

**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**AGENDA**



**THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



# Richland County Council 2024-2025



Derek Pugh  
District 2  
Vice Chair



Jessica Mackey  
District 9  
Chair



Jason Branham  
District 1



Tish Dozier Alleyne  
District 8



Gretchen D. Barron  
District 7



Tyra Little  
District 3



Chakisse Newton  
District 11



Allison Terracio  
District 5



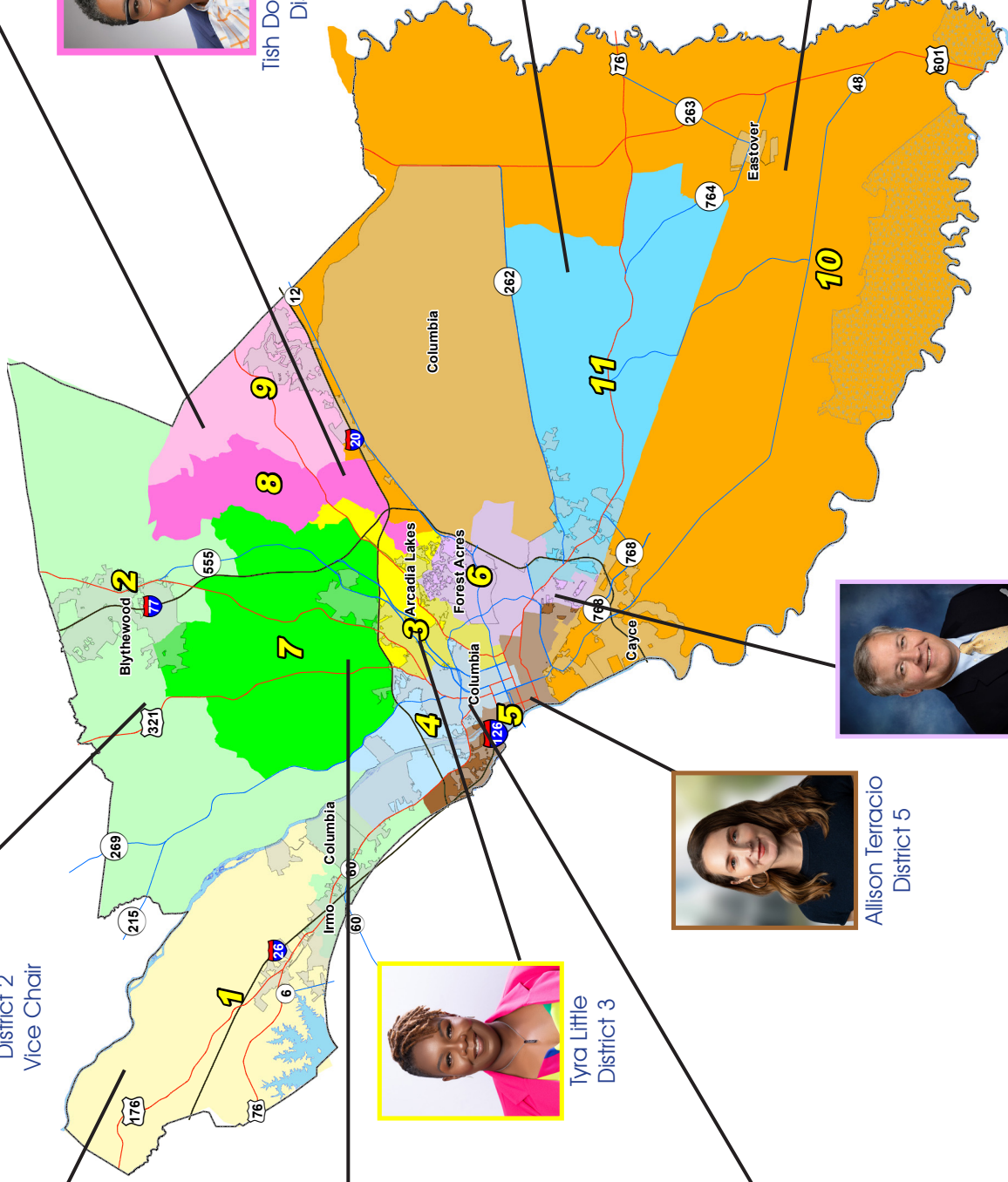
Paul Livingston  
District 4



Don Weaver  
District 6



Cheryl D. English  
District 10





**Richland County  
Special Called Meeting**

**AGENDA**

June 5, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
  - a. ROLL CALL
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
3. **SECOND READING ITEMS** **[PAGES 5-12]** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
  - a. An Ordinance authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year's carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2025 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. So as to raise revenue, make appropriations and amend the General Fund, Millage Agencies, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Debt Service Funds Budget for Richland County, South Carolina for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026
  - b. An Ordinance authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year's carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2025 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
4. **ADJOURNMENT** The Honorable Jesica Mackey



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## Richland County Council Request for Action

