Mayor
ISAIAH SCIPIO
City Council
CAMERON RIVERS, Mayor Pro-Tem
JOHN MCMANUS
FLOYD ROGERS
RAY WILSON
ALLIE WINTER

City of Pickens
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Administrator
TIM O'BRIANT
City Clerk
DONNA F. OWEN

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AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING (JUNE)
Monday June 23, 2025
6:00 p.m.
CITY HALL
219 PENDLETON STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR SCIPIO:
4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:
5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   May 19th, 2025, Regular Meeting
   May 21st, 2025, Budget Work Session
   May 28th, 2025, Council Work Session
   May 28th, 2025, Budget Work Session
   June 4, 2025, Budget Work Session
   June 11th, 2025, Budget Work Session
   June 16th, 2025, Special Called Meeting
7. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CITY OF PICKENS REDESIGNED WEBSITE:
8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CITY ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL SERVICES:
9. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 FY 2025/2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE:
10. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 FY 2025/2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE:
11. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 TO AMEND ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 7-3 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF THE CITY OF PICKENS CODE OF ORDINANCES:

12. APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 TO AMEND ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 7-3 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF THE CITY OF PICKENS CODE OF ORDINANCES:

13. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R1 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKENS AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT REQUIRE ANNEXATION FOR THE PROVISION OF CITY SERVICES, AND SHALL ONLY ANNEX PROPERTY UNDER THE 100% VOLUNTARY METHOD AS PROVIDED UNDER SOUTH CAROLIN LAW, WHILE ENCOURAGING ANNEXATION IN CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHERE CITY SERVIES PROVIDE A STRONG VALUE PROPOSITION:

14. DISCUSSION AS IT RELATES TO CITY PARKING:

15. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

16. ADJOURNMENT:

City of Pickens
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Regular Meeting. Agendas were posted and sent to media on May 9, 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member Allie Winter

Staff:

Administrator Tim O'Briant
Finance Director, Mandy Hess
Public Works Director, Trey Adams
Police Chief, Randal Beach
Fire Chief, Chris Elrod
Recreation Director, Jonathon Morris

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WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member Floyd Rogers gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR SCIPIO:

Mayor Scipio thanked everyone for their attendance, and thanked staff for the work that has been put into the FY 2025/26 budget.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Molly Treadway – Ms. Treadway, the owner of a local Rodio was upset that her banners and signs have been removed. She stated that she has permission under a grandfather clause to keep her signs up because she has weekly rodeos. Ms. Treadway specifically stated that Council Member Ray Wilson was removing her signs. Ms. Treadway was informed staff would try to resolve this issue, but to address the Mayor and Council as a whole.

Pam Winter-Ms. Winter gave Council statistics from the 2010 Census and the Planning Commission that claimed the City of Pickens has grown with new homes, apartments, and new businesses.

Jonathan Baker – Mr. Baker stated he did not believe the agenda is following state law. Mr. Baker did not believe the Council should be going into executive session to discuss the Audit.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Tim O'Briant reported on the following items to the Mayor, Council and public.

- **County Road Maintenance:** Mr. O'Briant informed Council that Pickens County has reduced funding for road paving. The City has 70 roads and the budget cuts for Federal, State, and County funding is critical.
- **Lighting Strike and Cybersecurity & Ransomware Protection**: Mr. O'Briant stated last Friday, City Hall had a lightning strike that completely took the City offline. Thankfully, a back-up solution worked and everything is running. Council acknowledged concerns over cybersecurity vulnerabilities, particularly the risk of a ransomware attack. Mr. O'Briant stated he was making efforts to establish a staggered physical hardware backup system, allowing recovery of data even if systems are compromised. There is also training opportunity for the insurance provider to implement cybersecurity training, including simulated phishing and AI-driven fraud attempts.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Finance Director, Mandy Hess went over her report that was provided in the agenda packet to the Mayor, Council, and the public.

- Ms. Hess answered questions regarding (2) police accounts.
- Council Member Allie Winter thanked staff for doing the training for the 5% discount on insurance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Allie Winter moved to approve the minutes of April 14, April 23, and April 28, 2025. Council Member Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

During discussion Council Member John McManus mentioned the minutes of April 23, 2025, on page 3. The minutes reflect a citizen stated, "there is a superfund site 100 yards from the proposed annexation site." Mr. McManus stated this should be footnoted as an opinion and it has not been checked that this is a true statement.

Both Ms. Winter and Mr. Wilson concurred, and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended to footnote the minutes of April 23, 2025. ***(Environmental & Contamination remark regarding a superfund site 100 yards from proposed annexation property was read by speaker Mr. Peter Greenberger, this is not in the minutes as factual information, this is in the minutes as a read statement from a citizen. And as of the date of this meeting, this information has not been fact checked)***

APRIL 14, 2025 – REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2025 – SPECIAL CALLED TOWN HALL MEETING (as amended)
APRIL 28, 2025- WORK SESSION

FIRST READING OF THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 FY 2025/2026:

Council will be having the first budget work session on Wednesday 5/21/25 at 9:00 a.m.

- Mr. McManus made note of the millage rate and asked the Finance Director to make sure the budget reflects 86.3 mills calculation.
- Ms. Winter would like to know when the last time the millage rate was raised.

The Finance Director will provide information on Wednesday and address the 86.3 mills.

Council Member Allie Winter moved to approve a first reading for the FY 2025/26 Budget Ordinance No. 2025-02 in title only. Motion was seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers. All members voted in favor with the exception of Council Member Cameron Rivers who opposed. Motion carried 5-1.

DISCUSSION AS IT RELATES TO THE CITY OF PICKENS ZONING ORDINANCE:

During Council discussion Mayor Scipio stated this was an ordinance that he thought Council should look at as a whole. Mr. O'Briant recommended that as the Planning Commission is reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan, that Council should have some joint meetings with the Planning Commission. Council concurred the ordinance needs to be looked at closely as more commercial real estate is for sale on Main Street. Compliance with the ordinance is also a concern. Council Member Allie Winter stated this was an ordinance that the Planning Commission should review and bring back to City Council.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Floyd Rogers to enter into executive session with City auditor to discuss 2022-23 financial audit and possible claims related thereto as allowed by S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(2). Motion was seconded by Council Member John McManus and unanimously approved.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member John McManus, seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers, and unanimously approved to reconvene into Public Session.

Mayor Scipio stated Council has been in discussion with Auditors Greene Finney as it relates to the 2022/2023 budget year Audit.

- It was noted that there is $157,000 in unreconciled funds. Mayor Scipio stated the current Council was not seated during the 2022/2023 budget year. However, the City's accounting firm, Manley Garvin, has been collaborating with staff and going back over the fiscal year to determine these discrepancies. Manley Garvin will endeavor to assist over the next (2) weeks. Mayor Scipio also stated that current staff was not in place in 2022/2023.

ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Floyd Rogers made a motion to direct accountants Manley Garvin to continue to locate the unreconciled difference of $157,000 as it relates to the 2022/2023 Audit and report back to City Council within (2) weeks before discussing a forensic audit possibility. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cameron Rivers and unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Allie Winter asked about future dates for meetings as it relates to annexation. Council Member Floyd Rogers stated he feels like he has heard enough from citizens opposed and the developers. Council concurred they need to vote and move in the direction of facts. Council Member John McManus stated any future meetings need to include not only this particular planning development but also future developments. Council Member Allie Winter stated she believes it is time that Council moves forward. Council Member Rivers stated there are many variables that need to be known before another forum would be productive. Council Member Ray Wilson stated he does not believe the developer can move forward until City Council moves

forward. Council determined they need to have a first reading of the annexation ordinance in order to provide facts and move forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member John McManus, seconded by Council Member Allie Winter, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:

Isaiah Scipio, Mayor

City of Pickens
FY 2025 /2026 Budget Work Session
Wednesday May 21, 2025
9:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Budget Work Session. A Notice was posted and sent to media on May 15, 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member, Allie Winter

Staff:

Administrator Tim O'Briant
Finance Director, Mandy Hess
Chief of Police, Randal Beach
Public Works Director, Trey Adams
Recreation Director, Jonathan Morris

(The Pickens City Council convened to discuss the FY 2025/2026 Budget Ordinance. The Council spoke with staff as it relates to the Budget, and no votes were noted with the exception of the vote to adjourn. A full recording of this work session is available in the Clerk's office)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the Budget Work Session to order. Mayor Scipio gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2025/26 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02:

Council held open discussions as it relates to the FY 2025/26 Budget. The focus of this work session was discussion as it relates to the Police, Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Grounds departments. Council inquired about needs as it relates to equipment, personnel, and other provisions for each department to maintain for the coming year. Staff will provide Council with items as requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member John McManus, seconded by Council Member Cameron Rivers, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned from the Budget Work Session at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Mayor Isaiah Scipio

City of Pickens
FY 2025 /2026 Budget Work Session
Wednesday May 28, 2025
4:00 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Budget Work Session. A Notice was posted and sent to media on May 22, 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member Allie Winter

Staff:

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(The Pickens City Council convened to discuss the FY 2025/2026 Budget Ordinance. The Council spoke with staff as it relates to the Budget, and no votes were noted with the exception of the vote to adjourn. A full recording of this work session is available in the Clerk's office)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the Budget Work Session to order. Mayor Scipio gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2025/26 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02:

Council held open discussions as it relates to the FY 2025/2026 Budget. The focus was on the structure of the current fire fees and needs for the future of the Pickens Fire Department. Staff will bring data to Council as it relates to all property within the City Limits and the assessed value. Council discussed the revenue missing from a flat fee versus assessed value of real property to include exempt property. Council discussed the value of ISO rates for both residential and commercial property for insurance purposes. Staff will bring forward to the next meeting the changes that need to be made to amend the code and have further discussions.

Council discussed Municipal Court with Judge Davis and the needs for recording devices. Council held discussion regarding the proposal for remodeling the "Teen Canteen" for a multi-use space.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member John McManus, seconded by Council Member Ray Wilson, and

unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned from the Budget Work Session at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Isaiah Scipio

City of Pickens
Work Session
Wednesday May 28, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Work Session. Agendas were posted and sent to media on May 22, 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member Allie Winter

Staff:

Administrator Tim O'Briant
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WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member John McManus gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR SCIPIO:

Mayor Scipio stated he understood the request for annexation is on the agenda realizes this is a difficult issue. However, Council is at a place where nothing can move forward on this project until the Council decides about annexation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Tim O'Briant informed the Mayor, Council, and the Public of the following items.

- Mr. O'Briant stated the 3.6 acres on Highway 178 that Council approved to purchase is under contract.
- 2023 Audit – Mr. O'Briant stated per Council's instructions, staff has been working diligently to determine the unreconciled amount of $157,000. To date it appears reconciliations were showing checks as far back as 2016. The CPA believes the finding is approximately $103,000 and leaves approximately a $50,000 difference. These funds could be on the utility side with erroneous water meter readings and reconciling the re-reads. The CPA and Finance staff are still working, and these findings have to go back through the Auditor. Mr.

O'Briant stated he wanted to update Council on this process as this is more positive than the last update Council received.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CITY ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL SERVICES:

Mayor Scipio read the contract and called for a motion.

>>Council Member John McManus made the motion to approve the contract as presented. Council Member Ray Wilson seconded the motion.

During discussion, Council Member John McManus inquired about the code stating a (2) year appointment and the contract stating, "At Will." Mayor Scipio clarified that the Attorney is appointed by Council each election cycle. Council always has discretion to terminate the contract.

Council Member Floyd Rogers inquired about the paragraph regarding the fee for the paralegal and research services. Mr. Rogers stated it is not clear which hourly rate is being billed.

Administrator O'Briant stated since the attorney is not present, he would advise waiting for approval.

>>Council Member John McManus and Council Member Ray Wilson concurred and withdrew the motion.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 TO REZONE PROPERTY AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PICKENS. PARCEL # 4181-14-42-3651 815B WEST MAIN STREET:

Planning Director Jennifer Vissage stated this is a vacant property behind Butterfly Wellness located at 815 West Main Street and the owner would like to rezone from General Business to Residential R12. The Planning Commission did recommend the request.

During Council discussion, Council Member Allie Winter stated the language in the Ordinance is incorrect in Section (1) and should state "from GBD to R12. Council Member John McManus stated the Zoning Map looks as if this property is residential. Jennifer Vissiage stated that that map is incorrect. Council discussed the adjoining property of 807 West Main. Jennifer stated that it was residential but zoned GBD and was grandfathered. Council Member John McManus stated he would think the property on the front of West Main would all be commercial as it is worth more and may be difficult to change back in the future.

