

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. ___ 23-HR**

An Ordinance to raise revenue, make appropriations, and adopt FY 2024 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, 2023 will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Richland County Government from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2023)

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 2023-2024 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 Operating	\$202,132,831	\$10,925,000	\$5,938,226	\$218,996,057	\$208,377,282	\$9,465,912	\$218,996,057
General Fund Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,152,863	\$0	\$1,152,863
General Fund	\$202,132,831	\$10,925,000	\$5,938,226	\$218,996,057	\$209,530,145	\$9,465,912	\$218,996,057
Special Revenue							
Victim’s Rights	\$389,137	\$945,289	\$0	\$1,334,426	\$1,334,426	\$0	\$1,334,426
Tourism Development	\$1,280,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,280,500	\$1,280,500	\$0	\$1,280,500
Temporary Alcohol Permits	\$167,817	\$0	\$0	\$167,817	\$167,817	\$0	\$167,817
Emergency Telephone System	\$2,200,000	\$3,556,442	\$1,690,000	\$7,446,442	\$7,446,442	\$0	\$7,446,442
Fire Service	\$30,728,500	\$0	\$4,911,275	\$35,639,775	\$32,083,333	\$3,556,442	\$35,639,775
Stormwater Management	\$3,894,800	\$0	\$0	\$3,894,800	\$3,894,800	\$0	\$3,894,800
Conservation Commission Fund	\$946,000	\$143,988	\$2,818,942	\$3,908,930	\$3,908,930	\$0	\$3,908,930
Neighborhood Redev. Fund	\$946,000	\$0	\$0	\$946,000	\$946,000	\$0	\$946,000
Hospitality Tax	\$8,400,000	\$0	\$1,098,713	\$9,498,713	\$4,510,000	\$4,988,713	\$9,498,713
Accommodation Tax	\$600,000	\$0	\$166,667	\$766,667	\$741,667	\$25,000	\$766,667
Title IVD - Sheriff’s Fund	\$62,671	\$0	\$0	\$62,671	\$62,671	\$0	\$62,671
Road Maintenance Fee	\$6,450,000	\$0	\$4,895,478	\$11,345,478	\$11,345,478	\$0	\$11,345,478
Public Defender	\$2,309,184	\$4,102,572	\$0	\$6,411,756	\$6,411,756	\$0	\$6,411,756
Transportation Tax	\$88,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$88,000,000	\$2,735,683	\$85,264,317	\$88,000,000
Mass Transit	\$0	\$24,754,400	\$0	\$24,754,400	\$24,754,400	\$0	\$24,754,400
School Resource Officers	\$5,232,998	\$1,996,712	\$0	\$7,229,710	\$7,229,710	\$0	\$7,229,710
Economic Development	\$5,400,000	\$946,000	\$3,500,000	\$9,846,000	\$8,243,083	\$1,602,917	\$9,846,000
Child Fatality Review	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
Special Revenue Total	\$157,042,607	\$36,445,403	\$19,116,075	\$212,604,085	\$117,166,696	\$95,437,389	\$212,604,085
Debt Service							
General Debt Service	\$20,124,222	\$0	\$0	\$20,124,222	\$20,124,222	\$0	\$20,124,222
Fire Bonds 2018B 1,500,000	\$550,150	\$0	\$0	\$550,150	\$550,150	\$0	\$550,150
RFC-IP Revenue Bond 2019	\$1,602,917	\$0	\$0	\$1,602,917	\$1,602,917	\$0	\$1,602,917
Hospitality Refund 2013A B/S	\$0	\$1,488,713	\$0	\$1,488,713	\$1,488,713	\$0	\$1,488,713
East Richland Public Svc Dist.	\$1,438,561	\$0	\$0	\$1,438,561	\$1,438,561	\$0	\$1,438,561
Recreation Commission Debt Svc	\$3,164,689	\$0	\$0	\$3,164,689	\$3,164,689	\$0	\$3,164,689
Riverbanks Zoo Debt Service	\$2,591,510	\$0	\$0	\$2,591,510	\$2,591,510	\$0	\$2,591,510
School District 1 Debt Service	\$66,841,168	\$0	\$0	\$66,841,168	\$66,841,168	\$0	\$66,841,168
School District 2 Debt Service	\$66,194,904	\$0	\$0	\$66,194,904	\$66,194,904	\$0	\$66,194,904
Transportation BAN		\$14,434,750	\$0	\$14,434,750	\$14,434,750	\$0	\$14,434,750
Debt Service Total	\$162,508,121	\$15,923,463	\$0	\$178,431,584	\$178,431,584	\$0	\$178,431,584
Enterprise Funds							
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$44,207,178	\$0	\$0	\$44,207,178	\$44,207,178	\$0	\$44,207,178
Richland County Utilities	\$14,661,266	\$0	\$0	\$14,661,266	\$14,661,266	\$0	\$14,661,266
Hamilton-Owens Airport Operating	\$295,000	\$0	\$313,544	\$608,544	\$608,544	\$0	\$608,544
Enterprise Funds Total	\$59,163,444	\$0	\$313,544	\$59,476,988	\$59,476,988	\$0	\$59,476,988
Millage Agencies							
Richland Cnty Recreation Commission	\$16,455,543	\$0	\$0	\$16,455,543	\$16,455,543	\$0	\$16,455,543
Columbia Area Mental Health	\$2,714,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,714,000	\$2,714,000	\$0	\$2,714,000
Public Library	\$32,311,229	\$0	\$0	\$32,311,229	\$32,311,229	\$0	\$32,311,229
Riverbanks Zoo	\$2,706,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,706,000	\$2,706,000	\$0	\$2,706,000
Midlands Technical College	\$7,503,630	\$0	\$0	\$7,503,630	\$7,503,630	\$0	\$7,503,630
Midlands Tech Capital/Debt Service	\$3,926,731	\$0	\$0	\$3,926,731	\$3,926,731	\$0	\$3,926,731
School District One	\$254,990,675	\$0	\$0	\$254,990,675	\$254,990,675	\$0	\$254,990,675
School District Two	\$181,576,392	\$0	\$0	\$181,576,392	\$181,576,392	\$0	\$181,576,392
Millage Agencies Total	\$502,184,200	\$0	\$0	\$502,184,200	\$502,184,200	\$0	\$502,184,200
Grand Total	\$1,083,031,203	\$63,293,866	\$25,367,845	\$1,171,692,914	\$1,066,789,613	\$104,903,301	\$1,171,692,914