**Subject:**

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**Notes:**

First Reading: May 6, 2025

Second Reading: June 5, 2025

Third Reading: June 17, 2025

Public Hearing: May 22, 2025

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ 24-HR

An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Budget for Richland County, South Carolina; authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year’s carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2025 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (FY 2026)

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

**SECTION 1.** The following appropriations by activity and the estimated revenue to support these appropriations, as well as other supporting documents contained in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget is hereby adopted, with such supporting documents being made reference to and incorporated herein by reference, as follows:

Fund	Revenue	Transfer In	Fund Balance	Total Sources	Expenditures	Transfer Out	Total Uses
General Fund							
General Fund Operating	\$237,126,117	\$8,589,123	\$4,000,000	\$249,715,240	\$228,979,685	\$19,011,831	\$247,991,516
General Fund Capital	\$0	\$0	\$6,275,685	\$6,275,685	\$7,999,409	\$0	\$7,999,409
General Fund	\$237,126,117	\$8,589,123	\$10,275,685	\$255,990,925	\$236,979,094	\$19,011,831	\$255,990,925
Special Revenue							
Victim’s Assistance	\$160,000	\$1,207,901	\$0	\$1,367,901	\$1,367,901	\$0	\$1,367,901
Tourism Development	\$1,477,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,477,000	\$1,263,428	\$213,572	\$1,477,000
Temporary Alcohol Permits	\$100,000	\$0	\$26,502	\$126,502	\$126,502	\$0	\$126,502
Emergency Telephone System	\$2,700,000	\$3,556,442	\$1,403,300	\$7,659,742	\$7,482,915	\$176,827	\$7,659,742
Fire Service	\$33,929,482	\$0	\$4,526,311	\$38,455,793	\$34,105,153	\$4,350,640	\$38,455,793
Stormwater Management	\$4,170,000	\$0	\$1,142,802	\$5,312,802	\$5,099,252	\$213,550	\$5,312,802
Conservation Commission Fund	\$1,102,000	\$143,988	\$1,936,592	\$3,182,580	\$3,135,909	\$46,671	\$3,182,580
Neighborhood Redevelopment Fund	\$1,102,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,102,000	\$1,060,496	\$41,504	\$1,102,000
Hospitality Tax	\$11,538,041	\$0	\$2,666,596	\$14,204,637	\$9,213,787	\$4,990,850	\$14,204,637
Accommodation Tax	\$690,000	\$0	\$141,258	\$831,258	\$682,400	\$148,858	\$831,258
Title IVD - Sheriff’s Fund	\$30,000	\$36,499	\$0	\$66,499	\$66,499	\$0	\$66,499
Title IV - Family Court	\$1,317,212	\$134,474	\$0	\$1,451,686	\$1,451,686	\$0	\$1,451,686
Road Maintenance Fee	\$6,635,621	\$0	\$5,263,310	\$11,898,931	\$11,341,604	\$557,327	\$11,898,931
Public Defender	\$2,309,184	\$4,817,495	\$0	\$7,126,679	\$7,126,679	\$0	\$7,126,679
Transportation Tax	\$105,917,863	\$0	\$160,000,000	\$265,917,863	\$3,126,202	\$262,791,661	\$265,917,863
Mass Transit	\$0	\$28,388,195	\$0	\$28,388,195	\$28,388,195	\$0	\$28,388,195
School Resource Officers	\$6,860,847	\$1,473,830	\$0	\$8,334,677	\$7,716,917	\$617,760	\$8,334,677
Economic Development	\$6,050,357	\$1,102,000	\$0	\$7,152,357	\$5,406,952	\$1,745,405	\$7,152,357
Affordable Housing	\$0	\$4,305,429	\$0	\$4,305,429	\$4,305,429	\$0	\$4,305,429
Child Fatality Review	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Special Revenue Total	\$186,124,607	\$45,166,253	\$177,106,671	\$408,397,531	\$132,502,906	\$275,894,625	\$408,397,531
Debt Service							
General Debt Service (Current and Upcoming)	\$23,322,452	\$0	\$0	\$23,322,452	\$23,322,452	\$0	\$23,322,452
Fire Bonds 2018B 1,500,000	\$547,950	\$0	\$0	\$547,950	\$547,950	\$0	\$547,950
RFC-IP Revenue Bond 2019	\$0	\$1,601,381	\$0	\$1,601,381	\$1,601,381	\$0	\$1,601,381
Hospitality Refund 2013A B/S	\$0	\$1,490,850	\$0	\$1,490,850	\$1,490,850	\$0	\$1,490,850
East Richland Public Svc Dist.	\$809,320	\$0	\$0	\$809,320	\$809,320	\$0	\$809,320
Recreation Commission Debt Svc	\$3,067,430	\$0	\$0	\$3,067,430	\$3,067,430	\$0	\$3,067,430
Riverbanks Zoo Debt Service	\$5,506,989	\$0	\$0	\$5,506,989	\$5,506,989	\$0	\$5,506,989
School District 1 Debt Service (Current & Upcoming)	\$62,662,900	\$0	\$0	\$62,662,900	\$62,662,900	\$0	\$62,662,900
School District 2 Debt Service	\$67,172,352	\$0	\$0	\$67,172,352	\$67,172,352	\$0	\$67,172,352
Transportation Debt Service	\$0	\$14,435,500	\$0	\$14,435,500	\$14,435,500	\$0	\$14,435,500
Debt Service Total	\$163,089,393	\$17,527,731	\$0	\$180,617,124	\$180,617,124	\$0	\$180,617,124
Enterprise Funds							
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$49,157,978	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$51,157,978	\$49,572,196	\$1,585,782	\$51,157,978
Richland County Utilities	\$15,906,209	\$0	\$0	\$15,906,209	\$14,326,578	\$1,579,631	\$15,906,209
Hamilton-Owens Airport Operating	\$315,000	\$0	\$470,971	\$785,971	\$735,148	\$50,823	\$785,971
Enterprise Funds Total	\$65,379,187	\$0	\$2,470,971	\$67,850,158	\$64,633,922	\$3,216,236	\$67,850,158
Millage Agencies							
Richland County Recreation Commission	\$19,108,400	\$0	\$0	\$19,108,400	\$19,108,400	\$0	\$19,108,400
Columbia Area Mental Health	\$2,941,200	\$0	\$0	\$2,941,200	\$2,941,200	\$0	\$2,941,200
Public Library	\$36,051,920	\$0	\$0	\$36,051,920	\$36,051,920	\$0	\$36,051,920
Riverbanks Zoo	\$1,522,400	\$0	\$0	\$1,522,400	\$1,522,400	\$0	\$1,522,400
Midlands Technical College	\$8,892,100	\$0	\$0	\$8,892,100	\$8,892,100	\$0	\$8,892,100
Midlands Tech Capital/Debt Service	\$4,508,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,508,000	\$4,508,000	\$0	\$4,508,000
School District One	\$277,499,134	\$0	\$0	\$277,499,134	\$277,499,134	\$0	\$277,499,134
School District Two	\$200,287,633	\$0	\$0	\$200,287,633	\$200,287,633	\$0	\$200,287,633
Millage Agencies Total	\$550,810,787	\$0	\$0	\$550,810,787	\$550,810,787	\$0	\$550,810,787
Grand Total	\$1,202,530,090	\$71,283,107	\$189,853,327	\$1,463,666,524	\$1,165,543,832	\$298,122,692	\$1,463,666,524