>>Motion was made by Council Member Allie Winter to rezone property #4181-14-42-3651 and amend Section (1) to state "from GBD to R12" Motion was seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers. All Council Members voted in favor with the exception of Council Member John McManus who opposed. Motion carried 5-1.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 TO ANNEX 215 ACRES LOCATED AT THE NORTHSIDE OF WOLF CREEK ROAD AND MAULDIN LAKE ROAD, PARCEL # 4180-00-46-1109:

>>Motion was by Council Member Floyd Rogers to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance to provide for the annexation of property owned by Eddie Dean Holder, trustee, of the Eddie Dean Holder revocable trust dated march 22, 2018, as amended located at the intersection of Mauldin Lake Road and Wolf Creek School Road (tax map parcel # 4180-00-46-1109) by one hundred percent petition method pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code section 5-3-150(3); and to establish a zoning classification to be determined upon a recommendation from the Planning Commission and subsequent City Council action for said properties with Second Reading approval contingent upon the following conditions precedent:

- The execution of a fully executed development agreement in recordable form pursuant to the statutory requirements of S.C. Code Section 6-31-10 et seq. between the City and the developer that requires and is subject to among other things,

approved building standards, density limitations, landscaping, sufficient ingress and egress, and other elements of the proposed development, including the provision of utilities and that the development agreement be perpetual and binding upon all successors in interest to the development agreement.

>>Motion was seconded by Council Member Allie Winter.

During Council discussions, Council Member John McManus stated he wanted to reiterate this is not a final decision on this request for annexation and the subsequent development of the property. This is an important step to getting answers to many questions that still remain extremely important as to the City's ability to provide the proper services. This is a process that must take place in order for answers to be provided.

Council Member Allie Winter concurred with Mr. McManus and stated she continues to have questions and seek factual information daily. Ms. Winter stated that she was able to locate the Right of Way and Sewer Easement, which was a concern. Ms. Winter stated this was the next step in order to have the Planning Commission and Administrator provide accurate information involving utilities and other important information.

Council Member Floyd Rogers stated this issue has been discussed for almost (2) years. It is time to obtain accurate information from the Planning Commission, Utilities, and the Developer. Mr. Rogers stated he would not be in favor of a final reading until information is provided.

Council Member Cameron Rivers stated he would not be in favor at this time because he has tried to seek information on various items and he has not been provided with the information. Mr. Rivers stated the process of going to the Planning Commission and obtaining the development agreement may change his views, but at this time he stated he does not have enough of the data he has inquired about.

Mayor Scipio stated he tabled this annexation request and dealt with the hostility from that action. Mayor Scipio stated as the Mayor he is trying to move this forward in the direction that all of Council has echoed, and that is the fact that more information is needed, and this is the process to obtain the information to know the advantages or disadvantages of the proposed project.

>>Mayor Scipio stated there is a motion on the floor and hearing no further discussion called for the vote. Mayor Scipio, Council Member Allie Winter, Council Member Floyd Rogers, Council Member John McManus, and Council Member Ray Wilson voted in favor of a First Reading. Council Member Cameron Rivers opposed. Motion carried 5-1.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Mayor Scipio stated his gratitude for the Council's perseverance with this issue, and he knows this has been difficult.

Council Member Floyd Rogers asked about next budget work session. It was determined the next budget work session will be at 9:00 a.m. on June 4, 2025.

Tim O'Briant recommended that Council email with specific questions or recommendations regarding the FY 2025/26 Budget so staff can provide information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Ray Wilson, seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Mayor Isaiah Scipio

City of Pickens
FY 2025 /2026 Budget Work Session
Wednesday June 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Budget Work Session. A Notice was posted and sent to media on May 30, 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member Allie Winter

Staff:

Administrator Tim O'Briant
Finance Director, Mandy Hess
Chief of Police, Randal Beach
Chief of Fire, Chris Elrod
Public Works Director, Trey Adams
Recreation Director, Jonathan Morris

(The Pickens City Council convened to discuss the FY 2025/2026 Budget Ordinance. The Council spoke with staff as it relates to the Budget, and no votes were noted with the exception of the vote to amend the agenda and to adjourn. A full recording of this work session is available in the Clerk's office)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the Budget Work Session to order. Mayor Scipio gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked to amend the agenda to discuss the Item #2 first.

>>Council Member John McManus amended the agenda to reflect discussing item # 2 first. Council Member Allie Winter gave the second and all voted in favor.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL'S REQUIRED CONDITIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE EVENTUAL SECOND READING OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PARCEL #4180-00-46-1109 AND REQUIRED CHANGES TO ZONING CODE:

(original parcel number on the agenda was incorrect, Council Member John McManus did make the correction)

Council discussed the following items

- Obtain information regarding utilities, both water and electricity
- Develop agreement language, community character
- Planning commission will be discussing changes to zoning code regarding large land annexations/planned development both commercial and residential
- Planning development will come back before Council.

- Refine impact fee charge for development

DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2025/26 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02:

Council held open discussions as it relates to the FY 2025/2026 Budget. The focus was on the Revenue side of the budget. Mr. O'Briant went over revisions as it relates to previous budget work sessions.

- Pickens County Assessor has updated mill value, thus if the City stays with 86.3 mills, this will realize a $150,000 increase.
- Fire Department fees currently bring in $200,000; estimated revenues from budgeting assessed value is $480,000. (current department operation is $1M)
- FEMA reimbursement from Hurricane Helene has been reduced to $150,000.

Council received a complete packet with the revenue summary to include the proposed changes, General and Utility Fund reserves, and estimated assessment information.

Council requested staff to come back with information regarding the position of Code Enforcement. Council discussed the need for enforcement in Business License, Hospitality, and Property issues. Staff and Council discussed the need for (2) positions.

Council was updated on a donor that will be making donations for materials for the baseball field.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member John McManus, seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned from the Budget Work Session at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Isaiah Scipio

City of Pickens
FY 2025 /2026 Budget Work Session
Wednesday June 11, 2025
9:00 a.m.

The Mayor Pro-tem and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Budget Work Session. A Notice was posted and sent to media on June 5 , 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member Allie Winter
Absent, Mayor Scipio
Absent, Clerk, Donna Owen

Staff:

Administrator Tim O'Briant
Finance Director, Mandy Hess
Public Works Director, Trey Adams
Recreation Director, Jonathan Morris

(The Pickens City Council convened to discuss the FY 2025/2026 Budget Ordinance. The Council spoke with staff as it relates to the Budget, and no votes were noted with the exception of the vote to adjourn. A full recording of this work session is available in the Clerk's office)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem, Cameron Rivers called the Budget Work Session to order. Council Member Floyd Rogers gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2025/26 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02:

Council held open discussions as it relates to the FY 2025/2026 Budget.

- Council was positive regarding the progress examining the unreconciled FY2023 audit balance, but desired additional funds be set aside in the event additional forensic audit is needed.
- Discussed addition of two codes compliance positions instead of original one. New structure would focus one on revenue codes compliance and the other on property maintenance and nuisance abatement to ensure clear mission for each and measurable results. Both would be class 3 officers with appropriate law enforcement training and powers.
- Discussed fire fees and the disparity between higher rates paid outside the city by county residents for fire service. Discussed changing fire fee structure to base it on assessed property values instead of existing flat fee and requested staff explore and provide additional information for consideration.

- Discussed reduction of expected FEMA reimbursement from hurricane Helene from $475,000 to $150,000 to ensure limited budget impact if anticipated funds fail to materialize.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Ray Wilson , seconded by Council Member Allie Winter , and unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned from the Budget Work Session at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Isaiah Scipio

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF PICKENS)

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
FOR CITY ATTORNEY

THIS AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the City of Pickens, SC (hereinafter called "Client") and Daniel R. Hughes, Attorney at Law, with the law firm of Duggan & Hughes, LLC being duly licensed to practice law in the State of South Carolina. The Effective Date of this Contract shall be July 1, 2025.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Pickens Ordinance Sec. 2-141 and S.C. Code §5-7-30, the Pickens City Council has the authority to appoint a city attorney; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Pickens Ordinance Sec. 2-143, " [i]t shall be the duty of the City Attorney to enter appearances in all actions, cases and special proceedings and to conduct all suits in all courts in which the city is or shall be a party, to investigate titles and to give opinions on questions of law when requested to do so by the Council or Mayor;" and,

WHEREAS, the Pickens City Council appointed Daniel R. Hughes as City Attorney on August 17, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Pickens City Council desires to renew its employment contract with the City Attorney pursuant to the terms contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Client agrees to and hereby does retain Daniel R. Hughes with the law firm of Duggan & Hughes, LLC to act as its City Attorney to represent its interests and carry out the duties of the City Attorney described above.

2. The City Attorney hereby agrees to bill for services rendered at an hourly rate of $250.00 for each hour or portion expended on the Client's behalf, plus all costs and expenses incurred on the Client's behalf, including copying costs and postage. Work performed by a paralegal will be billed at $85.00 for each hour or portion expended on the Client's behalf. This fee will include time for conferences, telephone calls, legal research, and any necessary court appearances or investigative time expended on the Client's behalf.

3. The City Attorney agrees to attend the work session meeting (Fourth Monday of each month) unless excused by Council.

4. The City Attorney shall represent the City in the prosecution of its criminal case jury trials upon request.

5. Client will receive a detailed statement at the end of each month, outlining the

time spent and the expenses incurred on its behalf.

6. The City Attorney serves at the pleasure of the City Council. City Council, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract at any time.

7. The City Attorney may terminate this Contract by providing Client with at least ninety (90) days written notice.

CLIENT: CITY OF PICKENS, SC

By: Isaiah Scipio, Mayor

CITY ATTORNEY:

Daniel R. Hughes

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Administrator
Tim O'Briant
City Clerk
DONNA F. OWEN

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Tim O'Briant, City Administrator
Date: June 19, 2025
Subject: FY 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Public Hearing and Second Reading

This memorandum serves as a formal reminder that Ordinance No. 2025-02, titled *"An Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Pickens, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026,"* is scheduled for public hearing and second reading at the next regular meeting of City Council.

The ordinance was given first reading approval on May 28, 2025, and proposes the adoption of the full FY 2025-2026 budget, including millage, utility rates, fees, and charges across all departments and services. A complete copy of the ordinance, inclusive of all schedules and rates, has been made available for public review and comment in accordance with state law.

Council's consideration at second reading will finalize the annual financial plan and authorize implementation effective July 1, 2025.

Please be prepared for public comment and any final amendments Council may wish to offer prior to adoption.

Respectfully,
Tim O'Briant
City Administrator

ORDINANCE No: 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, Subsection 3 of Section 5-7-260 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, requires that a municipal council shall act by ordinance to levy taxes and adopt a budget pursuant to public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled, that the following provisions are hereby adopted and enacted:

SECTION 1. A tax to cover the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, both inclusive and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, for the use and service thereof; i.e., a tax of $86.30 on every thousand dollars ($1,000.00) in assessed value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Pickens, South Carolina, except as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Pickens, South Carolina, for the corporate purposes, permanent improvements, current expenses and the payment of interest and retirement of outstanding bonds and debts of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, making a total levy of eighty-six and three tenths (86.3) mills for tax purposes. Such tax is levied on such property as is assessed by the Pickens County Tax Assessor for County and State purposes.

SECTION 2. The total revenues and expenditures, by fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, are as follows:

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	Net
General Fund	$6,122,208.98	$6,122,208.98	$0.00
Utility Fund	$4,360,027.00	$4,360,027.00	$0.00
Hospitality Fund	$600,000.00	$600,000.00	$0.00
Victim's Advocate Fund	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	$0.00
Special Police Fund	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$0.00
Total City Budget	$11,097,235.98	$11,097,235.98	$0.00

The prepared budget and the estimated revenue for the payment of the same is hereby adopted and made a part hereof as if fully incorporated herein, and, a copy of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Pickens, South Carolina, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. SCHEDULE OF FIRE FEES. The Fire Fees as established, approved and adopted by City Council for fiscal year 2025-2026, are as follows:

(a) There shall be charged annually to each owner of real property for each tax parcel constituting real property a fire protection services fee as set forth in this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, real property means any parcel of real property designated as a separate tax parcel by Pickens County, South Carolina which is located in the City of Pickens, South Carolina which is subject to ad valorem property taxes, tax-exempt property, or which is subject to payment of fees-in-lieu of ad valorem property taxes pursuant to S.C. Code 1976, §§ 4-1-170, 4-12-10 et seq., 4-29-67, or 12-44-10 et seq., as amended.

(c) The fire protection services fee shall appear as a separate line item on each ad valorem property tax bill (or, if applicable, the fee-in-lieu of ad valorem property tax bill) issued with respect to real property. If required, tax-exempt properties not receiving an ad valorem tax bill from the Pickens County Treasurer's office will be billed directly by the City of Pickens Finance Department.

(d) All fire fees collected shall be segregated in the City of Pickens General Fund and be used solely to fund the operational and capital needs of the Pickens Fire Department required to provide the highest level of fire protection.

(e) The amount of the fire protection services fee for each tax parcel shall be determined based on the classification of the real property for ad valorem property tax purposes as set forth in the table below:

Fire Protection Services Fee

- Regardless of assessed value, there shall be a minimum Fire Services Protection Fee of $131.25.

- Multi-family residential apartment complexes shall be charged $131.25 for 1-3 units and $75 for each unit over three.