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, SECTION 18 and SECTION 19, 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 Comprehensive Annual 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. The County Administrator is granted authority to transfer up to \$100,000 between all General Fund direct report budgets.

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 2023. 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 6, 2023 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Business License Rate Classes effective July 1, 2023 (FY 2024). New rate class schedule is as follows:

Rate Class	Base Rate	Incremental Rate
Rate Class 1	\$20.00	\$1.00
Rate Class 2	\$22.00	\$1.10
Rate Class 3	\$24.00	\$1.20
Rate Class 4	\$26.00	\$1.30
Rate Class 5	\$28.00	\$1.40
Rate Class 6	\$30.00	\$1.50
Rate Class 7	\$32.00	\$1.60

SECTION 17. During its June 6, 2023 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Building Permitting Rates effective July 1, 2023 (FY 2024). New rate schedule is as follows:

Plan Reviews Fee

- Residential Review = 20% of Permit Fee
- Commercial Reviews = 40% of Permit Fee

Demolition Fee

- Residential Structure = \$75.00
- Residential One Story = \$75.00
- Residential Two Story = \$75.00
- Residential Three Story = \$75.00
- Commercial Structures = \$75.00

Standard Permit Fees-No Change

SECTION 18. During its June 6, 2023 meeting, Richland County Council approved an increase in the Utilities’ fees for water effective July 1, 2023 (FY 2024). New fees, as approved, are as follows:

