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Neighborhoods



### Beaufort, South Carolina

- > Cottages start at just \$100,000
- > Steps away from downtown
- > A historic neighborhood in a waterfront city

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** If you want to get in on the ground floor of a major downtown neighborhood revitalization, hit up the Northwest Quadrant. Once a thriving black middle-class neighborhood, the area fell on some hard times in the 1970s. But the city and its preservation-minded mayor are determined to breathe new life into it by working with residents to edge sidewalks, clear vacant lots, and entice people to buy and restore a house here.

**THE HOUSES:** They are modest one- and two-story shotgun-style homes, or "hall-and-parlor cottages," as they call them here. Most are close to the



GOING TO CAROLINA: Typical examples of Beaufort's ubiquitous hall-and-parlor cottages.

street and were built with timber frames, wood siding, and tin roofs. Prices start at \$100,000 and top out at \$150,000. **WHY BUY NOW?** This is a great opportunity to live in one of the prettiest waterfront cities in the South. Beaufort is working with the Historic Beaufort Foundation to come up with a master plan for revitalizing the area that will include restoration guidelines and financial incentives. The Quadrant's downtown location puts it within walking distance of restaurants and shops. "These houses are the future of Beaufort," says Evan R. Thompson, the foundation's executive director.

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