- Real Property assessed value (4%, 6%, 10.5% based on property classification) multiplied by 4%

SECTION 4. SCHEDULE OF RECREATION FEES. The Recreation Fees as established, approved and adopted by City Council for fiscal year 2025-2026, are as follows:

Schedule of Recreation Facility Fees

Single Gym Fees

Hours	Cost	Clean Up Fee	Total
2	$80.00	$50.00	$130.00
3	$120.00	$50.00	$170.00
4	$160.00	$50.00	$210.00

5	$190.00	$50.00	$240.00
6	$220.00	$50.00	$270.00
7	$250.00	$50.00	$300.00
8	$280.00	$50.00	$330.00

Notes: 2 Hour Minimum; Maximum Daily Fee is $330.00

Double Gym Fees (2 Gyms Rented Simultaneously)

Hours	Cost	Clean Up Fee	Total
2	$120.00	$60.00	$160.00
3	$200.00	$60.00	$260.00
4	$300.00	$60.00	$360.00
5	$300.00	$60.00	$460.00
6	$400.00	$60.00	$560.00
7	$600.00	$60.00	$660.00
8	$600.00	$60.00	$660.00

Notes: 2 Hour Minimum; Maximum Daily Fee is $525.00

Multi-Day Discount for Gym Fees

Days	Discount
2	10%
3	20%
4	30%
5 or More	40%

Notes: No Discount on Clean-Up Fee; Charged Only Once for Multi-days; User is Responsible for Daily Cleanup

Multi-Purpose Room Fees (Each Room)

$20.00 Per Hour (or part of an hour) plus a $15.00 Clean-Up Fee; Maximum Fee for Daily Rental is $135.00

Soccer Field or Baseball Field Rentals

$20.00 an hour without lights or $30.00 an hour with lights

Batting Cages

$10.00/hour

Large Picnic Pavilion

$20.00/hour + $20.00 clean up fee

Small Picnic Pavilion

$10.00/hour + $20.00 clean up fee

See Parks and Recreation for any additional fee schedules.

Schedule of Bruce Stadium Facility Fees

Stadium Fee

Hours	Cost	Clean Up Fee	Total
2	$80.00	$75.00	$155.00
3	$120.00	$75.00	$195.00
4	$160.00	$75.00	$235.00
5	$190.00	$75.00	$265.00
6	$220.00	$75.00	$295.00
7	$250.00	$75.00	$325.00
8	$280.00	$75.00	$355.00

Notes: 2 Hour Minimum. Includes use of restrooms only. Please be aware the large field lights are not available. Clean up fee may be waived if inspected by City Staff and determined to be in clean condition.

Schedule of Pickens Amphitheater Facility Fees

Pickens Amphitheater Fee

Hours	Cost
2	$100.00
3	$150.00
4	$200.00
5	$250.00
6	$300.00
7	$350.00
8	$400.00

Notes: 2 Hour Minimum. Clean up fee may be waived if inspected by City Staff and determined to be in clean condition.

Schedule of Recreation Fees

Youth Sports Fees

Sport	In City	Out of City
Football/Cheerleading	$50.00	$60.00
Fall Soccer	$50.00	$60.00
Basketball	$50.00	$60.00
Volleyball	$50.00	$60.00
Spring Soccer	$50.00	$60.00
Baseball/Softball	$50.00	$60.00
Volleyball Camp	$50.00	$60.00

Notes: (1) Additional $5.00 for XL or Larger Jersey; (2) Head Coach Discount is $20.00 & is Paid at the End of the Season

Summer Camps

Summer Camp	1st Child	2nd Child

Full Week	$125.00	$100.00
½ Week (2 Days)	$50.00	$50.00 (no discount)
Registration Fees	$25.00* (one time fee for t-shirt & snacks)	

Notes: * $10.00 Registration Late Fee (if paid after the due date)

Adult Coed Volleyball (21 or Older)

Adult Coed Volleyball	In City	Out of City
Per Couple	$100.00	$120.00
Per Person	$50.00	$60.00

Notes: (1) Additional $5.00 for XL or Larger Jersey

SECTION 5. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING AND ZONING FEES. The fees for Planning and Zoning as established, approved and adopted for fiscal year 2025-2026, are as follows:

Schedule of Planning and Zoning Fees

Activity	**Fee**
Temporary Sign	$10
Grand Opening Temporary Sign	$0 for 60 days for grand openings
Permanent Sign/ Application to B.A.R.	$25
Zoning Compliance Letter	$10
Zoning Appeal	$50
Variance	$50
Home Occupation Application	$50
Rezoning	$50
Facade Improvement Application	$25

SECTION 6. SCHEDULE OF SANITATION FEES. The Sanitation Fees as established, approved and adopted for fiscal year 2025-2026, are as follows:

	Inside City	Outside City*
Residential	$17.00 per month	$28.50 per month
Commercial Light	$50.00 per month	$75.00 per month
Commercial Heavy	$117.50 per month	$273.75 per month

* New outside city sanitation customers must be pre-approved by Public Works Director or City Administrator based upon proximity of current customers and availability of staff & resources.

SECTION 7. SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES. The Water and Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges for fiscal year 2025-2026, are as follows:

Capital Improvements Fee – Beginning July 1, 2021, the City of Pickens will charge a $5 per month Capital Improvements Fee per meter. The fee will be used to make needed infrastructure improvements to the City's water distribution system.

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—3/4" Meter (Primarily Residential)

¾" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$27.50 per month	$47.50 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$24.50 per month	$72.45 per month
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$52.00 per month	$119.95 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$5.25 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	$10.00 per unit

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—1" Meter

1" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$29.50 per month	$69.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$29.50 per month	$72.45 per month
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$59.00 per month	$141.45 per month

Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$4.15 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	$10.35 per unit

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—1.5" Meter

1.5" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$61.50 per month	$92.25 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$61.50 per month	$124.20 per month
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$123.00 per month	$297.20 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	$10.35 per unit

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—2" Meter

2" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$94.00 per month	$141.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$94.00 per month	$181.15 per month
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$188.00 per month	$322.15 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$5.25 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	$10.35 per unit

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—3" Meter

3" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$194.00 per month	$291.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$194.00 per month	N/A
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$388.00 per month	N/A

Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$5.25 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	N/A

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—4" Meter

4" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$294.00 per month	$441.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$294.00 per month	N/A
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$588.00 per month	N/A
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$4.00 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	N/A

Water & Sewer Base Rate & Usage Charges—6" Meter

6" Meter	Inside City	Outside City
Water Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$588.00 per month	$608.00 per month
Sewer Base Rate—up to 3000 Gallons	$588.00 per month	N/A
Water & Sewer Base Rate up to 3000 Gallons	$1,176.00 per month	N/A
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$3.50 per unit	$5.25 per unit
Sewer—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$4.10 per unit	N/A

Water Base Rate & Usage Charges—Wholesale Meter (Reseller of City Water)

Wholesale Meter	Wholesale Customer
4" Water Base Rate--up to 50,000 Gallons	$304.30 per month
6" Water Base Rate--up to 50,000 Gallons	$608.60 per month
Water—Additional 1000 Gallon Units	$1.40 per unit

Water & Sewer Tap Fees

	Inside City	Outside City
Water Tap Fee 5/8" x 3/4"	$1800.00	$2,200.00
Water Tap Fee 1"	$2,400.00	$2,800.00
Sewer Tap Fee 1"	$1,500.00+	1500.00+

Fees for taps greater than 1" are priced on a case by case basis.

Miscellaneous Water & Sewer Fees—All Customers (Inside & Outside City)

Deposit--Property Owner	N/A
Deposit--Non Property Owner (applied/refunded when deactivated)	$100.00
Connection (establishing account)	$30.00
Transfer Service (within our service area)	$30.00
Sprinkler Fee	.10 per head
Meter Testing (refunded if meter is defective)	$50.00
Late Fee	$5.00
Penalty for Non-Payment (may waive twice per calendar year)	$50.00
Extensions—Each customer is allowed two (2) extensions per calendar year when made prior to cutoff. (cannot be extended further than the following bills due date)	N/A
Non-Sufficient Check or Bank Draft Penalty	$30.00
Moving Meter for Customer	City's Cost ($500 cap)

SECTION 8. SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS LICENSE RATES. FEES AND CHARGES. The Business License Rates, Fees, and Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, are as follows:

RATE CLASS	INCOME: 0 - $2000 MINIMUM FEE	ALL OVER $2000 Rate per Thousand or fraction thereof
1	$30 .00	$0.85
2	$35 .00	$0.90
3	$40 .00	$0.95
4	$45 .00	$1.00
5	$50 .00	$1.05
6	$55 .00	$1.10
7	$60 .00	$1.15
8.1	$35 .00	$1.10
8.1A	$70.00	$2.30
8.2	$500 set by State statute	
8.3	MASC Telecommunications	
8.4	See individual	See individual
8.5	$30 .00	$.60

8.6	$45 .00	$1.50
8.6A	$25 .00	$1.50
8.7	MASC Insurance	
8.8A	$12.50 + $12.50 per machine	
8.8B	$ 75.00	$3.50
8.8C	$12.50 + $180.00 per machine	
8.9	See individual	See individual
8.10	$100 .00 + $5.00 per table	$1.30

NON-RESIDENT RATES

Unless otherwise specifically provided, all minimum fees and rates shall be doubled for nonresidents and itinerants having no fixed principal place of business within the municipality.

DECLINING RATES

Declining Rates do not apply.

CLASS 8 RATES

Each NAICS Number designates a separate sub classification. The businesses in this section are treated as separate and individual subclasses due to provisions of State law, regulatory requirements, service burdens, tax equalization considerations, etc., which are deemed to be sufficient to require individually determined rates. Non-resident rates do not apply except where indicated.

NAICS 230000 - Contractors, Construction, All Types

8.1 - Having permanent place of business within the municipality
Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $35.00 PLUS
Each additional 1,000 ..... $1.21

8.1A – Having no permanent place of business within the municipality
Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $70.00 PLUS
Each additional $1,000 ..... $2.53
(non-resident double rates do not apply)

A trailer at the construction site, or structure in which the contractor temporarily resides is not a permanent place of business under this ordinance.

The total fee for the full amount of the contract shall be paid prior to commencement of work and shall entitle contractor to complete the job without regard to the normal license expiration date. An amended report shall be filed for each new job and the appropriate additional license fee

per $1,000 of the contract amount shall be paid prior to commencement of new work. Only one base fee shall be paid in a calendar year.

No contractor shall be issued a business license until all state and municipal qualification examination and trade license requirements have been met. Each contractor shall post a sign in plain view on each job identifying the contractor with the job.

Sub-contractors shall be licensed on the same basis as general or prime contractors for the same job. No deductions shall be made by a general or prime contractor for value of work performed by a sub-contractor.

No contractor shall be issued a business license until all performance and indemnity bonds required by the Building Code have been filed and approved. Zoning permits must be obtained when required by the Zoning Ordinance.

Each prime contractor shall file with the License Official a list of sub-contractors furnishing labor or materials for each project.

8.2 - NAICS 482 - Railroad Companies -(See S.C. Code § 12-23-210]

For the first 1000 inhabitants of the City $500.00

[2000 census population: 3012 . Fee = $ 500]

8.3 - NAICS 5171, 5172 – Telephone Companies:

a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Business License Ordinance, the business license tax for "retail telecommunications services", as defined in S. C. Code Section 58-9-2200, shall be at the maximum rate authorized by S. C. Code Section 58-9-2220, as it now provides or as provided by amendment. The business license tax year shall begin on January 1 of each year. The rate for the 2005 business license tax year shall be the maximum rate allowed by State law in effect on February 1, 2005. Declining rates shall not apply.

b. In conformity with S.C. Code Section 58-9-2220, the business license tax for "retail telecommunications services" shall apply to the gross income derived from the sale of retail telecommunications services for the preceding calendar or fiscal year which either originate or terminate in the municipality and which are charged to a service address within the municipality regardless of where these amounts are billed or paid and on which a business license tax has not been paid to another municipality. The measurement of the amounts derived from the retail sale of mobile telecommunications services shall include only revenues from the fixed monthly recurring charge of customers whose service address is within the boundaries of the municipality. For a business in operation for less than one year, the amount of business license tax shall be computed on a twelve-month projected income.

c. For the year 2005, the business license tax for "retail telecommunications services" shall be due on February 1, 2005, and payable by February 28, 2005, without penalty. For years after 2005, the business license tax for "retail telecommunications services" shall be due on January 1 of each year and payable by January 31 of that year, without penalty.

d. The delinquent penalty shall be five percent (5 %) of the tax due for each month, or portion thereof, after the due date until paid.

e. Exemptions in the business license ordinance for income from business in interstate commerce are hereby repealed. Properly apportioned gross income from interstate commerce shall be included in the gross income for every business subject to a business license tax.

f. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to interfere with continuing obligations of any franchise agreement or contractual agreement in the event that the franchise or contractual agreement should expire after December 31, 2003.

g. All fees collected under such a franchise or contractual agreement expiring after December 31, 2003, shall be in lieu of fees or taxes which might otherwise be authorized by this Ordinance.

h. As authorized by S. C. Code Section 5-7-300, the Agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina for collection of current and delinquent license taxes from telecommunications companies pursuant to S. C. Code Section 58-9-2200 shall continue in effect. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Agreement, for the year 2005, the Municipal Association of South Carolina is authorized to collect current and delinquent license taxes, in conformity with the due date and delinquent date for 2005 as set out in this Ordinance and is further authorized, for the year 2005, to disburse business license taxes collected, less the service agreed charge, to this municipality on or before April 1, 2005, and thereafter as remaining collections permit.