**SECTION 2.** Mileage rate paid to County employees shall be the same as the U.S. Federal reimbursement rate per mile for the fiscal period stated above.

**SECTION 3.** All fees previously approved by the County Council, either through budget ordinances or ordinances apart from the budget, will remain in effect unless and until the County Council votes to amend those fees.

**SECTION 4.** No County fees, excluding fees from SECTION 16, SECTION 17, and SECTION 18, based on CPI shall be adjusted on the current year inflationary adjustment (CPI) due to the small incremental change.

**SECTION 5** At fiscal year-end, any funds encumbered for capital purchases shall reflect as a designation of fund balance in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and shall be brought forward in the subsequent fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Continuation grants and those with no personnel or match requests are considered approved as presented with budget adoption up to available budgeted match dollars. All other grants will require individual Council approval prior to award acceptance.

**SECTION 7.** Commensurate with budget authority, the County Administrator may approve purchases in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less. Purchases in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be reviewed and approved by the County Council prior to acceptance.

**SECTION 8.** All non-exclusive contracts exceeding \$100,000 and existing at the time of budget adoption shall be renewed for the subsequent fiscal year provided the following conditions exist: The services provided under the contract will continue to be required in the subsequent fiscal year; the contract was originally procured through the County's Procurement Division utilizing the competitive procurement method, where appropriate, and following all other procurement ordinances, regulations and guidelines; The contract is within a five-year period during which contracts may be renewed annually upon mutual agreement by both parties not to exceed five years; the performance of the contractor has been confirmed, in writing, by the user department and by the Manager of Procurement to be satisfactory; Budget dollars have been appropriated by the County Council to fund the contract for the subsequent fiscal year. All items included on the State contract greater than \$100,000 are considered as reviewed and approved therefore will not be required to go back to Council for additional approval.

**SECTION 9.** Designated fund balance allocated in prior years for the establishment of an emergency disaster fund, economic development fund, and an insurance reserve fund shall remain as designated, but only to the extent of available fund balance as approved by the County Administrator.

**SECTION 10.** All One-percent funds collected through established Multi-County Industrial Park agreements or the funds from the completed sale of any county-owned property in a multi-county park shall be placed in the Richland County Economic Development Fund and be immediately appropriated for the purpose of continued Economic Development. This appropriation shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** Funds awarded to the Sheriff's Department through forfeiture are included as part of this ordinance and Council designates, as the governing body, that the Sheriff shall maintain these funds in accordance with Federal, State and County guidelines. All forfeited funds will be audited along with the General Fund and posted at that time.

