

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR ORANGEBURG COUNTY
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025- 06-30-15

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, FOR THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BUDGET FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES AND FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE COUNTY MAY LEVY A TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES, INCLUDING SUFFICIENT TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY MATURING DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING TO THE COUNTY DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Pursuant to Section 4-9-140 of the South Carolina Code of Laws as Amended, **BE IT ENACTED** by the County Council for Orangeburg County:

Section I. LEVYING OF A SUFFICIENT TAX

A tax of sufficient mills to pay the appropriations for Orangeburg County Budget, hereinafter made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, after crediting against appropriations all other revenue anticipated to accrue to Orangeburg County during said fiscal year, not earmarked for specific purposes, is hereby levied upon all the taxable property of Orangeburg County for County purposes.

Section II. GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS

There hereby appropriated with the provisos as so stated in the Budget Book for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

General Fund Appropriations

Activity/Department	Appropriated
Legislative Delegation	\$ 1,080
County Council/Clerk	444,525
County Administrator	595,856
Deputy Administrator - Property Services	269,420
Division Director - Public Works	322,484
Personnel	504,846
Risk Services	325,404
Election Commission	578,930
GIS/Record Retention	345,196
Delinquent Tax Collector	593,400
Treasurer	657,737
Finance	974,614
Auditor	450,985
Tax Assessor	1,045,467
Information Technology	3,084,876
Building Inspection	628,883
Community Development	57,114
Planning/Land Use	224,940
Business License	166,270
Register of Deeds	369,731
Legal	467,000
Non-Departmental	7,292,548
Total General Government	\$ <u>19,401,306</u>

Judicial

Activity/Department	Appropriated
Clerk of Court	\$ 493,470
Master-in-Equity	211,002
Circuit Court	630
Family Court	763,753
Probate Court	703,489
Regional Magistrates Courts	1,985,923
Public Defender	790,000
Solicitor	844,288
Total Judicial	\$ 5,792,555

Public Works

Activity/Department	Appropriated
Sign Shop	\$ 78,949
Total Public Works	\$ 78,949

Public Safety

Activity/Department	Appropriated
Sheriff	\$ 10,147,416
Emergency Services	764,534
Coroner	461,093
Emergency Medical Services	7,692,431
E-911 Communications Center	1,703,039
LEC-Jail	4,949,982
Total Public Safety	\$ 25,718,495

Social and Health Appropriations

Activity/Department	Appropriated
Mosquito Control	\$ 84,000
Animal Control	692,036
Orangeburg Area Development Center	464,137
Veterans Affairs	167,248
Transit	100,000
Water Park	1,470,000
Indian Bluff Park	743,924
Dawn Center	64,300
Dawn Center - Mini Bottle	200,000
Medically Indigent	116,482
Soil and Water	68,126
Total Social and Health	\$ 4,170,253

Internal Services

Activity/Department	Appropriated
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 3,278,084
Purchasing	219,443
Vehicle Maintenance	1,110,626
Total Internal Services	4,608,153

Total General Fund Expenditures **\$ 59,769,711**

General Fund Revenue

Source	Amount
Property Taxes:	
Current Property Taxes	\$ 33,948,885
Delinquent Property Taxes	2,753,000
Homestead	1,592,000
Penalties (3,5 & 7)	360,000
Manufacturers Reimbursement	850,000
Merchants Inventory Tax	205,757
Fees in Lieu of Taxes	2,313,200
Sums in Lieu (SCPSA)	21,612
Motor Carriers Allocation	500,000
Escheatments-Delinquent Tax	<u>129,182</u>
Total Property Taxes	<u>\$ 42,673,636</u>

	Amount
Licenses and Permits:	
Franchise Fees	\$ 360,000
Documentary Stamps	458,000
Business License Fees	940,000
Building Permits	765,000
Mobile Home Licenses/Inspection Fees	5,000
Probate Judge Licenses	12,000
Pollution Control	5,000
Subdivision Regulation Fees	<u>35,000</u>
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 2,580,000</u>

	Amount
Intergovernmental:	
State Supplement	\$ 4,149,655
State Rural County Stabilization	516,129
Mini-Bottle Tax	200,000
Sunday Alcohol Sales	10,000
Accommodations Tax	51,320
Voter Registration and Elections	72,500
Veterans Affairs	7,500
DSS - FFP Funds	100,000
Grant Revenue	101,217
Probate, RMC, Clerk of Court, Sheriff	<u>179,782</u>
Total Intergovernmental	<u>\$ 5,388,103</u>

	Amount
Charges for Services:	
Probate Judge - Court Costs	\$ 200,000
Probate Judge - Commitment Hearings Contract	36,000
Probate Judge - Other Costs	14,000
Clerk of Court Miscellaneous Fees	15,000
Family Court - Filing Fees	60,000
Register of Deeds Recording Fees	170,000
Master-in-Equity Fees	70,000
Magistrate Fees	171,500
Tax Collector's Costs	650,000
Sheriff's Fees	11,100
Ambulance Service Fees	3,503,000
Detention Center Telephone Service	700
Clean Up Fees	250
FLC (Forfeit Land Commission)	67,000
Total Charges for Services	<u>\$ 4,968,550</u>