NAICS 22112 - Electric Power Distribution ..... See Consent or Franchise

NAICS 22121 - Natural Gas Distribution ..... See Consent or Franchise

NAICS 517110 - Television, Cable or Pay,
Services using public streets ..... See Franchise

8.4 - Cable television services not using public streets:
Minimum on first $2,000 ..... See Franchise
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 See Franchise

8.4 - NAICS 423930 - Junk or Scrap Dealers [Non-resident rates apply]
Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $100.00 PLUS

Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 ..... $5.50

8.4 - NAICS 522298 - Pawn Brokers - All Types

Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $200.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 ..... $2.20

8.5 - NAICS 4411, 4412 - Automotive, Motor Vehicles, Boats, Farm Machinery, Retail

(except auto supply stores - see 4413)
Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $30.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 ..... $.66

One sales lot not more than 400 feet from the main showroom may be operated under this license provided that proceeds from sales at the lot are included in gross receipts at the main office when both are operated under the same name and ownership.

Gross receipts for this classification shall include value of trade-ins. Dealer transfers or internal repairs on resale items shall not be included in gross income.

NAICS 454390 - Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door-To-Door Sales, direct retail sales of merchandise. [Non-resident rates apply]

8.6 - Regular activities [more than two sale periods of more than three days each per year]

Minimum on first $2,000..... $45.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000..... $1.65

8.6A- Seasonal activities [not more than two sale periods of not more than three days each year, separate license required for each sale period]

Minimum on first $2,000..... $25.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000..... $1.65

Applicant for a license to sell on private property must provide written authorization from the property owner to use the intended location.

8.7- NAICS 5241 Insurance Companies:

Except as to fire insurance, "gross premiums" means gross premiums collected on policies on property or risks located in the municipality, or on policies, wherever the insured property or risk is located, that are sold, solicited, negotiated, taken, transmitted, received, delivered, applied for, produced or serviced by the insurance company's office located in the municipality or by the insurance company's employee doing business within the municipality or by the office of the insurance company's licensed or appointed producer (agent) located in the municipality or by the insurance company's licensed or appointed producer (agent) doing business within the municipality. As to fire insurance, "gross premiums" means gross premiums collected through an office or agent located in the municipality, wherever the risk is located, or realized from risks located within the limits of the municipality, wherever the premiums are collected.

Gross premiums shall include new and renewal business without deductions for any dividend, credit, return premiums or deposit.

Solicitation for insurance, receiving or transmitting an application or policy, examination of a risk, collection or transmitting of a premium, adjusting a claim, delivering a benefit, or doing any act in connection with a policy or claim shall constitute doing business within the municipality whether or not an office is maintained therein. A premium collected on property or a risk located within the municipality shall be deemed to have been collected within the municipality. Declining rates shall not apply.

NAICS 52411 - Life, Health and Accident ..... 0.75% of Gross Premiums

NAICS 524126 - Fire and Casualty (Licensed in SC) ..... 2% of Gross Premiums

NAICS 524127 - Title Insurance ..... 2% of Gross Premiums

NAICS 524210 - Brokers for Fire & Casualty Insurers - non-admitted:

As to brokers for non-admitted fire and casualty insurers, "gross premiums" means gross premiums collected by or for fire and casualty insurers not licensed in South Carolina (1) on policies on property or risks located in the municipality and/or (2) on policies, wherever the insured property or risk is located, that are sold, solicited, negotiated, taken, transmitted, received, delivered, applied for, produced or serviced by a broker located in or doing business within the municipality. Brokers shall provide, with their payment of the tax, a copy of a report showing the locations of the property or risks insured

2% of Gross Premiums

[Premiums for non-admitted business are not included in broker's gross commissions for other business.]

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, license taxes for insurance companies and brokers for non-admitted fire and casualty insurers shall be payable on or before May 31 in each year without penalty. The penalty for delinquent payments shall be 5% of the tax due per month, or portion thereof, after the due date until paid.

Any exemptions in the business license ordinance for income from business in interstate commerce are hereby repealed. Gross income from interstate commerce shall be included in the gross income for every business subject to a business license tax.

The Agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina, pursuant to S. C. Code Section 5-7-30, for collection of current and delinquent license taxes from insurance companies and brokers for non-admitted fire and casualty insurers shall continue in effect.

NAICS 713120 - Amusement Machines, coin operated (except gambling) -

Music machines, juke boxes, kiddy rides, video games, pin tables with levers, and other amusement machines with or without free play feature licensed by SC Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code §12-21-2720(A)(1) and (A)(2)- **[Type I and Type II]**

8.8A - Operator of machine .....$13.75/machine, PLUS $13.75 business license for operation of all machines (not on gross income). [§12-21-2746]

8.8B -. Distributor selling or leasing machines (not licensed by the State as an operator pursuant to § 12-21-2728) - [Nonresident rates apply.] -

Minimum on first $2,000 .....$75.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 ..... $3.85

8.8C NAICS 713290 - Amusement Machines, coin operated, non-payout -

Amusement machines of the non-payout type or in-line pin game licensed by SC Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code § 12-21-2720(A)(3) -**[Type 1111 8.8C** -.

Operator of machine (owner of business) $13.75

business license for operation of all machines (not on gross income). [§ 12-21-2720(B)]

8.8B -. Distributor selling or leasing machines (not licensed by the State as an operator pursuant to § 12-21-2728) - [Nonresident rates apply.] -

Minimum on first $2,000 .....$75.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 ..... $3.85

8.9 - NAICS 713290 - Bingo halls, parlors -

Minimum on first $2,000 .....$75.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000..... $3.85

8.9 - NAICS 711190 - Carnivals and Circuses -

Minimum on first $2,000 .....$75.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 ..... $1.43

8.9 - NAICS 722410 - Drinking Places, bars, lounges, cabarets -

(Alcoholic beverages consumed on premises)

Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $100.00 PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 .....$2.00
License must be issued in the name of the individual who has been issued a State ABC license and will have actual control and management of the business.

8.10 - NAICS 713990 - Billiard or Pool Rooms, all types $5.00 stamp/table PLUS

Minimum on first $2,000 ..... $100.00
..... PLUS
Per $1,000, or fraction, over $2,000 .....$1.43

The prepared budget and the estimated revenue for the payment of the same for business licenses are in accordance with the classifications established in the latest edition of the *United States North American Industry Classification System Manual* (NAICS codes).

The Business License Ordinance of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, is hereby amended at Rate Class 8.9 to provide that the rates for "Drinking Places, bars, lounges, & cabarets" shall be established at $100.00 for the first $2000.00 of gross income, and then $2.00 per $1000.00 of gross income or portion thereof thereafter.

SECTION 9. By mutual agreement between the City of Pickens, South Carolina, and Pickens County, South Carolina, Pickens County will bill and collect the taxes enumerated herein and pay the same over to the treasury of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, in the manner as agreed by both parties. The billing dates, the penalty dates and the amount of the penalty which shall be levied for delinquent taxes shall be the same as those adopted by Pickens County. The City Administrator shall inform the Pickens County Tax Collector, or such other officer of Pickens County as designated or may be appropriate, to levy such ad valorem millage as established in this budget document, and to set the Local Option Sales Tax credit factor to achieve the goals as established herein.

SECTION 10. The City Administrator shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget as established by City Council.

SECTION 11. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict or inconsistency.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

INTRODUCED the ___ day of _____, 2025.

DONE the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Mayor

Council Member	Council Member
Council Member	Council Member
Council Member	Council Member

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Pickens City Council will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026. The public hearing will be held on June 23, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Location: Council Chambers, Pickens City Hall, 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens, SC.

General Fund:

Projected Current Fiscal Year Financial Sources 2024-2025	Projected Financial Sources 2025-2026	Percentage Change In Financial Resources	Current Fiscal Year Millage
$5,316,790.71	$6,122,208.98	15.15%	86.3 Mills

Projected Current Fiscal Year Expenditures 2024-2025	Projected Expenditures 2025-2026	Percetage Change In Expenditures	Estimated Millage for 2025-2026
$5,316,790.21	$6,122,208.98	15.15%	86.3 Mills

Estimated Millage Equals $86.3 per $1,000

4% of assesed value of residential property (value X .04)0.0863
6% of assesed value of commericial property (value x .06)0.0863

Utility Fund:

Projected Current Fiscal Year Financial Sources 2024-2025	Projected Financial Sources 2025-2026	Percentage Change In Resources
$5,149,413.96	$ 4,360,027.00	-15.33%

Projected Current Fiscal Year Financial Sources 2024-2025	Projected Expenditures	Percentage Change In Expenditures
$5,149,413.96	$4,360,027.00	-15.33%

Total Projected 2025-2026 Budget			Restricted Reserves
Revenues	$	11,097,235.98	$2,126,987.92
Expenditures	$	11,097,235.98	

EXPENDITURE BUDGET VERSION REP
25-26 FY Budget

Account	24-25FY	FY25-26
4150 ADMINISTRATIVE		
10-4150-500 ADM. SALARIES	$ 147,074.18	$295,701.76
10-4150-500 CITY COUNCIL SALARY	$ 24,000.00	$24,000.00
10-4150-501 SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 10,918.18	$22,621.21
10-4150-502 RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$ 26,925.78	$55,043.07
10-4150-502 SCMIT (WORKERS	$ 5,000.00	$5,000.00
10-4150-502 SCMIRF (LIABILITY &	$ 37,857.84	$37,857.84
10-4150-503 UNEMPLOYMENT		
10-4150-503 HEALTH & LIFE	$20,775.54	$35,939.45
10-4150-507 Appreciation/Bonus	$450.00	$650.00
10-4150-600 YMCA MEMBERSHIPS		
10-4150-600 SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL	$ 40,000.00	$ 30,000.00
10-4150-600 HARRIS SOFTWARE	$ 35,000.00	$20,000.00
10-4150-600 OFFICE SUPPLIES &	$ 5,500.00	$5,500.00
10-4150-601 PLANNING EXPENSES	$ 30,000.00	$30,000.00
10-4150-601 BUILDING REPAIRS &	$ 15,000.00	$6,410.10
10-4150-602 TRAINING/DEVELOPME	$ 12,000.00	$10,000.00
10-4150-603 MAYOR & COUNCIL	$ 7,000.00	$6,000.00
10-4150-603 Sponsorships/Donations	$ 8,000.00	$14,000.00
10-4150-604 PRA'S MAIN STREET		
10-4150-605 OFFICE UTILITIES	$ 13,500.00	$14,000.00
10-4150-605 MAIN STREET WIFI		
10-4150-606 CHAMBER BLDG.		
10-4150-606 ELECTION EXPENSE		$10,000.00
10-4150-607 MEDIA ADVERTISING	$ 3,000.00	$3,000.00
10-4150-607 PROFESSIONAL FEES	$ 75,000.00	$100,000.00
10-4150-607 ACCOUNTING &	$ 50,000.00	$100,000.00

10-4150-607 ORDINANCE	$	10,000.00	$5,000.00
10-4150-608 CLEANING SERVICE &	$	6,000.00	$5,000.00
10-4150-608 BUSINESS LICENSE	$	5,000.00	$5,000.00
10-4150-609 MISCELLANEOUS	$	1,000.00	$100.00
10-4150-610 WELLNESS PROGRAM			
10-4150-611 NUISANCE ABATEMENT			
10-4150-618 PRE-EMPLOYMENT	$	50.00	
10-4150-618 PICKENS INNOVATION			
10-4150-641 BANK SERVICE CHARGES			
10-4150-801 HAGOOD CENTER			
10-4150-802 LEGACY SQUARE			
10-4150-802 SUNRISE CEMETERY			
10-4150-802 FEMA 4479 FEB 20			
10-4150-804 CONSTRUCTION IN			
10-4150-805 Department Contingency	$	9,906.00	$5,000.00
10-4150-805 WATER TOWER	$	25,000.00	
10-4150-806 New Website/Logo	$	30,000.00	$7,500.00
10-4150-806 CAP. ITEMS -			
10-4150-807 Design Improvements	$	5,000.00	
10-4150-807 CITY HALL			
10-4150-807 SENIOR CENTER			
10-4150-808 MISC. CAP.	$	47,203.38	$0.00
10-4150-850 GO BOND DEBT SERVICE-			
10-4150-850 GO BOND-DEBT SERVICE			
10-4150-850 CSI MAINTENANE SRV			
10-4150-905 Reserve Contribution	$	5,000.00	$0.00
4150 ADMINISTRATIVE Subtotal:		**$711,160.90**	**$853,323.43**