**SECTION 12.** The County will be self-funded against tort claim liability and shall no longer carry an excess liability insurance policy. Funding shall be established through the annual automatic re-budgeting of these County funded accounts. The amount to be carried forward shall not exceed the unspent portion of the current year appropriation and shall be used only for the original intended purpose as identified in the year of appropriation. This shall increase the original appropriated budget and shall not require a separate budget amendment.

**SECTION 13.** The Sheriff and Finance Director will assess the status of fees collected through the Special Duty Program prior to the end of fiscal year 2025. All excess funds collected for the administrative cost over cost incurred shall reflect as a designation of fund balance and shall be brought forward in the following fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the Special Duty Program and associated fees shall be evaluated each year during the budget process.

**SECTION 14.** The appropriation includes the approval of the Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer Program. Funding shall be contingent upon annual approval and appropriation by County Council. At the end of each fiscal year, the Finance Director and the Sheriff will assess the status of the billing and collections for each school district as of the end of the fiscal year. Any program shortfall of collections for the fiscal year by the School District shall result in additional collection procedures inclusive of charging shortfall to the Sheriff's Department fiscal budget. All excess funds collected beyond cost of the program shall be brought forward in the subsequent budget year as a budgeted use of fund balance and made available to the Sheriff's Department to be used toward the district-specific program cost. The automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the School Resource Officer program and associated fees shall be evaluated each fiscal year during the budget process.

**SECTION 15.** All funds collected by the Sheriff's Department as a cost reimbursement from employees shall be credited back to the sheriff's budget and allowed to utilize for other operational cost.

**SECTION 16.** During its June 17, 2025 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Solid Waste rates effective July 1, 2025 (FY2026). The new rates for curbside, as approved, are as follows:

Solid Waste Rates FY2026:

- Residential Curbside \$399.46
- Backyard Pickup \$719.03

- Disability Backyard Service - \$399.46
- Commercial Curbside Service - \$798.92
- Rollcart Initial Setup Fee - \$75.00
- C&D Disposal @ Richland County Landfill-\$28.88 per ton (Waste must originate in RC)
- Yard/Land Clearing Debris/Dirt-\$28.88 per ton
- Brown Goods/Bulk Items-\$28.88 per ton
- Metal and Appliances-\$28.88 per ton
- Mattress/Box Spring – No Charge for Richland County Residents (Limit 2 per day. Mattress + box spring are 1)
- Mattress/Box Spring Commercial - \$368.56 per ton
- Tires Commercial - \$1.50 each or \$150 per ton
- Residential Tire with proper identification – No Charge (Limit 4 per day)
- Residential Electronic Waste (Up to 5 electronic items per day) – No Charge
- Commercial Electronic Waste, Landfill Only - \$1.15 per lb.
- Residential Mulch – County residents receive mulch at no charge. Resident self-load. Landfill only
- Commercial Mulch - \$14.00 per ton, Landfill only
- Residential Latex Paint, No Charge for Richland County residents. (Up to 5 cans of any size per day)
- Commercial Latex Paint - \$1.15 per lb.

**SECTION 17.** During its June 17, 2025 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for water effective July 1, 2025 (FY 2026). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

1st 1,000 gallons	\$23.00
Minimum base charge standard meter	
Fire Hydrant Fee	\$8.00
Next 8,000 gallons	\$5.65/1000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$5.29/1000 gallons
Next 11,000 gallons	\$4.98/1000 gallons
Next 30,000 gallons	\$4.69/1000 gallons
Next 60,000 gallons	\$4.69/1000 gallons

**SECTION 18.** During its June 17, 2025 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for sewer effective July 1, 2025 (FY 2026). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

Sewer Rates:  
FY2026: \$77.91

**SECTION 19. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 20. Severability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 21. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2025.

Richland County Council

By:\_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: FY 2026 – May 6, 2025  
Public Hearing: FY 2026 –May 22, 2025  
Second Reading: FY 2026 – June 5, 2025  
Third Reading: FY 2026 – June 17, 2025