	Amount
Fines:	
Animal Control Fines	\$ 2,000
Animal Control Contribution	600
Clerk of Court - General Sessions	5,000
Central Traffic Court	300,200
Family Court	7,500
3% Serv. Costs - Family Court/General Sessions	3,000
Magistrates Various	31,500
Total Fines	<u>\$ 349,800</u>

	Amount
Interest/Miscellaneous:	
Interest	\$ 351,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	877,050
Rents and Royalties	65,952
Maps and Publications	40,120
Water Park Revenue	800,000
Total Interest/Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 2,134,622</u>

	Amount
Other Financing Sources:	
Interfund Transfer	\$ 1,675,000
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 1,675,000</u>

Total Available Revenue - General Fund	<u>\$ 59,769,711</u>
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Section III. ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOSPITALITY TAX REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Accommodations Tax Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Accommodations Tax – 1%	\$ 700,000
Accommodations Tax – Advertising and Tourism	425,000
Total Accommodations Tax Fund Revenue	\$ 1,125,000
Activity/Department	
Tourism, Promotion and Communication	425,000
Tourism Related	700,000
Total Accommodations Tax Fund Appropriated	\$ 1,125,000

Hospitality Tax Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Hospitality Tax – 1%	\$ 903,765
Total Hospitality Tax Fund Revenue	\$ 903,765
Activity/Department	
Tourism Related	903,765
Total Hospitality Tax Fund Appropriated	\$ 903,765

Section IV. DEBT SERVICE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money for payment on the general obligation bonds and notes of Orangeburg County:

Debt Service Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 3,332,238
Delinquent Property Tax	302,091
Homestead	240,000
Penalties	46,500
Merchant Inventory Tax	40,000
Manufacturers Reimbursement	130,000
Motor Carrier Allocation	75,000
Fees in Lieu of Taxes	207,000
Total Debt Service Fund Revenue	\$ 4,372,829
Activity/Department	
Paying Agent and DAC Fees	2,500
Debt Service Bond Principal	2,601,908
Debt Service Bond Interest	1,768,421
Total Accommodations Tax Fund Appropriated	\$ 4,372,829

Section V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Capital Improvement Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 857,000
Delinquent Property Tax	105,000
Penalties	10,500
Merchant Inventory Tax	17,164
Manufacturers Reimbursement	25,000
Motor Carrier Allocation	20,000
Fees in Lieu of Taxes	46,700
Fund Balance	2,146,992
Total Capital Improvement Fund Revenue	\$ 3,228,356
Activity/Department	
Capital Improvement Projects	3,228,706
Total Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated	\$ 3,228,706

Section VI. NEW BROOKLYN LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

New Brooklyn Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 15,258
Delinquent Property Tax	3,892
Homestead	823
Penalties	686
Motor Carrier Allocation	252
Total New Brooklyn Fund Revenue	\$ 20,911
Activity/Department	
Utilities	20,911
Total New Brooklyn Fund Appropriated	\$ 20,911

Section VII. BROOKDALE LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Brookdale Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 18,142
Delinquent Property Tax	2,500
Homestead	2,293
Penalties	500
Motor Carrier Allocation	250
Total Brookdale Fund Revenue	<u>\$ 23,685</u>
Activity/Department	
Utilities	<u>23,685</u>
Total Brookdale Fund Appropriated	<u>\$ 23,685</u>

Section VIII. CREEKMOOR LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Creekmoor Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 8,573
Delinquent Property Tax	675
Homestead	765
Penalties	67
Total Creekmoor Fund Revenue	<u>\$ 10,080</u>
Activity/Department	
Utilities	<u>10,080</u>
Total Creekmoor Fund Appropriated	<u>\$ 10,080</u>

Section IX. EMPIRE ESTATES LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Empire Estates Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 4,877
Delinquent Property Tax	550
Homestead	164
Penalties	15
Motor Carrier Allocation	40
Total Empire Estates Fund Revenue	<u>\$ 5,646</u>
Activity/Department	
Utilities	<u>5,646</u>
Total Empire Estates Fund Appropriated	<u>\$ 5,646</u>

Section X. FOX RUN LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Fox Run Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 7,103
Delinquent Property Tax	620
Homestead	280
Motor Carrier Allocation	97
Total Fox Run Fund Revenue	\$ 8,100
Activity/Department	
Utilities	8,100
Total Fox Run Fund Appropriated	\$ 8,100