Hospitality Expenditures

	FY24-25	FY25-26
15-4150-500 SALARIES	$ 42,233.69	$44,446.93
15-4150-500 PART TIME SALARIES		
15-4150-501 OVERTIME	$ 819.00	$1,000.00
15-4150-501 SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 3,293.54	$3,467.37
15-4150-502 RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$ 10,690.59	$8,412.31
15-4150-502 SCMIT WORKERS COMP		$2,500.00
15-4150-503 HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$ 5,781.20	$5,441.80
15-4150-600 MAIN ST WIFI		
15-4150-600 HARRIS SOFTWARE	$ 1,000.00	$8,000.00
15-4150-600 OFFICE EXPENSES		
15-4150-605 MAIN ST WIFI CONNECTION	$ 1,500.00	$6,500.00
15-4150-605 MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	$ 10,000.00	$10,000.00
15-4150-607 TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL		
15-4150-630 DOWNTOWN	$5,000.00	$10,000.00
15-4150-632 AMPHITHEATER		
15-4150-632 PORTABLE TOILETS	$ 7,500.00	$15,000.00
15-4150-632 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	$ 2,000.00	$10,000.00
15-4150-641 BANK SERVICE FEES		
15-4150-690 ADMIN HOSP EXPENSE		
15-4150-696 MARKETING	$ 28,000.00	$28,000.00
15-4150-696 SENIOR CENTER	$ 10,000.00	$10,000.00
15-4150-696 MISC EXPENSES		
15-4150-696 MAIN STREET CHALLENGE		
15-4150-697 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS	$ 20,000.00	$25,000.00
15-4150-697 JULY 4TH FESTIVAL	$ 15,000.00	$18,000.00
15-4150-697 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	$ 10,000.00	$10,000.00
15-4150-697 DECORATIONS		
15-4150-698 CHAMBER EVENTS	$ 21,000.00	$30,000.00
15-4150-698 AMPHITHEATER MOVIES &		
15-4150-698 FARMERS MARKET		
15-4150-698 TRANSFER TO GF	$ 115,000.00	$228,800.00
15-4150-698 Transfer Bond Savings		
15-4150-699 SOCIAL MEDIA		
15-4150-699 AMPHITHEATER PATIO		
15-4150-805 Reserve Contribution	$ 70,082.82	
Consumer Fund Loan		$9,231.59
15-5000-850 2012 BOND	$315,887.00	
15-5000-8502	$280,094.00	
Add Account A-Tax		$16,200.00
15-5000-8507 TRANSFER TO GF	$225,118.16	
Teen Canteen Roof		$100,000.00
15-4150 Hospitality Total	**$ 1,200,000.00**	**$600,000.00**

EXPENDITURE BUDGET VERSION REPORT

25-26 FY Budget

Account Number/Description		FY24-25	**FY25-26**
4650 MUNICIPAL COURT			
10-4650-5000	MUNCIPAL COURT SALARIES	$ 49,753.60	$ 65,170.35
10-4650-5006	PART TIME JUDGE SALARY	$ 10,000.00	$ 12,000.00
10-4650-5010	Court Overtime	$ 2,000.00	$ -
10-4650-5015	SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 4,961.40	$ 5,903.54
10-4650-5020	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$ 11,794.44	$ 14,322.82
10-4650-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)	$ 1,175.26	$ 2,500.00
10-4650-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)		
10-4650-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$ 15,100.93	$ 18,001.53
10-4650-5070	APPRECIATION/BONUS	$ 165.00	$ 165.00
10-4650-6000	WELLNESS PROGRAM		
10-4650-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT	$ 500.00	$ 1,500.00
10-4650-6050	TRAINING/TRAVEL	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
10-4650-6095	MISC EXPENSE	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
10-4650-6185	TRAINING/COURT EXPENSES	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
10-4650-6195	WELLNESS PROGRAM		
10-4650-6335	JURORS EXPENSE	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
10-4650-6340	PUBLIC DEFENDER	$ 6,500.00	$ 5,000.00
	4650 MUNICIPAL COURT Subtotal:	**$117,950.63**	**$140,563.24**

EXPENDITURE BUDGET VERSION REPORT

25-26 FY Budget

Account Number/Description		FY24-25	FY25-26
4220 FIRE DEPARTMENT			
10-4220-5000	SALARIES FIREMEN	$ 300,818.00	$ 400,275.00
10-4220-5006	PART TIME SALARIES	$ 55,891.56	$ 59,220.00
10-4220-5010	OVERTIME	$ 41,617.35	$ 41,676.00
10-4220-5015	SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 33,229.83	$ 41,180.14
10-4220-5020	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT	$ 92,261.66	$ 114,335.45
10-4220-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)	$ 10,146.00	$ 11,441.23
10-4220-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$ 37,857.84	$ 37,857.84
10-4220-5030	UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE		
10-4220-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$ 82,591.49	$ 97,159.88
10-4220-5050	VOLUNTEER FIRE	$ 36,050.00	$ 37,131.50
10-4220-5070	APPRECIATION/BONUS	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00
10-4220-6000	WELLNESS PROGRAM	$ 1,500.00	$ -
10-4220-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
10-4220-6005	SUPPLIES-EXPENSE	$ 5,000.00	$ 6,000.00
10-4220-6015	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,500.00
10-4220-6016	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
10-4220-6025	MEMBERSHIP DUES	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00
10-4220-6050	ELECTRICITY - FIRE		
10-4220-6055	TELEPHONE - FIRE		
10-4220-6099	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,925.00
10-4220-6130	TRUCK EXPENSE	$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
10-4220-6135	FUEL	$ 10,000.00	$ 9,000.00
10-4220-6140	RADIO MAINTENANCE	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00
10-4220-6141	AIR PACK MAINT'N & SERVICE	$ 6,000.00	$ 7,000.00
10-4220-6155	FIREMEN UNIFORMS	$ 6,500.00	$ 7,000.00
10-4220-6157	TURN OUT GEAR	$ 36,000.00	$ 31,000.00
10-4220-6158	FIRE PREVENTION EXPENSES	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
10-4220-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
10-4220-6185	TRAINING EXPENSES	$ 5,500.00	$ 5,500.00
10-4220-6205	PHYSICALS	$ 5,000.00	$ 9,200.00
10-4220-6206	Electrical Repair to Building		
10-4220-6207	Captial Improvement		$ 34,078.34
10-4220-8050	Capital Improvement Plan	$ 46,398.22	$ 12,630.00
10-4220-9050	Fire Contingency	$ 11,724.00	$ 10,000.00
15-4220-6900	FIRE HOSP EXPENSE		
16-4220-6000	FIRE SPECIAL PROJECTS		
		$ 882,035.95	**$ 1,033,060.38**

	Requested
Salary/Benefits	$ 803,619.20
Operations	$ 172,732.84

	Capital	$ 34,078.34

6206 Capital Projects

Turtle Fire System (for electric car fires)	$ 3,477.50
RollnRack System (Rolling and loading hose safer	$ 9,970.00
(20) 72" water barricades to close Main St for events	$ 8,000.00
	$ 21,447.50

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10-4220-5020	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT	$ 92,261.66	$ 114,335.45
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10-4220-5050	VOLUNTEER FIRE	$ 36,050.00	$ 37,131.50
10-4220-5070	APPRECIATION/BONUS	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00
10-4220-6000	WELLNESS PROGRAM	$ 1,500.00	$ -
10-4220-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
10-4220-6005	SUPPLIES-EXPENSE	$ 5,000.00	$ 6,000.00
10-4220-6015	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,500.00
10-4220-6016	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
10-4220-6025	MEMBERSHIP DUES	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00
10-4220-6050	ELECTRICITY - FIRE		
10-4220-6055	TELEPHONE - FIRE		
10-4220-6099	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,925.00
10-4220-6130	TRUCK EXPENSE	$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
10-4220-6135	FUEL	$ 10,000.00	$ 9,000.00
10-4220-6140	RADIO MAINTENANCE	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00
10-4220-6141	AIR PACK MAINT'N & SERVICE	$ 6,000.00	$ 7,000.00
10-4220-6155	FIREMEN UNIFORMS	$ 6,500.00	$ 7,000.00
10-4220-6157	TURN OUT GEAR	$ 36,000.00	$ 31,000.00
10-4220-6158	FIRE PREVENTION EXPENSES	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
10-4220-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
10-4220-6185	TRAINING EXPENSES	$ 5,500.00	$ 5,500.00
10-4220-6205	PHYSICALS	$ 5,000.00	$ 9,200.00
10-4220-6206	Electrical Repair to Building		
10-4220-6207	Captial Improvement		$ 34,078.34
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25-26 FY Budget

Account Number/Description		24-25FY	FY25-26
4210 POLICE			
10-4210-5000	POLICE SALARY	$ 833,554.05	$1,036,421.49
10-4210-5006	POLICE PART TIME SALARIES	$ 37,437.92	$44,994.56
10-4210-5010	POLICE OVERTIME	$ 40,000.00	$40,000.00
10-4210-5015	EMPLOYER SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 65,059.43	$80,000.00
10-4210-5020	RETIREMENT EMPLOYER	$ 190,328.06	$217,652.44
10-4210-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)	$ 32,245.33	$32,245.33
10-4210-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$ 37,857.84	$37,857.84
10-4210-5030	UNEMPLOYMENT		
10-4210-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$ 91,253.27	$141,037.92
10-4210-5045	SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER		
10-4210-5070	APPRECIATION/BONUS	$ 2,000.00	$2,200.00
10-4210-6000	YMCA MEMBERSHIPS POLICE		
10-4210-6002	CENTRAL SQUARE		
10-4210-6005	SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	$ 10,000.00	$10,000.00
10-4210-6015	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	$ 1,000.00	$1,000.00
10-4210-6050	POLICE ELECTRICITY		
10-4210-6058	FIREARMS TRAINING/AMMO	$ 3,500.00	$3,500.00
10-4210-6075	PROFESSIONAL FEES	$ 2,900.00	$500.00
10-4210-6095	MISCELLANEOUS	$ 2,500.00	$2,000.00
10-4210-6099	PROPERTY RECOVERY CHARGES		
10-4210-6115	K-9	$ 4,000.00	
10-4210-6120	TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	$ 13,000.00	$12,394.69
10-4210-6125	TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE	$ 50,000.00	$35,000.00
10-4210-6127	DISPATCH CENTRAL SQUARE		$16,000.00
10-4210-6130	AUTOMOBILE EXPENSE	$ 45,000.00	$45,000.00
10-4210-6135	FUEL EXPENSE	$ 50,000.00	$50,000.00
10-4210-6140	RADIO MAINTENANCE	$ 1,500.00	$1,500.00
10-4210-6145	DISPATCH EXPENSE		$48,000.00
10-4210-6150	COMMUNITY EDUCATION	$ 3,500.00	$3,000.00
10-4210-6155	UNIFORMS	$ 7,000.00	$5,000.00
10-4210-6157	Shot Guns CIP		
10-4210-6160	HOUSING OF PRISONERS	$ 15,000.00	$10,000.00
10-4210-6180	PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING	$ 1,000.00	$1,000.00
10-4210-6181	ENTERPRISE LEASE EXPENSE		$102,000.00
10-4210-6182	VEHICLE PURCHASES (ARPA)		
10-4210-6183	Evidence Room / Evidence Supplies	$ 3,000.00	$2,000.00
10-4210-6184	Purchase of Evidence / Information		
10-4210-6185	TASER EQUIPMENT	$ 3,500.00	$3,000.00
10-4210-6190	VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	$ 15,000.00	$15,000.00
10-4210-6195	WELLNESS PROGRAM	$ 1,500.00	$0.00
10-4210-6500	TRANSFER TO POLICE FUND		

10-4210-8050	Capital Improvement Plan	$	46,398.25	
10-4210-9050	Police Contingency	$	23,545.00	$5,000.00
12-4210-6005	MISC EXPENSE--POLICE DRUG FUND	$	5,000.00	$2,500.00
12-4210-6010	MISC EXPENSE--POLICE CASH SEIZED			
12-4210-6015	MISC EXPENSE--DRUG INFORMANT FUND	$	5,000.00	$2,500.00
12-4210-6020	MISC EXPENSE--ALCOHOL INFORMANT			
12-4210-6025	MISC EXPENSE- K-9			
12-4210-6095	USE OF SPECIAL POLICE FUNDS			
12-4210-6500	TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND			
15-4210-6900	POLICE HOSP EXPENSE			
16-4210-6000	POLICE JAG GRANT			
16-4210-6001	POLICE SPECIAL PROJECTS			
	4210 POLICE Subtotal:	**$**	**1,642,579.15**	**$2,008,304.27**