## SECOND READING BUDGET MOTIONS LIST FY 2025-26

Item	Sponsor	RBB Page	Fund	Department Impacted	Item/Action	Council's Determination of Amount Needed	Administration Note	FY26 Second Reading Amt.	FY26 Second Reading Note	FY26 Second Reading Action
1: MILLAGE AGENCIES										
1	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Richland County Recreation Commission	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 19,108,400		
2	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Columbia Area Mental Health	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting No Mill Budget	\$ 2,941,200		
3	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Richland County Public Library	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 36,051,920	Requesting \$605,120 > No Mill Budget	
4	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting No Mill Budget	\$ 1,532,400		
5	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Midlands Technical College (Operating)	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 8,892,100		
6	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Midlands Technical College (Capital)	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 4,508,000		
7	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Richland County School District One	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 277,499,134		
8	Administration	14	Millage Agency	Richland County School District Two	Approve the agency's budget request for FY2026	Yes	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 200,287,633	Requesting \$2,020,000 > No Mill Budget	
2: GRANTS										
9	Administration	36	Special Revenue	Accommodations Tax (A-Tax)	Approve A-Tax revenue projections	No		\$ 690,000		
10	Administration	36	Special Revenue	Accommodations Tax	Approve A-Tax use of fund balance	No		\$ 141,258		
11	Administration	36	Special Revenue	Accommodations Tax	Approve A-Tax transfers out	No		\$ 148,858	Includes statutorily mandated transfers: 25k to GF, 5% to GF and Council Initiative of 15% to affordable housing - \$91,858	
12	Administration	36-37	Special Revenue	Accommodations Tax	Approve A-Tax committee recommendations	No		\$ 682,400	Previous Year: \$750,000	
13	Administration	38	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (H-Tax)	Approve H-Tax revenue projections	No		\$ 11,538,041		
14	Administration	38	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve H-Tax use of fund balance	No		\$ 2,666,596	May increase/decrease as motions are made for H-Tax Fund	
15	Administration	38	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve H-Tax transfers out	No		\$ 4,990,850	General Fund and Debt Service	
16	Barron	40-42	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve H-Tax committee recommendations	No		\$ 650,000	Previous Year: \$657,750	
17	Administration	n/a	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve carryover of council discretionary funds for H-Tax - \$181,360.00 as June 03, 2025	Yes	Prior year allocation of discretionary funds		Allocation of \$82,425 for each council district (11)	
18	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve carryover funding for capital project for parking lot construction	No	Township Auditorium parking lot	\$ 1,000,000	Amount of \$1,800,000 funded through assigned capital fund balance, additional \$1,000,000 to complete the project was requested from H-Tax Fund in FY 2025	
19	Mackey/Newton	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve funding for Riverbanks Zoo at the recommended amount	Yes	Use of fund balance from H-Tax	\$ 1,501,712	Same as FY 2025	
20	Barron/Mackey	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Ordinance Agency)	Approve funding for the Columbia Museum of Art at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 1,475,000	FY 2025 Award - \$1,438,200	
21	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Ordinance Agency)	Approve funding for the Historic Columbia Foundation at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 675,000	FY 2025 Award - \$666,667	
22	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Ordinance Agency)	Approve funding for EdVenture at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 1,450,000	FY 2025 Award - \$1,430,000	
23	Barron/English/Livingston	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Ordinance Agency)	Approve funding for the Township Auditorium Foundation at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 415,000	FY 2025 Award - \$408,750	
24	Barron/English/Livingston	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Ordinance Agency)	Approve funding for Township Auditorium - RC Operations - ground maintenance at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 155,400	FY 2025 Award - \$30,400	
25	Branham/ Livingston	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Special Promotions)	Approve funding for the Capital City Lake Murray Country Tourism Board at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 160,000	FY 2025 Award - \$160,000	
26	Barron	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Special Promotions)	Approve funding for Columbia Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 500,000	FY 2025 Award - \$471,250	
