

Council Members

District 1: John Thomas
District 2: Bob Anderson
District 3: Everett Carolina
District 4: Lillie Jean Johnson, *Vice Chair*
District 5: Raymond L. Newton
District 6: Steve Goggans
District 7: Louis R. Morant, *Chairman*

**County Administrator**

Angela Christian

Clerk to Council

Theresa E. Floyd

May 11, 2021

5:30 PM

**GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL
Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins Street,
Georgetown, SC**

AGENDA

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- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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 - 9.b Proclamation No. 21-14 - To proclaim May 16-22, 2021 as "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week" in Georgetown County.**
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- 11. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**
 - 11.a Ordinance No. 21-17 - An Ordinance to amend Article IV, General**

Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 426 dealing with lighting requirements for residential developments along waterways.

11.b Ordinance No. 21-18 - An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown Memorial Hospital Weehaw Campus Planned Development, TMS No. 02-1009-018-02-03, to allow for multi-family as a permitted use.

11.c Ordinance No. 21-19 - An Ordinance to Amend the FY21 Operating Budget of Georgetown County

12. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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15.c Special Recognition

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16.c Ordinance No. 21-16 - An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Ordinary County Purposes for Georgetown County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022; To Provide for the Expenditure Thereof; and To Provide for Revenues for the Payment Thereof.

17. LEGAL BRIEFING / EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. OPEN SESSION

19. ADJOURNMENT

Item Number: 5.a
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:
Regular Council Meeting - April 27, 2021

CURRENT STATUS:
Pending

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
n/a

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
n/a

OPTIONS:
1. Approval of minutes as submitted.
2. Offer amendments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Adoption of meeting minutes.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▣ DRAFT - 042721 Minutes	Backup Material

Georgetown County Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 5:30 PM in the Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins Street, Georgetown, South Carolina.

Present: Bob Anderson Louis R. Morant
 Everett Carolina Raymond Newton
 Steve Goggans John W. Thomas
 Lillie Jean Johnson

Staff: Angela Christian Theresa E. Floyd
 Jackie Broach-Akers H. Thomas Morgan, Jr.

Other staff members, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to newspapers, television, and radio stations, citizens of the County, Department Heads, and posted on the bulletin board in the historic Courthouse.

Chairman Louis R. Morant called the meeting to order. Councilmember Everett Carolina gave an invocation, and all joined in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Bob Anderson moved for approval of the meeting agenda, along with a recommendation to move Report 15a, non-profit spotlight, forward on the meeting agenda. Councilmember Raymond Newton offered a second. There was no discussion on the motion.

In Favor: Bob Anderson Louis R. Morant
 Everett Carolina Raymond L. Newton
 Steve Goggans John W. Thomas
 Lillie Jean Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Ricketts

Mr. Ricketts, a resident of Windsor (and property owner in the Wedgefield Community) spoke in opposition of the proposed development for the Georgetown Hospital Weehaw Tract (Ordinance No. 21-18). No taxes have been paid on this property since purchased by Georgetown Hospital in 2008. The property is not close to local amenities such as shopping, restaurants, schools, or medical offices. He questioned if the proposed Blueline Development will also be tax exempt? If so, who will pay for the public services?

Mike Downes

Mr. Downes, a resident of Wedgefield, spoke in opposition of the proposed development of Georgetown Hospital's Weehaw Campus on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18) stating the proposed property is not close to local amenities such as shopping, restaurants, schools, or medical offices. There are other tracts of property in Georgetown County already zoned for this type of project, but they are of no interest to the developer because they do not offer tax credits. He said Blueline Development is not concerned about the best interest of the people who they put in the units, but only about the profit. The proper thing to do would be to build single family "affordable" housing that people could afford to buy and earn equity in their own homes.