Revenue Summary FY 25-26

GF	Revenue Source	FY 22 Budget	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget	FY 25 Budget	FY26 Budget	
	Accomodations Tax		$ 2,500.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 21,200.00	
	Aid to Subdivisions	$ 22,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$ 35,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	
	Business License	$ 665,000.00	$ 703,000.00	$ 705,000.00	$ 750,000.00	$ 850,000.00	
	Fire Fees	$ 200,000.00	$ 200,000.00	$ 206,731.30	$ 217,915.00	$ 600,000.00	
	Election Fees		$ 200.00	$ 500.00	$ -	$ 200.00	
	Franchise Fees	$ 345,000.00	$ 325,000.00	$ 350,000.00	$ 275,000.00	$ 485,000.00	
	Homestead Exemption Ta:	$ 44,000.00	$ 62,000.00	$48,000.00	$ 45,000.00	$ 47,000.00	
	Hospitality Tax Reimburse	$ 10,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 115,000.00	$ 115,000.00	$ 228,800.00	
	Local Government Fund	$ 74,115.08	$ 76,000.00	$ 83,369.58	$ 80,000.00	$ 80,000.00	
	Mechant Inventory Tax		$ 10,500.00	$ 12,500.00	$ 10,500.00	$ 15,000.00	
	Local Option Sales Tax	$ 610,464.00	$ 666,000.00	$ 712,620.00	$ 1,100,000.00	$ 1,100,000.00	
	MFG PVE Reimbursement		$ -	$ 200.00	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	
	Planning /Permit/Code Fees		$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 75,000.00	
	City Rentals		$ 275.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 10,059.68	$ 8,400.00	
	Police Fines / Forfeits	$ 78,000.00	$ 50,000.00	$ 80,000.00	$ 80,000.00	$ 120,000.00	
	Property Taxes	$ 400,000.00	$ 405,000.00	$ 541,208.37	$ 545,000.00	$ 575,000.00	
	Rec Dept Fees	$ 71,700.00	$ 90,200.00	$ 102,000.00	$ 93,000.00	$ 130,000.00	
	Investment P&I Returns				$ 197,660.87	$ 300,000.00	
	Sanitation Inside Fees	$ 304,500.00	$ 330,000.00	$ 330,000.00	$ 340,656.00	$ 368,343.58	
	Sanitation Outside Fees			$ 26,400.00	$ 34,000.00	$ 66,145.66	
	School Resource Reimburs	$ 224,000.00	$ 224,000.00	$ 280,000.00	$ 280,000.00	$ 336,000.00	
	SCMIT Refund(Wcomp)		$ 32,000.00	$ 26,000.00	$ 26,000.00	$ 26,000.00	
	All other	$ 87,907.32	$ 76,400.00	$ 132,000.00	$ 140,984.60	$120,000.00	
	Utility Fund Transfer Capit	$ 175,000.00	$ 175,000.00	$ 558,573.92	$ 581,239.78	$379,869.74	
	Water Tower Rehab Grant SCPRT			$ 150,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	
	Unrestricted FB draw for non-recurring				100,000	Train paint and Gem enviro	
	Bond payoff savings				225,118		
	FEMA					$150,000.00	
ARPA	**Other Fund Source-ARPA**	**$ 1,505,906.43**	**$1,079,202.04**	**$ 470,000.00**	$600,000.00	Transfer to Hospitality	
	ARPA transfer Admin			$ 25,000.00			

	ARPA transfer Fire					$	-				
	ARPA transfer Police					$	305,000.00				
	ARPA transfer PW					$	70,000.00				
	ARPA transfer Parks & Rec					$	70,000.00				
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	Total General Fund	**$**	**4,817,592.83**	**$**	**4,562,277.04**	**$**	**5,442,503.17**	**$**	**5,291,883.80**	**$**	**6,122,208.98**
HF	**Hospitality Tax**	**$**	**515,000.00**	**$**	**550,000.00**	**$**	**590,000.00**		**$1,200,000.00**		**$600,000.00**
UF	Water Revenue	$	2,535,463.73	$	2,560,000.00	$	2,585,600.00	$	2,942,402.00	$	2,942,402.00
	Sewer Revenue	$	735,218.62	$	730,000.00	$	737,300.00	$	759,625.00	$	759,625.00
	Capital Improvements Fee	$	250,000.00	$	250,000.00	$	239,912.00	$	300,000.00	$	320,000.00
	Stormwater Fees (combin	$	112,000.00	$	100,000.00	$	180,000.00	$	100,000.00	$	200,000.00
	Water Taps	$	50,475.00	$	50,000.00	$	66,000.00	$	55,000.00	$	55,000.00
	Connection Fees	$	17,000.00	$	18,000.00	$	21,000.00	$	18,000.00	$	18,000.00
	2021 Bond Draw-PO					$	5,282,055.74				
	Sewer Taps	$	3,600.00	$	4,400.00	$	9,000.00	$	4,000.00	$	10,000.00
	All Other	$	48,585.00	$	55,500.00	$	70,167.66	$	55,000.00	$	55,000.00
	Bond Draw							$	915,386.96		
	Total Utility Fund	**$**	**3,752,342.35**	**$**	**3,767,900.00**	**$**	**9,191,035.40**	**$**	**5,149,413.96**	**$**	**4,360,027.00**
VF	**Victims Advocate Fund**	**$**	**18,000.00**	**$**	**13,729.99**	**$**	**16,000.00**	**$**	**15,000.00**	**$**	**15,000.00**
	Victim's Assistance Fund										
	Carry over PFY										
	Total Revenue Budget	**$**	**7,597,028.75**	**$**	**7,814,704.99**	**$**	**14,769,538.57**	**$**	**11,656,297.76**	**$**	**11,097,235.98**
	CIP								**$876,920.78**		**$145,000.00**
	UF Reserves 16%								**$823,906.23**		**$697,604.32**
	GF Reserves 24%								**$1,270,052.12**		**$1,429,383.60**
	Unrestricted Cash								**$50,000.00**		**$50,000.00**
	Expense History		**$8,260,222.71**		**$9,375,221.30**		**$11,933,600.07**		**$8,313,831.08**	**$**	**10,922,827.36**

City of Pickens
Expenditures by Department
FY 25/26 Budget

Fund	Department	FY 25 Budget	FY 26 Budget	Increase / (Decrease) $	Increase / (Decrease) %
GF	Administration	$ 711,160.90	$ 722,900.37	$ 11,739.47	2%
	Police	$ 1,642,579.15	$ 2,037,695.97	$ 395,116.82	24%
	Fire	$ 882,036.55	$ 1,020,430.38	$ 138,393.83	16%
	Grounds	$ 99,703.25	$ 305,291.39	$ 205,588.14	206%
	Recreation	$ 952,202.85	$ 757,036.29	$ (195,166.56)	-20%
	Streets	$ 911,157.38	$ 989,109.04	$ 77,951.66	9%
	Court	$ 117,950.63	$ 140,563.24	$ 22,612.61	19%
	Victim Advocate	$ 15,000.00	$ 34,773.68	$ 19,773.68	132%
	Total General Fu	**$ 5,331,790.71**	**$ 6,007,800.36**	**$ 676,009.65**	**13%**
HF	Hospitality	$ 1,200,000.00	$ 600,000.00	$ (600,000.00)	-50%
	HF Debt Service			$ -	
	Total Hospitality	**$ 1,200,000.00**	**$ 600,000.00**	**$ (600,000.00)**	**-50%**
UF	Operations	$ 2,182,434.40	$ 1,866,399.34	$ (316,035.06)	-14%
	Water Quality Cc	$ 1,078,383.59	$ 937,984.65	$ (140,398.94)	-13%
	Waste Water Tre	$ 1,079,446.47	$ 651,493.51	$ (427,952.96)	-40%
	Stormwater	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	W&S Bond Debt	$ 809,149.50	$ 859,149.50	$ 50,000.00	6%
	Total Utility Func	**$ 5,149,413.96**	**$ 4,315,027.00**	**$ (834,386.96)**	**-16%**
	Total All Funds	**$ 11,681,204.67**	**$ 10,922,827.36**	**$ (758,377.31)**	**-6%**

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Account Number/Description		24-25FY	FY25-26
4310 PUBLIC WORKS			
10-4310-5000	PUBLIC WORKS SALARIES	$427,882.63	$374,799.28
10-4310-5006	PART TIME PUBLIC WORKS SALARIES		$21,840.00
10-4310-5007	TEMP STAFF SALARIES		
10-4310-5010	PUBLIC WORKS OVERTIME	$8,500.00	$13,577.75
10-4310-5015	PUBLIC WORKS SOCIAL SECURITY	$33,542.28	$31,010.56
10-4310-5020	PW RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$82,580.93	$76,136.30
10-4310-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)	$5,001.51	$5,001.51
10-4310-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$37,857.84	$37,857.84
10-4310-5030	EXPENSE - UNEMPLOYMENT		
10-4310-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$80,492.19	$78,585.80
10-4310-5070	APPRECIATION/BONUS	$1,300.00	$1,300.00
10-4310-6000	YMCA MEMBERSHIPS STREETS		
10-4310-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT		$5,000.00
10-4310-6015	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		
10-4310-6025	TRAINING		
10-4310-6050	ELECTRICITY	$74,000.00	$74,000.00
10-4310-6105	WELLNESS AND SAFETY EXPENSE		
10-4310-6130	TRUCK EXPENSE	$30,000.00	$40,000.00
10-4310-6131	EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	$12,000.00	$10,000.00
10-4310-6135	PUBLIC WORKS FUEL	$40,000.00	$30,000.00
10-4310-6140	SHOP ELECTRICITY	$3,000.00	
10-4310-6155	PW UNIFORMS	$7,000.00	$7,000.00
10-4310-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING	$1,000.00	$500.00
10-4310-6215	PW MAINT'N EXPENSE	$8,000.00	$8,000.00
10-4310-6216	DUMPSTERS/ROLLCARTS	$3,000.00	$6,000.00
10-4310-6220	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
10-4310-6225	COUNTY LANDFILL TIPPING FEES	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
10-4310-6230	NEW EQUIPMENT (ARPA)		
10-4310-6235	CHEMICALS	$4,000.00	$4,000.00
10-4310-6245	SIGNS	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
10-4310-6250	RECYCLING EXPENSE		
10-4310-6255	OFFICE SUPPLIES	$1,000.00	$2,500.00
10-4310-6260	DHEC FEES		
10-4310-8045	ST/SAN CAPITAL EXPENSE		$102,000.00
10-4310-8050	Capital Improvement Plan		
10-4310-8057	Road Maint Fee Uses		
10-4310-9050	PW Contingency		$5,000.00
15-4310-6900	STREETS HOSP EXPENSE		
	4310 PUBLIC WORKS Subtotal:	**$911,157.38**	**$989,109.04**

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Account Number/Description		24-25FY	FY25-26
4510 RECREATION			
10-4510-5000	SALARIES RECREATION	$ 221,159.75	$ 248,558.00
10-4510-5006	PART TIME SALARIES	$ 77,000.00	$ 85,000.00
10-4510-5010	OVERTIME	$ 10.000.00	$ 5.000.00
10-4510-5015	RECREATION SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 17,135.18	$ 19,303.92
10-4510-5020	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$ 41,562.35	$ 46,834.04
10-4510-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)	$ 4,207.80	$ 5,000.00
10-4510-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$ 37,857.84	$ 37,857.84
10-4510-5030	UNEMPLOYMENT		
10-4510-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$ 2,754.45	$ 38,042.59
10-4510-5070	APPRECIATION/BONUS	$ 325.00	$ 750.00
10-4510-6000	WELLNESS PROGRAM		
10-4510-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT	$ 8,200.00	$ 8,200.00
10-4510-6003	INTERNET/VOIP FEES		
10-4510-6005	Supplies-Office	$ 6,000.00	$ 7,500.00
10-4510-6006	TRAININGS/ MEETINGS/DUES	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,500.00
10-4510-6015	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE ARPA	$ 25,000.00	
10-4510-6016	PARK AND PLAYGROUND MAINT	$ 24,753.60	
10-4510-6017	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE	$ 24,753.60	
10-4510-6018	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	$ 7,000.00	
10-4510-6019	GROUNDS/FIELDS	$ 40,000.00	
10-4510-6050	ELECTRICITY & HEATING	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00
10-4510-6135	FUEL VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	$ 8,000.00	
10-4510-6145	FIELD LIGHTING (ARPA)	$ 8,000.00	
10-4510-6155	REC EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS EXPENSE	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
10-4510-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING	$ 1,500.00	$ 750.00
10-4510-6265	BASKETBALL EXPENSE	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,000.00
10-4510-6270	VOLLEYBALL EXPENSE	$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00
10-4510-6275	BASEBALL EXPENSE	$ 20,000.00	$ 25,000.00
10-4510-6279	CHEERING EXPENSES	$ 5,500.00	$ 5,000.00
10-4510-6280	FOOTBALL EXPENSE	$ 27,000.00	$ 30,000.00
10-4510-6281	SUMMER CAMP EXPENSE	$ 10,000.00	$ 12,500.00
10-4510-6285	CONCESSIONS	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00
10-4510-6290	SOCCER EXPENSE	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
10-4510-6295	EVENTS	$ 3,000.00	$ 4,000.00
10-4510-6296	Bruce Field Improvement		
10-4510-6300	RECREATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	$ 100,000.00	$ 32,630.84
10-4510-6325	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	$ 15,000.00	
10-4510-6550	Dacusville Rec Fees Paid		
10-4510-8055	Capital Improvement Program	$ 46,398.25	$ 12,630.00
10-4510-9050	Rec Contingency	$ 10,595.03	$ 5,000.00
15-4510-6901	REC FESTIVALS		
16-4510-6001	JC PARK RESTROOM PROJECT 2016		
16-4510-6004	CONSERFUND LOAN EXPENSE		
16-4510-6005	CONSERFUND LOCAL EXPENSE		