27	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Special Promotions)	Approve funding for Columbia International Festival at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 350,000	FY 2025 Award - \$275,000	
28	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Tier 3)	Approve Funding for the South East Rural Community Outreach (SERCO) at the requested amount	Yes		\$ 120,000	FY 2025 Award - \$90,000	
29	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Tier 3)	Approve carryover of any unexpended funds from the Gateway Pocket Park/Blight Removal Project to FY 2026 budget	Yes		\$ 250,000	FY 2022 Award - \$250,000; carryforward in FY 2023, 2024, and 2025	
30	Administration	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax (Tier 3)	Approve carryover of any unexpended funds from the Historical Corridor to FY 2026 budget	Yes		\$ 228,105	FY 2023 Award - \$372,715; Carryforward reduced to \$228,105 in FY 2024 and FY 2025	
31	Barron	39	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve H-Tax council discretionary funds	Yes	Allocation of \$82,425 for each council district (11)	\$ 906,675	Same as FY 2025	
32	English	41	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve \$65,000 in funding to the Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival for FY 2026	Yes	H-Tax Committee awarded \$21,850; funding at \$65,000 would increase the use of H-Tax fund balance by \$43,150	\$ 43,150		
33	English	41	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve \$20,000 in funding to the SC Gospel Quartet Awards in FY 2026	Yes	H-Tax Committee awarded \$7,000; funding at \$20,000 would increase the use of H-Tax fund balance by \$13,000	\$ 13,000		
34	English	41	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve \$75,000 in funding to the Latino Communications Community Development Corporation in FY 2026	Yes	H-Tax Committee awarded \$20,000; funding at \$75,000 would increase the use of fund balance by \$55,000	\$ 55,000		
35	English	42	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve \$35,000 in funding to the Town of Eastover in FY 2026	Yes	H-Tax Committee awarded \$12,667; funding at \$35,000 would increase the use of fund balance by \$22,333	\$ 22,333		
36	Terracio	42	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve \$100,000 in funding to the Trustus Theater in FY 2026	Yes	H-Tax Committee awarded \$14,250 funding at \$100,000 would increase the use of H-Tax fund balance by \$85,750	\$ 85,750		
37	Terracio	40-41	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve funding SC Ballet and Columbia Classical Ballet at the same amount	Yes	Columbia Classic Ballet was awarded \$18,750; the SC Ballet was awarded \$10,500; funding both at the same amount would increase the use of H-Tax fund balance by \$8,250	\$ 8,250		
38	Administration	38-42	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve carrying over up to \$300,000 of unexpended hospitality funds from each Councilmember District to FY 2025 budget	Yes		\$ -		
39	Barron	46-48	Special Revenue	Neighborhood Redevelopment	Approve Neighborhood Enrichment Grant Program (NEGP) recommendations	No		\$ 71,530	FY 2025 - \$92,250	
40	Administration	49-50	Special Revenue	Conservation Commission	Approve Conservation Commission Natural Resource Grant recommendations	No		\$ 300,000	FY 2025 - \$250,000	
41	Administration	51-61	Special Revenue (Grants)	Grant Funded Departments	Approve department requests for external grants in FY 2026, required matching of County funds, and grant-funded positions	No	Departments requesting approval of various grants: Potential total external incoming revenue of \$1,185,309,528 and associated matching of County funds: \$1,029,455 in General Funds and \$26,274,093 in Other Funds	\$ 1,212,613,076	Excludes previously approved American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) Funding - \$80,756,312.00	
3: GENERAL FUND										
42	Administration	17-18	General Fund (Revenue)	County-wide Departments	Approve Projected Operating General Fund Revenue as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book; including sufficient operating millage to achieve \$153,447,755 in property tax collections	No	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget. Revenue Only; excludes Transfers In, Fund Balance and Sale of Assets. Includes Capital Millage.	\$ 236,004,917	FY 2025 - \$216,937,983; Capital Millage is at NMI - \$7,794,000	
43	Administration	n/a	General Fund (Revenue)	Administration	Approve millage increase of .5 to fund Proviso 67.17	No	67.17.DJ: Capital Expenditure Charge.	\$ 1,100,000	A capital expenditure charge of \$125 per day per child not to exceed 25 days to DJJ to cover capital expenditures and investments in the facilities that house such juveniles	
44	Administration	17-18	General Fund (Revenue)	County-wide Departments	Approve General Fund Transfers In from H-Tax and A-Tax Funds as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book	No	Transfers In	\$ 8,589,123		
45	Administration	17-18	General Fund (Revenue)	Administration	Approve allocation of indirect cost to special revenue and enterprise fund departments as presented in the 2026 Recommended Budget Book	No	Cost Allocation	\$ 5,032,122		
46	Administration	17-18	General Fund (Revenue)	Administration	Approve general fund sale of capital assets	No		\$ 21,200	Same as FY 2025	

