



The Town of Sunset Beach has determined, along with many other jurisdictions, that pine straw used as ground cover around the base of a structure is a serious fire hazard.

The close proximity of structures in our community, particularly on the Island, creates a fire hazard situation that is further exacerbated by the presence of flammable materials such as pine straw.

Pine straw is more flammable than mulch – it dries out faster which results in faster combustion. Although mulch can be more expensive, most mulch products will last longer than pine straw. We strongly urge you to replace existing pine straw around your home with mulch or other materials not as flammable as pine straw. We also encourage landscaping companies to recommend that residents not use pine straw.



TOWN ORDINANCE 92.42 - USE OF COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE

MATERIALS: *No pine straw or any other material with a fire spread more than twenty-four (24) inches per minute shall be placed, kept, or stored within ten (10) feet of any commercial or multi-family building exterior.*