	4510 RECREATION Subtotal:	**$952,202.85**	**$777,557.23**

4520 PUBLIC WORKS-GROUNDS

10-4520-5000	GROUNDS MAINT. SALARIES		$24,341.24
10-4520-5006	PART TIME GROUNDS SALARIES		$10,000.00
10-4520-5010	OVERTIME		$1,000.00
10-4520-5015	SOCIAL SECURITY		$1,929.28
10-4520-5020	RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER		$4,680.69
10-4520-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)		
10-4520-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)		
10-4520-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE		$3,340.18
10-4520-6000	YMCA MEMBERSHIPS GROUNDS		
10-4520-6002	TECHNOLOGY	$600.00	
10-4520-6003	INTERNET/VOIP FEES		
10-4520-6005	OFFICE SUPPLIES		
10-4520-6015	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	$5,000.00	$40,000.00
10-4520-6017	PLAYGROUND MAINT		$15,000.00
10-4520-6025	DUES/SCHOOLS/MEETINGS	$1,000.00	
10-4520-6145	FIELD LIGHTING		$8,000.00
10-4520-6050	GROUNDS ELECTRICITY		
10-4520-6105	WELLNESS AND SAFETY EXPENSE		$500.00
10-4520-6135	FUEL		$8,000.00
10-4520-6155	UNIFORMS		
10-4520-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING		
10-4520-6220	WELLNESS PROGRAM		
10-4520-6235	CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER	$4,000.00	$16,000.00
10-4520-6300	LANDSCAPING	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
10-4520-6304	LANDSCAPING		
10-4520-6305	TREES & PLANTS		
10-4520-6310	IRRIGATION SUPPLIES	$1,500.00	$1,000.00
10-4520-6315	REC FIELD SETUP & MAINT		$16,000.00
10-4520-6320	TRUCK AND EQUIP MAINT		$10,000.00
10-4520-6321	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	$10,000.00	$12,500.00
10-4520-6322	AMPHITHEATER MAINTENANCE		
10-4520-6324	PORTABLE TOILETS		
10-4520-6325	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	$5,000.00	$10,000.00
10-4520-6326	PARK &TRAIL MAINTENANCE	$5,000.00	$8,000.00
10-4520-8050	Capital Improvement Plan	$46,368.24	$0.00
10-4520-9050	Grounds Contingency	$16,235.01	$10,000.00
15-4520-6900	GROUNDS HOSP EXPENSE		
16-4520-6000	GROUNDS SPECIAL PROJECTS (Main St Parking Lot)		$100,000.00
	4520 PUBLIC WORKS-GROUNDS Subtotal:	**$99,703.25**	**$305,291.39**

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Account Number/Description		24-25FY	FY25-26
4300 UTILITY OPERATIONS			
15-4300-6900	WATER O&M HOSP EXPENSE		
60-4300-5000	O&M SALARIES	$ 278,039.19	$ 215,192.41
60-4300-5005	CITY COUNCIL SALARY (1/2)	$ 24,000.00	$ 24,000.00
60-4300-5006	PART TIME O&M		
60-4300-5007	TEMP STAFF SALARIES		
60-4300-5010	OVERTIME	$ 2,813.00	$ 5,623.13
60-4300-5015	SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYER	$ 21,342.46	$ 16,749.03
60-4300-5020	SC RETIREMENT EMPLOYER	$ 51,779.85	$ 40,635.49
60-4300-5022	WATER-PENSION EXPENSE		
60-4300-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)	$ 6,528.00	$ 5,000.00
60-4300-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$ 37,857.84	$ 37,857.84
60-4300-5030	UNEMPLOYMENT		
60-4300-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$ 42,074.32	$ 21,054.86
60-4300-5065	SALARY-1/2 COUNCIL		
60-4300-5070	CHRISTMAS EXPENSE	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,330.00
60-4300-6000	YMCA MEMBERSHIP O&M		
60-4300-6001	PICKENS RURAL WATER AUTHORITY DUES		
60-4300-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT	$ 30,000.00	$ 40,000.00
60-4300-6004	HARRIS SOFTWARE SUPPORT	$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
60-4300-6005	OFFICE SUPPLIES & MAIN'T	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
60-4300-6010	PLANNING EXPENSES		
60-4300-6011	UB PRINTING & MAILING	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00
60-4300-6012	POSTAGE MACHINE & MISC POSTAGE	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00
60-4300-6015	FLEET MAINTENANCE	$ 15,000.00	$ 10,000.00
60-4300-6016	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		$ 10,500.00
60-4300-6017	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	$ 10,000.00	$ 5,000.00
60-4300-6025	DUES, SCHOOLS & MEETINGS		
60-4300-6030	MAYOR & COUNCIL EXPENSES		
60-4300-6050	POWER		$ 15,000.00
60-4300-6055	TELEPHONE EXPENSE		
60-4300-6070	MEDIA ADVERTISING		
60-4300-6071	TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		$ 2,000.00
60-4300-6075	PROFESSIONAL FEES		
60-4300-6076	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING		
60-4300-6077	ORDINANCE CODIFICATION EXPENSES		
60-4300-6105	WELLNESS EXPENSES		
60-4300-6135	FLEET FUEL		
60-4300-6140	EMERGENCY PURCHASES		
60-4300-6155	O & M UNIFORMS	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
60-4300-6180	PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
60-4300-6181	ENTERPRISE LEASE EXPENSE		
60-4300-6220	SAFETY EXPENSES	$ 10,000.00	$ 8,500.00
60-4300-6385	STATE PERMIT FEES		
60-4300-6390	SHOP - ELECTRICITY & GAS		

60-4300-6400	O&M RADIO MAINTN				
60-4300-6405	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING				
60-4300-6410	BANK FEES				
60-4300-6411	UB ONLINE FEES				
60-4300-6415	WATER/SEWER CHEMICALS	$	5,000.00	$	10,000.00
60-4300-6419	GRASS AND SEEDING	$	1,000.00	$	6,000.00
60-4300-6420	ASPHALT PATCHING	$	5,000.00	$	7,500.00
60-4300-6421	PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	$	96,000.00	$	96,000.00
60-4300-6422	LIFT STATION MAINTENANCE			$	20,000.00
60-4300-6425	TOWNCREEK LAGOON CLEAN UP				
60-4300-6429	NEW CONNECTIONS / TAPS				
60-4300-6430	O&M EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES			$	3,000.00
60-4300-6431	WTR. METERS & BOXES	$	667,000.00	$	442,000.00
60-4300-6432	PIPES AND PARTS	$	94,359.96	$	95,000.00
60-4300-6433	MISC EXPENSE	$	5,000.00	$	2,500.00
60-4300-6434	WATER LINE CONTINGENCY	$	5,100.00	$	5,000.00
60-4300-6470	ENGINEERING EXPENSE	$	40,000.00	$	25,000.00
60-4300-6475	SEWER LINE CONTINGENCY	$	30,000.00	$	20,000.00
60-4300-6495	PRE-PAID INSURANCE FROM 2010				
60-4300-6500	UTILITY LOCATE SERVICES				
60-4300-6501	ESG REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES				
60-4300-6510	BAD DEBT EXPENSE (UB)				
60-4300-6520	WATER TANKS				
60-4300-7000	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE O&M				
60-4300-7001	DEPREC - MACHINE AND EQUIP				
60-4300-7002	DEPREC - WTR UTILITY SYSTEM				
60-4300-7003	DEPREC - VEHICLE				
60-4300-8000	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$	50,000.00	$	159,000.00
60-4300-8050	UF Contingency				
60-4300-8090	WATER EQUIP & FIXTURES REIMBURSED				
60-4300-8500	CSI MAINTENANCE SRV CONTRACT				
60-4300-8501	DEBT SERVICE INTEREST - O&M				
60-4300-8502	CSI DEBT SRV CONTRACT				
60-4300-9040	UTILITY TRANSFER 5%	$	581,239.78	$	379,869.74
60-4300-9050	Capital Improvement Plan				
	4300 UTILITY OPERATIONS Subtotal:	**$**	**2,182,434.40**	**$**	**1,801,312.50**
4320- WASTEWATER					
60-4320-5000	WASTE WATER SALARIES	$	116,930.00	$	215,192.41
60-4320-5006	PART TIME WST WTR SALARIES				
60-4320-5010	WASTEWATER OVERTIME				
60-4320-5015	SOCIAL SECURITY	$	8,945.15	$	16,749.03
60-4320-5020	SC STATE RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$	22,342.52	$	40,635.49
60-4320-5022	SEWER-PENSION EXPENSE				
60-4320-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)			$	3,825.67
60-4320-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$	37,857.84	$	37,857.84
60-4320-5030	UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE				
60-4320-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$	16,145.16	$	20,969.21
60-4320-6000	YMCA MEMBERSHIPS WASTEWATER				

60-4320-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT				
60-4320-6005	OFFICE SUPPLIES				
60-4320-6010	CWS O&M FEES	$	637,162.92	$	202,307.28
60-4320-6015	TRUCK REPAIRS				
60-4320-6025	DUES, SCHOOLS, MEETINGS				
60-4320-6050	POWER - WASTE WATER	$	80,000.00	$	80,000.00
60-4320-6055	TELEPHONE EXPENSE				
60-4320-6135	TRUCK EXP/GASOLINE				
60-4320-6155	UNIFORMS - WASTE WATER				
60-4320-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING				
60-4320-6220	SAFETY WASTEWATER				
60-4320-6235	CHEMICALS/WASTE WATER	$	54,000.00	$	7,000.00
60-4320-6435	DHEC FEES	$	25,000.00		
60-4320-6440	SLUDGE DISPOSAL	$	40,000.00	$	40,000.00
60-4320-6445	SIX MILE WATER EXPENSE				
60-4320-6450	WASTE WATER MAINTENANCE	$	40,000.00	$	30,000.00
60-4320-6455	LAB SUPPLIES / TESTING EXPENSE			$	12,000.00
60-4320-6456	UV LIGHTS				
60-4320-6460	SEWER PRETREATMENT PROGRAM				
60-4320-6470	ENGINEERING EXP WASTE WTR				
60-4320-6480	CITY LAKE				
60-4320-7000	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE WASTE WTR				
60-4320-7001	DEPREC - MACHINE AND EQUIP				
60-4320-7002	DEPREC - SWR UTILITY SYSTEM				
60-4320-7003	DEPREC - VEHICLE				
60-4320-8500	DEBT SERVICE				
60-4320-8501	DEBT SERVICE INTEREST - WASTE WTR				
60-4320-8510	INTEREST EXPENSE				
	4320 CWS-WASTEWATER Subtotal:	**$**	**1,078,383.59**	**$**	**706,536.93**
4330-WATER QUALITY CONTROL					
60-4330-5000	WATER PLANT SALARIES	$	317,621.20	$	215,192.41
60-4330-5006	PART TIME WTR PLANT SALARIES				
60-4330-5010	WATER PLANT OVERTIME	$	6,000.00	$	5,623.13
60-4330-5015	SOCIAL SECURITY/EMPLOYER	$	25,595.47	$	16,749.03
60-4330-5020	SC STATE RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$	27,913.84	$	40,635.49
60-4330-5025	SCMIT (WORKERS COMP)			$	5,000.00
60-4330-5026	SCMIRF (LIABILITY & PROPERTY)	$	37,857.84	$	37,857.84
60-4330-5030	UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE				
60-4330-5035	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	$	44,868.07	$	20,969.21
60-4330-5070	CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT				
60-4330-6000	YMCA MEMBERSHIPS WATER PLANT				
60-4330-6002	SFTWARE/COMP/EMAIL PER USER SUPPORT	$	10,000.00	$	10,000.00
60-4330-6003	INTERNET/VOIP FEES				
60-4330-6015	REPAIRS & MAINT/TRK & EQUIP				
60-4330-6025	SCHOOLS, DUES, MEETINGS				
60-4330-6050	POWER WATER PLANT	$	40,000.00	$	10,000.00
60-4330-6055	TELEPHONE EXPENSES/WTR PLANT				
60-4330-6135	GAS EXPENSE/WTR PLANT				
60-4330-6136	TRUCK EXP. GASOLINE				

60-4330-6155	UNIFORMS/WTR PLANT				
60-4330-6180	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING				
60-4330-6220	SAFETY				
60-4330-6235	CHEMICALS/WATER PLANT	$	54,000.00	$	8,000.00
60-4330-6385	STATE - PERMIT FEES	$	25,000.00	$	25,000.00
60-4330-6395	GREENVILLE WATER EXPENSE	$	276,666.64	$	588,000.96
60-4330-6430	CHEMICALS-CWS				
60-4330-6440	SLUDGE DISPOSAL/WTR PLANT				
60-4330-6455	LAB TEST & SUPPLIES				
60-4330-6470	ENGINEERING				
60-4330-6475	WATER PLANT MAINTENANCE	$	15,000.00	$	10,000.00
60-4330-6477	WATER TANK MAINTENANCE				
60-4330-6480	CITY LAKE				
60-4330-6481	WATER EQUIPMENT & FIXTURES				
60-4330-6505	WTR. METERS & BOXES				
60-4330-6510	PIPES				
60-4330-6515	MISC EXPENSE				
60-4330-7000	DEPRECIATION EXPENSE WTR PLANT				
60-4330-8100	DWELLING IMPROVEMENTS				
	4330-WATER QUALITY CONTROL Subtotal:		**$880,523.06**		**$993,028.07**
60-4800-8576	2021A Bond		$405,012.70		$405,012.70
60-4800-8577	2021B Bond		$404,136.80		$404,136.80
60-4300-8050	Contingency		$58,170.00		$50,000.00
60-4300-9050	CIP		$140,753.41		$0.00
	Other Utilities Total		**$1,008,072.91**		**$859,149.50**
	Total UtilityBudget Total	**$**	**5,149,413.96**	**$**	**4,360,027.00**