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47	Administration	17-18	General Fund (Revenue)	County-wide Departments	Approve projected use of general fund assigned fund balance to support capital project expenditures as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book	No		\$ 10,275,685	May increase/decrease as motions are made for General Fund; as proposed, this represents assigned fund balance only	
48	Administration	16	General Fund (Expenditure)	County-wide Departments	Approve continued funding for step increase according to the compensation study implemented in FY 2024 as well as adherence by all County employees who are not elected and appointed officials to be placed in adherence to the grade and step plan as assigned	No		\$ 2,020,096	FY 2025 - \$2,184,948	
49	Administration	16,31	General Fund (Expenditure)	County-wide Departments	Approve all general fund new positions as presented in the budget work session starting January 1, 2026, with the exception of Business Service Center and Solicitor who are budgeted to start July 1st, 2025	No		\$ 334,733	FY 2025 - \$276,091	
50	Administration	16	General Fund (Expenditure)	County-wide Departments	Approve general fund personnel, operating and capital expenditures as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book	No	Excludes Transfers Out	\$ 235,879,094	FY 2025 - \$222,022,160	
51	Administration	16	General Fund (Expenditure)	Transfer Out	Approve general fund operating transfers out as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book	No	Capital Projects - IT computer lease agreement - \$ 485,000 Capital Projects - Vehicle Replacement - \$ 5,610,644 Special Revenue - Victim Assistance - \$ 1,207,901 Special Revenue - School Resource Officer (SRO) - \$ 1,473,830 Special Revenue - Public Defender - \$ 4,817,495 Special Revenue - Conservation Commission - \$ 143,988 Special Revenue - Economic Development - \$ 1,102,000 Special Revenue - Title IV - Sheriff - \$ 36,499 Special Revenue - Title IV - Family Court/RS - \$ 134,474 Special Revenue - Affordable Housing - \$ 4,000,000	\$ 19,011,831	FY 2025 - \$15,119,809	
52	Administration	25	General Fund (Expenditure)	Lump Sum Agencies	Approve funding the Central Midlands Council of Governments membership for FY 2026	No		\$ 232,278	FY 2025 - 219,380	
53	Administration	25	General Fund (Expenditure)	Lump Sum Agencies	Approve funding the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for FY 2026	No		\$ 1,350,000	FY 2025 - 1,350,000	
54	Administration	25	General Fund (Expenditure)	Lump Sum Agencies	Approve Funding for Main Street District for FY 2026	No		\$ 50,000	FY 2025 - 50,000	
55	Barron	43	General Fund (Expenditure)	Community Impact Grants	Approve Community Impact Grants (CIG) committee recommendations - Community Partners	No		\$ 952,560	FY 2025 - \$1,151,546	
56	Barron	43-45	General Fund (Expenditure)	Community Impact Grants	Approve Community Impact Grants (CIG) committee recommendations - Competitive Grants	No		\$ 560,000	FY 2025 - \$658,800	
57	Terracio	43	General Fund	Community Impact Grants	Approve reducing Senior Resources Community Impact Grants (CIG) funding by \$30,000 to bring their awarded amount to \$440,546	Yes	Reducing award amount by \$30,000 would increase General Fund balance by \$30,000.	\$ (30,000)	Paired with motion 55. Will override motion #43 above	
58	Terracio	43	General Fund	Community Impact Grants	Approve increasing Community Impact Grants (CIG) funding for Transitions Homeless Center by \$30,000 to increase their awarded amount to \$180,000	Yes	Increasing award amount by \$30,000 would decrease General Fund balance by \$30,000	\$ 30,000	Paired with motion 54. Will override motion #43 above	
59	Administration	43-45	General Fund (Expenditure)	Community Impact Grants	Approve Community Impact Grants (CIG) committee recommendations	No		\$ 176,400	Community Impact Grants Committee Initiative 10% to affordable housing	
60	Administration	17-18	General Fund (Revenue)	County-wide Departments	Adjust and approve projected use of general fund balance to support overall general fund expenditure as necessary	Yes		\$ -		
61	Administration	n/a	(Expenditure)	Non-Departmental	Approve assigning \$4,000,000 of unexpended FY25 funding for affordable housing in FY26	No		\$ 4,000,000	FY 2025 - \$4,000,000 was assigned for affordable housing	
62	Pugh	45	General Fund (Expenditure)	Lump Sum Agencies	Approve \$300,000 in funding for the Midlands Area Food Bank	Yes		\$ 300,000	If funded by the General Fund, this would require the levy of an additional \$300,000 in property tax as fund balance is not presently available within the County unassigned fund balance policy	
63	Administration	45	General Fund (Expenditure)	Lump Sum Agencies	Clemson Cooperative Extension as presented in FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book Request for \$50,000	Yes		\$ -	If funded by the General Fund, this would require the levy of an additional \$50,000 in property tax as fund balance is not presently available within the County unassigned fund balance policy	
64	Administration	45	General Fund (Fund Balance Assignment)	Lump Sum Agencies	Senior Resource as presented in FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book. Community impact Grants (CIG) requested amount was \$548,046, amount not awarded is \$75,502. Senior Resources is requesting the difference in their requested and awarded amount.	Yes		\$ -	If funded by the General Fund, this would require the levy of an additional \$75,502 in property tax as fund balance is not presently available within the County unassigned fund balance policy	
65	Branham	6	General Fund		Propose a General Fund budget that does not increase County millage rate, or a maximum of 1 mill		This would require reduced spending between \$8,300,000 and \$10,500,000 which will likely impact staffing and program support			
66	Barron	6	General Fund		Propose a General Fund budget that increases County millage rate by 2.5-3 mills		This would require reduced spending between \$4,400,000 and \$5,500,000 which will likely impact staffing and program support			
4: SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS										
67	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Economic Development	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Economic Development	No		\$ 7,152,357		
68	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Emergency Telephone System	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Emergency Telephone System	No		\$ 7,659,742		
69	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Fire Services	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Fire Services	No	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 38,455,793		
70	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Hospitality Tax	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Hospitality Tax	No		\$ 14,204,637	May increase/decrease as motions are made for H-Tax	
71	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Accommodations Tax	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Accommodations Tax	No		\$ 831,258		
72	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Transportation Tax	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Transportation Tax	No		\$ 265,917,863		
73	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Mass Transit	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Mass Transit	No		\$ 28,388,195		
74	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Neighborhood Redevelopment	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Neighborhood Redevelopment	No	Requesting No Mill Budget	\$ 1,102,000		
75	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Public Defender	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Public Defender	No		\$ 7,126,679		
76	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Title IVD - Sheriff's Fund	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Title IVD - Sheriff's Fund	No		\$ 66,499		
77	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Title IV - Family Court	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Title IV - Family Court	No		\$ 1,451,686		
78	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	School Resource Officers	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of School Resource Officers	No		\$ 8,334,677		
79	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Victim's Assistance	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Victim's Assistance	No		\$ 1,367,901		
80	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Tourism Development	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Tourism Development	No		\$ 1,477,000		
81	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Temporary Alcohol Permits	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Temporary Alcohol Permits	No		\$ 126,502		
82	Administration	45	Special Revenue	Temporary Alcohol Permits	Approve funding for River Alliance for FY 2026	Yes		\$ 70,000	FY 2025 - \$70,000	
83	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Stormwater Management	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Stormwater Management	No	Requesting No Mill Budget	\$ 5,312,802		
84	Administration	45	Special Revenue	Stormwater Management	Approve funding for Congaree Riverkeeper for FY 2026	No		\$ 20,000	FY 2025 - \$20,000	
85	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Conservation Commission	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Conservation Commission	No	Requesting No Mill Budget	\$ 3,182,580		
86	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Road Maintenance	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Road Maintenance	No		\$ 11,898,931		
87	Administration	63-75	Special Revenue	Child Fatality Review	Approve revenue and expenditure budget of Child Fatality Review	No		\$ 35,000		
88	Administration	32	Other Funds - Expenditure (Special and Enterprise Revenue)	County-wide Departments	Approve Other Fund New Positions as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book	No		\$ 621,592	FY 2025 - 339,439	
5: DEBT SERVICE										
89	Administration	34	Debt Service	General Obligation Debt Service	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 14,353,981		