Section X. NORTHWOODS ESTATE LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Northwoods Estate Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 34,000
Delinquent Property Tax	3300
Homestead	500
Motor Carrier Allocation	200
Total Northwoods Estate Fund Revenue	\$ 38,000
Activity/Department	
Utilities	38,000
Total Northwoods Estate Appropriated	\$ 38,000

Section XI. WHITTAKER HEIGHTS LIGHTING TAX DISTRICT

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Whittaker Heights Lighting District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 54,404
Delinquent Property Tax	200
Homestead	2,600
Fees in Lieu of Taxes	5,000
Total Whittaker Heights Fund Revenue	\$ 62,204
Activity/Department	
Utilities	62,204
Total Whittaker Heights Fund Appropriated	\$ 62,204

Section XII. SOLID WASTE FUND

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Solid Waste Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 4,389,825
Delinquent Property Tax	275,001
Homestead	133,000
Penalties	31,000
Manufacturers Reimbursement	65,000
Motor Carrier Allocation	60,000
Fees in Lieu of Taxes	184,000
Recycling Revenue	51,000
Tipping Fees	4,158,000
Total Solid Waste Fund Revenue	<u>\$ 9,346,826</u>
Activity/Department	
Solid Waste	5,837,386
Convenience Center	1,904,440
Collections	1,605,000
Total Solid Waste Fund Appropriated	<u>\$ 9,346,826</u>

Section XIII.ROADS AND BRIDGES FUND

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Roads and Bridges Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Road Maintenance Fees	\$ 4,572,293
Project Reimbursement	650,000
Total Roads and Bridges Fund Revenue	<u>\$ 5,222,293</u>
Activity/Department	
Department M10	1,266,868
Department M20	1,074,796
Department M30	1,321,664
Department M40	974,755
CPST	584,210
Total Roads and Bridges Fund Appropriated	<u>\$ 5,222,293</u>

Section XIV. E-911 TARIFF FUND

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

E-911 Tariff Fund	
	Amount
Source	
E-911 Monthly Tariff	\$ 683,000
Total E-911 Tariff Fund Revenue	\$ 683,000
Activity/Department	
E-911 Services	683,000
Total E-911 Tariff Fund Appropriated	\$ 683,000

Section XV. VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following sum of money in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as follows:

Victims Assistance Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Victim Assistance Fund Revenue	\$ 96,175
Transfer in	112,350
Total E-911 Tariff Fund Revenue	\$ 208,525
Activity/Department	
Victims Assistance Fund Appropriations	208,525
Total E-911 Tariff Fund Appropriated	\$ 208,525

Section XVI. ORANGEBURG COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FUND

There hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, a sufficient tax levy (not to exceed nineteen (19) mills) upon all taxable property in the County for which a tax levy may be made for this specific purpose as set forth as follows:

Fire District Fund	
	Amount
Source	
Current Property Tax	\$ 4,086,207
Delinquent Property Tax	277,000
Homestead	215,000
Penalties	36,200
Manufacturers Reimbursement	220,000
Motor Carrier Allocation	65,000
Fees in Lieu of Taxes	244,000
Total Fire Fund Revenue	\$ 5,143,407
Activity/Department	
Administration	2,487,900
Operations	2,252,994
Capital Improvements	402,513
Total Fire Fund Appropriated	\$ 5,143,407

Section XVII. SETTING OF A MILLAGE RATE

The Orangeburg County Council shall affix a tax of sufficient millage to support the appropriations and levies herein made and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the County Council.

Section XVIII. SURPLUS FUNDS

Any unassigned fund balance in the General Fund in excess of two months General Fund appropriations shall be used as a contingency fund and spent on authorization of the Orangeburg Council.

Section XIX. TRANSFERRING OF FUNDS

The County Administrator may, if he deems it in the best interest of the County and within the appropriations provided by this ordinance, transfer funds of any portion thereof from any fund, department, activity, or purpose. Amounts over \$75,000 from the Contingency Fund shall be transferred by the County Council.

Section XX. SEVERABILITY

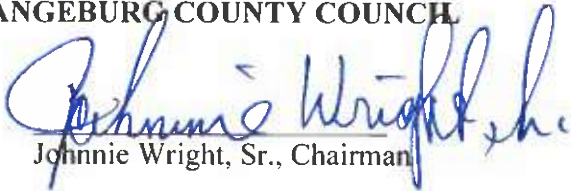
If any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, appropriation, or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance or the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, appropriations, or sections.

Section XXI. EFFECTIVE DATE

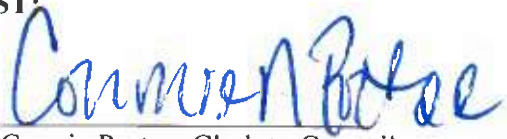
This Ordinance shall become effective and enforced from and after July 1, 2025.

Adopted this 30th day of June, 2025

ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Connie Portee, Clerk to Council



FIRST READING: May 5, 2025
Second Reading: June 16, 2025
Public Hearing: June 30, 2025
THIRD READING: June 30, 2025