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AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network
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Dear AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network:

On behalf of the City of Myrtle Beach, SC, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly community. We are very excited about the opportunity to join the AARP’s Age-Friendly Communities network.

The citizens of Myrtle Beach and its government are committed to continuing to be a livable community that enables residents to thrive at every age and life stage. Over 20 years ago, the retirement population in Myrtle Beach began to steadily rise and continues today. The City has established a number of proactive mechanisms to involve older adults. The City continues to work to provide more indoor/outdoor spaces that are senior friendly, transportation and housing options that are accessible and affordable, social participation with activities that promote cultural and ethnic diversity, volunteer and work opportunities with the City and in the community, access to communication and information about the City and its services/programs while supporting the ability of older adults to age gracefully and comfortably in their homes or assisted living facilities with community and health services.

The City will continue to work to become an age-friendly community by utilizing a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of this community. A community-wide action plan will be developed based on the findings of the assessment. Indicators will be established to monitor the progress the City has made in implementing this plan.

We welcome the opportunity to become a part of the AARP’s Age-Friendly Communities network. The City looks forward to working with AARP nationally and here in the state of South Carolina. We will continue to make our city a home where all ages can live, work, and play while enjoying a very high quality of life and aging with dignity.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office or Diane Moskow-McKenzie who has assisted me in the preparation of this membership application. We can be reached at 843/918-1069.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brenda Bethune