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90	Administration	34	Debt Service	Proposed General Obligation Debt Service	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 8,968,471		
91	Administration	34	Debt Service	Fire Bonds Debt Service	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 547,950		
92	Administration	34	Debt Service	Hospitality Refund 2013A B/S (Special Assessment)	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 1,490,850		
93	Administration	34	Debt Service	RC IP Bonds 2019	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 1,601,381		
94	Administration	34	Debt Service	Richland School District I.	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 17,530,778		
95	Administration	34	Debt Service	Richland School District I. Debt Service	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 45,132,122		
96	Administration	34	Debt Service	Richland School District II. Debt Service	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 67,172,352		
97	Administration	34	Debt Service	Recreation Commission	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 3,067,430		
98	Administration	34	Debt Service	Riverbanks Zoo & Garden	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 5,506,989		
99	Administration	34	Debt Service	East Richland Public Service Dist. (Sewer)	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 809,320		
100	Administration	34	Debt Service	Transportation Bonds	Appropriate funding to fund debt service	No		\$ 14,435,500		
<b>6: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN</b>										
101	Administration	76-85	Capital Projects	County-wide Departments	Approve multi-year comprehensive capital improvement plan as presented in the FY 2026 Recommended Budget Book (FY 2026 - FY 2029)	No		\$ 242,371,782		
<b>7: ENTERPRISE</b>										
102	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Approve 3.60% increase in the Landfill's rate schedule for the FY 2026	No		\$ 3,448,377	Approve 3.60% increase in the Curbside Collection's rate schedule for the FY 2026 as presented	
103	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Approve Mill Cap budget for Landfill	No	Requesting Mill Cap Budget or More than No Mill Budget	\$ 8,391,200		
104	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Approve Solid Waste Collection revenue projections	No		\$ 39,318,401		
105	Administration	10-11	Enterprise (Expenditure)	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Approve funding for Solid Waste total budget	No		\$ 51,157,978		
106	Administration	8	Enterprise (Expenditure)	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Approve funding for Solid Waste use of fund balance	No		\$ 2,000,000	Included in revenue projections	
107	Administration	45	Enterprise (Expenditure)	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Approve funding for Keep Midlands Beautiful	Yes		\$ 45,500	FY 2025 Award - \$42,900	
108	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Richland County Utilities	Approve Utilities Water revenue projections - includes 10% increase	No		\$ 287,829	Approve proposed 10% volumetric water rate increases and fee schedule presented by Utilities in the Council budget work session	
109	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Richland County Utilities	Approve Utilities Sewer revenue projections - includes 4% increase	No		\$ 14,722,102	Proposed 4% sewer rate increases and fee schedule - Rate Study continuation	
110	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Richland County Utilities	Approve Utilities TAP revenue projections	No		\$ 896,278		
111	Administration	10-11	Enterprise (Expenditure)	Richland County Utilities	Approve funding for Richland County Utilities total budget	No		\$ 15,906,209		
112	Administration	8	Enterprise (Revenue)	Hamilton-Owens Airport Operating	Approve Jim Hamilton Owens Airport revenue projections	No		\$ 310,000	FY 2025 Budget - \$474,078	

## Richland County Council Request for Action

**Subject:**

An Ordinance authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem property taxes which together with the prior year's carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Richland County Council prior to July 1, 2025 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government during the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

**Notes:**

First Reading: May 6, 2025

Second Reading: June 5, 2025

Third Reading: October 7, 2025

Public Hearing: May 22, 2025