

## Heather Finnell

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9:37 AM  
**To:** Heather Finnell  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Ms. Finnell,

I am not available to attend tonight's meeting, since I have to work. I would like this read to the Commissioners as a public comment.

Commissioners,

My name is Doug Gailey and I would like to comment on the Holden Beach parking regulations. I am not a resident of Holden Beach, but a resident of Lockwood Folly. We visit Holden Beach on a regular basis and patronize the local businesses regularly. This past weekend, I used the boat ramp at Holden Beach. I have used it several times this year and have previously purchased two yearly parking passes for both of my vehicles.

On Saturday afternoon when I returned to my truck, I was shocked to see a parking violation on my windshield. I noted that the license plate on the citation did not match my truck license plate and figured that the parking attendant had entered the wrong plate into the system. I did not find this unusual, since this has happened before. I also decided to deal with the issue the next day, since it was later in the evening when I arrived at home.

The next morning, I began to wonder if the plate listed was a trailer plate, since the number listed seemed longer than a regular vehicle plate number would be. I checked my trailer and sure enough it was my trailer license number on the citation. I called Surfcast to let them know that the parking attendant had entered my trailer plate rather than my vehicle license plate and was told that the trailer is considered another vehicle and needed a pass as well. Again, I was shocked to find this out, since I had not received a ticket in the past or seen any signage, which would indicate that an additional pass was required.

I went to the Surfcast website and saw that on the site, it mentions near the bottom of the web page that two passes are required if you are pulling a trailer. My biggest issue is that there is no signage which would indicate that such a thing is required. Clearly, I was trying to abide by the regulations by purchasing a parking pass for my truck. It is unreasonable to expect that somebody is going to go to the website and read all of the rules before paying for a parking spot and heading out to go boating. This is

especially true since you do not disconnect the trailer from the vehicle and make it appear as if it is two separate vehicles. To make matters worse, because I did not deal with the issue the same day as the violation, I now am required to pay an additional \$25.

Having to pay for two parking passes for one vehicle with a trailer seems greedy and unreasonable. If the Commissioners are determined to require more money from boaters, there should be a pass available, which includes the trailer at a lower price point than two separate passes. At the very least, there should be some signage which warns boaters of the unreasonable regulation which requires two parking passes to be purchased for one vehicle.

Thank you for your time.

Doug Gailey