Water fees:

- Hydrant Fee: \$8.00
- \$3 Increase in Base Fee

Additional water fees are published in the following table to be effective from July 1, 2023”

		Current Fees	New Fees
Willingness to Serve Fees	Notes		
Capacity Request	Initial Inquiry Plus up to 2 Revisions	\$ -	\$100.00
Capacity Request (Revisions)	Each additional Revision	\$ -	\$50.00
Capacity Request with Pump Station	One Time Fee	\$ -	\$1,000.00
Plan Review Fees	Notes		
Project Plan Review up to 100 REUs	Initial Plus up to 2 Revisions	\$ -	\$1,000.00
Project Plan Review over 100 REUs	Initial Plus up to 2 Revisions	\$ -	\$5,000.00
Project Plan Review more than two follow-ups	Each	\$ -	\$500.00
Pump Station Review	Each	\$ -	\$1,000.00
Inspection Fees	Notes		
Project Inspection	Initial and One Follow-up Final Inspection	\$ 375.00	\$1,500.00
Project Field Changes (after Plan Approval)	Per Field Modification	\$ -	\$500.00
Pump Station Inspection	Each	\$ -	\$1,250.00
Legal & Administration Fees	Notes		
Project Closeout	Each	\$ -	\$500.00
Off-site Right of Way	Each	\$ -	\$500.00
Developer Agreement	Each	\$ -	\$1,000.00
Fines	Notes		
Illegal Tap Fines	+ Permit Cost + Repairs + Admin Fee	\$ -	\$500.00
Fat, Oil, & Grease (FOG) & Private Pump Stations Fees	Notes		
Food Service Establishment (FSE) Review	New Commercial Utilities	\$ -	\$500.00
Food Service Establishment (FSE) Inspection	Site or Construction Commercial Utilities	\$ -	\$250.00
Food Service Establishment (FSE) Monthly	Monthly Inspection Fee	\$ -	\$20.00
Individual Pump Station Service Call	Service Visit Fee	\$ -	\$20.00
Individual Pump Station Inspection	Initial Pump Station Connection	\$ -	\$500.00

SECTION 19. During its June 6, 2023 meeting, County Council approved the implementation of new rates effective July 1, 2023. The new rates for curbside, as approved, are as follows:

Solid Waste rates:

- Curbside Collection Fee-\$350.57 (Current rate increased by 5.0%) \$368.10
- Backyard Service (enhanced service)-\$631.03(Proposed curbside rate x 1.8 as per ordinance) \$662.58
- New Commercial \$679.77
- Disability Backyard Service-350.57 (Current rate increased by 5.0%) \$368.10
- Rollcart Initial Setup Fee -\$75.00
- C&D Disposal @ Richland County Landfill-\$26.25per ton (Waste must originate in RC) 5% increase
- Yard/Land Clearing Debris/Dirt-\$26.25 per ton
- Brown Goods/Bulk Items-\$26.25 per ton
- Metal and Appliances-\$26.25 per ton
- Mattress/Box Spring –N/C for Richland County Residents (Limit 2 per day. Mattress + box spring are 1)
- Mattress/Box spring commercial -\$336.00 per ton
- Tires Commercial-\$1.50 each or \$150.00 per ton
- Residential Tire with proper identification, N/C (Limit 4 per day)
- Residential Electronic Waste (Up to 5 electronic items per day) N/C.
- Commercial Electronic Waste, Landfill only -\$1.05 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, N/C for Richland County residents. (Up to 5 cans of any size per day)
- Commercial Latex Paint -\$1.05 per/lb.

Additional rates are published in the “Solid Waste Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2023”

SECTION 20. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 21. 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 22. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2023.

Richland County Council

By: _____

First Reading: FY 2024 – May 2, 2023

Public Hearing: FY 2024 – May 11, 2023

Second Reading: FY 2024 – May 25, 2023

Third Reading: FY 2024 – June 6, 2023