land use policy making processes, is engaged in considering and potentially adopting the recommendations contained in the JLUS documents; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council, through its Economic Development Committee, seeks to communicate its support for the continued effective and efficient operation of MCAS Beaufort and its support for the objectives of the JLUS study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Beaufort County Council does hereby restate its support for MCAS Beaufort and its mission, and further, Beaufort County Council does hereby state its support for the objectives of the JLUS study including the protection of MCAS Beaufort from encroachment.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: 

Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:


Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council