

South Bethany Charter and Code Committee Report for August 2025 Council Meeting

Steve Chantler resigned from the committee.

The July 22 meeting of the SB Charter and Code Committee was well attended, 4 of 5 voting members, Joe Hinks, Maureen Hartman and Elio Battista, as well as Mayor Dondero and several citizens.

A spirited conversation of what makes a good ordinance focused on the ability to enforce the ordinance. It was recommended that a combination of a clean hands ordinance with an injunctive relief statute would be required to allow existing code to be enforced effectively.

Beach shelter limitations were a topic with a wide range of views. There was concern that the beach patrol can not be the enforcers of any ordinance limiting the use of shelters. The committee is preparing a draft ordinance for limiting beach cabanas per the council's request.

There was a discussion of an exterior lighting ordinance. Solicitor Battista insisted that any such ordinance could only be progressive (forward looking) not including any existing light issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Giler