EXPENDITURE BUDGET VERSION RE

25-26 FY Budget

Account	**FY24-25**	**FY25-26**
4530 VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUN		
11-4530-5(PART TIME SALARIES	$ 9,269.32	$9,269.32
11-4530-5(SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 709.11	$709.11
11-4530-5(RETIREMENT-EMPLOYER	$ 1,720.39	$1,720.39
11-4530-5(VICTIM SRV PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
11-4530-6(VICTIM SRV OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 3,301.18	$3,301.18
4530 VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUN	**$15,000.00**	**$15,000.00**

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FROM: Tim O'Briant, City Administrator

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025 - 05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 7 (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION) OF THE CITY OF PICKENS CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed Chapter 7 of the City of Pickens Code of Ordinances and finds it necessary to make amendments and/or improvements; and,

WHEREAS, fire protection fees are vital to the financial support for emergency protection services provided by the City; and,

WHEREAS, under the City's current ordinance, tax-exempt property owners are also exempt from fire protection fees despite the City providing tax-exempt properties with the same level of emergency service received by property owners subject to ad valorem taxes; and,

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code Ann. §12-37-235 (2014) allows municipalities to impose a fee for fire protection on owners of real property exempt from property tax as long as such fees are based on the protection and services provided and which are maintained in whole or in part by funds from ad valorem taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Attorney General opines that the intended purpose of Section 12-37-235 was "to allow counties and municipalities to charge owners of exempt real property reasonable fees for fire protection." Op. Att'y Gen., 1982 WL 155037 (S.C.A.G. Nov. 9, 1982); 2023 WL 6853062 (S.C.A.G. Oct. 9, 2023); and,

WHEREAS, the amendments contained herein provide equitable and uniform treatment of all owners of tax-exempt property, and furthermore, the fees established herein are reasonably based on the protection and services provided; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the amendments contained herein are designed to simplify the administration of fire protection fees to property owners in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that this ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of Pickens.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pickens, South Carolina, that Article I (In General) of Chapter 7 (Fire Prevention and Protection) shall be amended as follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 7-3. Fire protection services fee.

(a) There shall be charged annually to each owner of real property for each tax parcel constituting real property a fire protection services fee as set forth in this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, *real property* means any parcel of real property designated as a separate tax parcel by Pickens County, South Carolina which is located in the City of Pickens, South Carolina which is subject to ad valorem property taxes, tax-exempt property, or which is subject to payment of fees-in-lieu of ad valorem property taxes pursuant to S.C. Code 1976, §§ 4-1-170, 4-12-10 et seq., 4-29-67, or 12-44-10 et seq., as amended.

(c) The fire protection services fee shall appear as a separate line item on each ad valorem property tax bill (or, if applicable, the fee-in-lieu of ad valorem property tax bill) issued with respect to real property. If required, tax-exempt properties not receiving an ad valorem tax bill from the Pickens County Treasurer's office will be billed directly by the City of Pickens Finance Department.

(d) All fire fees collected shall be segregated in the City of Pickens General Fund and be used solely to fund the operational and capital needs of the Pickens Fire Department required to provide the highest level of fire protection.

(e) The amount of the fire protection services fee for each tax parcel shall be determined based on the classification of the real property for ad valorem property tax purposes as set forth in the table below:

Fire Protection Services Fee

- Regardless of assessed value, there shall be a minimum Fire Services Protection Fee of $131.25.
- Multi-family residential apartment complexes shall be charged $131.25 for 1-3 units and $75 for each unit over three.
- Real Property assessed value (4%, 6%, 10.5% based on property classification) multiplied by 4%

EXAMPLES: Residential: $200,000 parcel, owner occupied x 4% = $8,000 assessed value. $8,000 X .04, Fire Fee equals: $320.

- Commercial property: $200,000 parcel x 6% = $12,000 assessed value. $12,000 X .04, Fire Fee equals: $480.
- Industrial property: $200,000 parcel x 10.5% = $21,000 assessed value. $21,000 X .04, Fire Fee equals: $840.

Non-Profits, Institutional and otherwise tax-exempt facilities (6%Assessment Ratio)

Vacant Land to be valued at $1000 per acre with above formula applied to determine fee.

Tax-Exempt property value (non-profits, fraternal organizations, churches, etc) to be calculated based on $100 per square foot of exterior first floor space, defined as the building envelope on the site. Additional levels floor space will not be included in the value calculation.

EXAMPLE: 3,000 square feet of interior floor space x $100/SF = $300,000 X .06 assessment ratio = $18,000 assessed value X .04, Fire Fee equals: $720

Section 2: Severability: Severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of

this Ordinance. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be effective after second and final reading.

CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA

_____
Isaiah Scipio, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Donna Owen, Municipal Clerk

First Reading: _____, 2025

Second and
Final Reading: _____, 2025

Approved as to Form:

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Daniel Hughes, City Attorney

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Tim O'Briant
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DONNA F. OWEN

TO: Honorable Members of Pickens City Council

FROM: Mayor Isaiah Scipio

DATE: June 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Let the People Decide — A Resolution for Voluntary Annexation with Dignity and Direction

Fellow members of this great Council,

Let us rise today not just to consider another resolution—but to affirm the soul of our city.

The measure before you—Resolution No. 2025-R1—is more than paper and policy. It is a declaration. It is a promise. It is a pledge to the people of Pickens: we will grow, but we will grow with grace; we will expand, but only with consent; we will move forward, but not without looking back to protect the small-town spirit that built this place.

There are some cities—and we do not call names here—that have chosen coercion over cooperation, compulsion over consensus. But Pickens will not walk that path. We choose another way. A better way. A voluntary way.

This resolution enshrines what we've long believed in our hearts—that no citizen shall be forced into our fold just to turn on a faucet or flush a pipe. That annexation must come only when 100% of property owners give their written, willing consent. No tricks, no traps, no pressure—just partnership.

And yet, let us not shy away from the truth: there are corners just beyond our lines that already breathe our air, drive our roads, and share in our community life. To these neighbors, we say: You matter. You belong. And if you wish to join us, we welcome you—not as strangers, but as family.

Let it be known that voluntary annexation is not a threat—it is an invitation. But only in cases where the City can carefully guide development, preserve green space, maintain character, and ensure that the country calm and village charm we all cherish remains untouched by the sprawl and spatter of unchecked growth.

This Council has long championed that vision. And I call on each of you now to adopt this resolution with clarity and conviction. Show our people that we do not merely seek to grow bigger—we seek to grow better. Let Pickens be a beacon of respect, restraint, and responsibility.

In the words of another reverend, let us keep hope alive—for a Pickens that grows only with purpose and only with the people's permission.

With unity and faith,

Isaiah Seipio
Mayor, City of Pickens

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKENS AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT REQUIRE ANNEXATION FOR THE PROVISION OF CITY SERVICES, AND SHALL ONLY ANNEX PROPERTY UNDER THE 100% VOLUNTARY METHOD AS PROVIDED UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA LAW, WHILE ENCOURAGING ANNEXATION IN CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHERE CITY SERVICES PROVIDE A STRONG VALUE PROPOSITION

WHEREAS, the City of Pickens is committed to transparent, cooperative, and voluntary governance, honoring the property rights and self-determination of all landowners within and adjacent to its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly has provided three statutory methods by which municipalities may annex territory, including the 100% petition method (S.C. Code § 5-3-150(1)), the 75% petition method (S.C. Code § 5-3-150(2)), and the 25% petition with referendum method (S.C. Code § 5-3-300); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been made aware of recent actions by the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, which has adopted policies requiring annexation as a condition for receiving municipal water service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Pickens affirms that such coercive practices are inconsistent with the values of the City and the principles of voluntary annexation supported by this body; and

WHEREAS, it is the longstanding policy of the City of Pickens to rely exclusively upon the 100% petition method of annexation, under which no property may be annexed into the municipal limits without the voluntary and written consent of all owners of record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT:

1. The City of Pickens affirms its intent to annex property solely through the 100% voluntary petition method authorized by S.C. Code § 5-3-150(1).

2. No property owner shall be compelled to annex into the City of Pickens as a condition for the receipt or continuation of municipal services, including but not limited to water or sewer service.

3. The City explicitly rejects the use of coercive or conditional annexation practices and pledges to respect the autonomy and consent of all property owners in annexation decisions.

4. The City of Pickens does, however, encourage voluntary annexation in appropriate cases—particularly in unincorporated enclaves located within or near the city limits—where such areas are already functionally integrated into the municipal landscape.

5. The City recognizes that incorporation into the municipal limits offers a strong value proposition to property owners, including access to reliable sanitation services, enhanced police and fire protection, professional code enforcement, street maintenance, parks and recreation opportunities, and more responsive local governance.

6. The City Council remains committed to fostering positive relationships with neighboring residents and property owners and welcomes discussions about annexation that are grounded in transparency, mutual benefit, and community identity.

7. A copy of this resolution shall be made available to the public and to any interested parties, including current and prospective utility customers outside the municipal limits.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mayor
Isaiah Scipio

ATTEST:

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June 19, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

As we continue to consider policies that support and enhance our central business district, a recurring question merits a clear legal and policy response: Can the City of Pickens assign specific public street parking spaces to individual businesses? After a review of South Carolina law, Attorney General opinions, and municipal best practices, the answer is no.

1. Public Streets and the Public Trust Doctrine

Under South Carolina law, public streets are held in trust for the benefit of the public. The South Carolina Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that public rights-of-way, including on-street parking, cannot be used to benefit private entities to the exclusion of others. Public streets must remain equally accessible to all, and municipalities may not delegate ownership-like privileges to individual businesses.

2. Legal Authority and Limitations

Municipalities have the authority to regulate parking in support of safety, traffic flow, and the general welfare—such as through time limits, loading zones, and accessible parking. However, granting exclusive rights to private

businesses over public parking spaces is not legally permissible and may constitute a private appropriation of public assets.

Relevant legal references include:

- Stone v. Traynham, 221 S.C. 52 (1952): Streets held in trust may not be diverted to private purposes.
- SC Attorney General Opinion (1990 WL 598756): Municipalities may not reserve street parking exclusively for adjacent property owners without a compelling public interest.

3. Policy and Fairness Considerations

Exclusive parking designations create competitive disparities, undermine the shared nature of public infrastructure, and risk claims of unequal treatment. Our downtown thrives on fairness, walkability, and shared public resources.

4. Permissible Alternatives

Although assigning exclusive street spaces is not lawful, the City may pursue equitable options, including:

- Timed parking enforcement
- Short-term pickup/drop-off zones (open to all users)
- Clearly designated ADA-accessible spaces
- Improvements to off-street parking signage and access
- Consistent enforcement policies

5. Court Street Recommendations

To address ongoing issues on Court Street, which borders both the Pickens County Courthouse and nearby businesses, I propose the following steps:

a) Street Configuration

Convert Court Street into a one-way street running north to south (Main Street to East Cedar Rock Street), with a single travel lane.

All changes to street configuration or traffic flow should be formalized through a City ordinance or resolution and accompanied by public notice to ensure transparency and legal defensibility.

b) Parking Time Limits and Enforcement

Enforce existing parking regulations per City Code Sec. 11-30, which limits parking to two hours between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday.

To ensure smooth implementation, staff may issue warnings for a limited period before full enforcement begins.

Signage should be updated to reflect current regulations, and enforcement should be uniform and consistent. This ensures all users—businesses, visitors, and courthouse staff—clearly understand the rules.

c) ADA and Government Use Designations

Consistent with federal ADA requirements, the City may designate accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities. These designations serve a compelling public interest and should not be construed as preferential treatment of adjacent property owners.

For the west side of Court Street (adjacent to the courthouse), designate signage for "Reserved for Official Government Use – 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M." to support courthouse operations and security. This should be coordinated with Pickens County and framed as a matter of operational necessity, not private exclusivity.

d) Signage Clean-Up

Remove any non-conforming signage suggesting that parking is reserved for private business use.

e) Courthouse Notification

Inform courthouse personnel of the time-limited parking regulations on the eastern side of Court Street and applicable enforcement actions.

Conclusion

Assigning public street parking to specific businesses is inconsistent with South Carolina law. That said, the City has several tools at its disposal to improve access, flow, and fairness within the bounds of the law. I welcome your input and encourage continued dialogue on these recommendations.

Respectfully,

Councilman Floyd Rogers

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