

WHAT IS THE EDISTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Edisto Chamber of Commerce is an association of over 200 community businesses, individuals, and organizations. We are a private, non-profit entity whose purpose is to research, develop, and advocate for the interests of our membership through programs, services, and business leadership. We are governed by a Board of Directors with an Executive Director to administer our day-to-day operations, facilitate programs, and implement the policies created by the Board of Directors.

Funded primarily by membership investments and Accommodation Tax monies, the Edisto Chamber of Commerce harnesses the tremendous potential of the private enterprise system, thus enabling us to accomplish collectively what no business could do individually. Our mission is founded on the premise that a united voice is more effective where a single voice can go unheard. A major benefit of membership is full-time representation with year-round results.

Chamber membership is voluntary and open to businesses, professionals, organizations, or individuals interested in our primary goals of promoting both tourism and our business community. Joining the Edisto Chamber is an investment in your business and in Edisto's future.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life and economic well-being of the citizens of Edisto by working with the local businesses and community leaders as a visible source of information to the public and a source of support to its membership by assisting, connecting, and promoting the business interests of Edisto with an emphasis on tourism and responsible, environmentally conscious growth.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Newcomer/Visitor Information** - the Chamber promotes its members to thousands of residents, tourists, and newcomers to the area each year that visit, e-mail, or call our office requesting information.
- **Membership Directory** - Gain recognition and exposure by being listed in Edisto Island Guide. It is available at Town Hall, mailed in all our tourist and relocation packets, in 12 SC Welcome Centers, 4 Charleston Area Visitors Centers and other area Visitors Centers and is listed on our website.
- **Membership Decal** - Display it proudly so that all who visit your establishment know that you are a reputable business and that you have made an investment in our community.
- **Direct Mailings** - Your brochure mailed to those who call for information.
- **Free Referral System** - The Chamber office receives thousands of calls for information and we **only refer Chamber Members**.
- **Digital Exposure** - Our members are listed on our website and membership includes a link back to your website. The Chamber can help you promote your business and/or your event on our Facebook and Instagram platforms.
 - **Tax Deductions** - Chamber Membership is considered to be a necessary business expense.
- **Recognition** - As a business that is here to stay. Show that you are interested in the long-term success of your business and this community.
- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies** - For new businesses in the area or a new branch location.
 - **Conference Room Rental** - The Chamber conference room is available to members at a reduced rental rate. Call for rates and availability.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Business After-Hours

This is a great opportunity to gather in a low pressure setting for fun and making new business contacts. Network with your peers; Chamber Members tend to do business with and promote fellow Chamber Members.

Promotional Opportunities

We provide assistance in advertising your event. You may also advertise your business during special Chamber events.

Community Calendar

Know what is happening on Edisto.

MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

Standard Business Membership	
<i>Up to 5 employees</i>	\$175
<i>6 - 10 employees</i>	\$206
<i>11 - 15 employees</i>	\$237
<i>16 - 30 employees</i>	\$300
<i>31 + employees</i>	\$356
Real Estate & Insurance Firms	\$206
<i>PLUS each agent</i>	<i>\$5 each</i>
Banking Institutions	\$206
<i>PLUS each officer</i>	<i>\$60 each</i>
Utilities - up to 10 employees	\$356
<i>PLUS 11-20 employees</i>	<i>\$8 each</i>
<i>21-30 employees</i>	<i>\$4 each</i>
<i>31-up</i>	<i>\$2 each</i>
Combined Businesses	appropriate rate
<i>PLUS additional business</i>	<i>\$55 each</i>
Non-Profit Organization	\$85
Individual Membership *	\$85

(* for individuals who want to be involved with the business community but don't need advertising exposure)

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This information will be used for both the listing in the membership directory and web site content. For contact info that you do not want published on our website, please indicate with an asterisk (*).

Business Name _____

Contact Person _____

Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Website _____

Facebook _____

Type of Business _____

Employees: Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Caption _____

Signature _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____