

Tidelines *Letters to the Editor* Policies

- Letters should have one topic, and be concise and factually accurate, and may not be adversarial, advocative, or political in nature.
- Topic must be relevant, of general interest to the Seabrook community and not redundant with previous published letters.
- Letters are limited to 250 words or less. Any that exceed this will be returned to the author for shortening.
- Authors must attest that the letter is original, was composed personally, and that they retain full and sole copyrights to the content. If the work has been submitted to or published by any other media at the time of submittal to Tidelines, the author must identify such media and the date of submittal or publication, whichever is most recent.
- Authors must include their full name, full address and email address (and/or phone number). Only the author's name and town of residence will be published. This requirement is for validation of authenticity and the need to communicate with the author should it be necessary. Such information will not be used or shared for any other purpose.
- No more than one letter per calendar month will be published for any single author.

- Letters critical of specifically named individuals or businesses will not be published. This includes anything that could be considered defamation of character or libelous. In other words, letters should be hard on problems or issues, but soft on people.
- Letters containing partisan political commentary will not be published.
- Form letters, attachments, or letters from other sources than the author will not be published.
- All published letters must conform to Tidelines editorial policies and guidelines.
- Tidelines may edit any letter to correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation for the sole purpose of enhancing readability.
- Any opinions expressed are those of the author. Publication does not constitute endorsement by Tidelines or the Seabrook Island POA.
- Notwithstanding any of the above, publication of any submitted letter is at the sole discretion of Tidelines editors, subject to their assessment of its propriety and value to the community.