Joseph Myers

Mr. Myers spoke in opposition to the proposed development of Georgetown Hospital's Weehaw Tract on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18). He questioned why this project is being rushed on the heels of a housing study with findings being just released. Mr. Myers said the number of proposed housing units will impact the existing infrastructure in this location, yet it will not contribute to the tax base of Georgetown County. Area traffic is already a problem. There are multiple other locations in Georgetown County already zoned for this type of housing, but this is not one of them. Blueline Development is a Limited Liability Company (LLC) with horrendous reviews and a reputation for simply "walking away" from its projects after a number of years.

Butch Williams

Mr. Williams spoke in opposition to the proposed development of the Georgetown Hospital Weehaw Campus rezoning on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18), voicing several safety concerns including increased crime and higher incidents of fire (he referenced a supporting FEMA report). Mr. Williams stated that this type of housing can also negatively impact surrounding property values. He said this housing project should be located within the city limits.

Tom Dunn

Mr. Dunn stated that he was present to voice objections to mask mandates, but as the matter was not on County Council's agenda he would simply thank County Council for not reconsidering this.

Bradley Tiller

Mr. Tiller spoke in opposition to the proposed development of Georgetown Hospital's Weehaw Campus on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18). Mr. Tiller stated that the hospital is no longer planning to relocate to this property, which is listed as "transitional" on the County Comprehensive Plan. However, the proposed plan to locate 150 housing units on 16 acres of property would not be considered a "transitional" use. He urged County Council to be leery of changing the classification of this site in search of affordable housing, as what is being proposed is not even "affordable".

Robert McMahan

Mr. McMahan spoke in opposition to the proposed development on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18). He stated that he is not opposed to affordable housing, but only opposes the proposed location. Large scale affordable housing projects increase crime rates and can negatively impact area property values. Mr. McMahan stated that a site should be selected that would better benefit all of Georgetown County.

Morris Johnson

Mr. Johnson spoke in opposition of plans to extend sewer to a small section of the N. Santee area. The proposed cost is too high for a project that is not providing service to the entire community. Mr. Johnson said he has asked for a map of the proposed service area, but was told there is not one available. Hopefully the project will not move forward without input from the entire community.

Tranis Parker

Mr. Parker stated that County Council was familiar with his reason for speaking tonight, as he had come before the Body on previous occasions. He and other residents of the Spring Gulley Community have been fighting for grant money, or other available funds, to address the flooding in their area. People are trying to keep water out of their homes, and these drainage problems critically need to be fixed.

Wesley Gibson

Mr. Gibson, speaking on behalf of *Citizens for Progress*, spoke about the crucial need for affordable housing in Georgetown. According to the recent housing study conducted by Bowen National Research, 12,000 people currently commute to Georgetown from other areas to work. Residents of Wedgefield have openly stated they do not want subsidized housing in their area, and some have made disturbing racial remarks. The lack of affordable housing is hurting all of Georgetown County.

Marvin Neal

Mr. Neal said the comments people have made regarding the proposed affordable housing development near Wedgefield have set a “tone”. If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that everyone will be in a situation to need help at some point. It is shameful to hear people talk about others as though they are “less than”. He said he served in the military for 21 years, and his service was for all people. All people in Georgetown County deserve the opportunity to have somewhere to live.

Niki Nadeau

Ms. Nadeau stated that she and her husband are residents of Georgetown County. He has been a real estate investor for 39 years. It is their belief that the proposed location (Wedgefield) is wrong for this affordable housing development. Changing the zoning classification to allow for this would be “spot zoning”. The area already has traffic problems and cannot accommodate the increased traffic that will be generated by this development. Ms. Nadeau said it is “suspicious” that the developer is willing to pay an inflated price for this property, when there are other properties for sale that would accommodate this project and are already zoned appropriately. She questioned how the hospital was able to get out of the designated “conservation easement” on this tract in 2008, and expressed concerns that the citizens of Georgetown are going to have to pay for this bad investment.

Marion Cuttino

Ms. Cuttino voiced concerns regarding the proposed development of Georgetown Hospital’s Weehaw Campus on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18). She stated that she moved to the Georgetown area from up north. This is her home, and this is where her family plans to stay. This issue is not about whether or not you were born here. There is a problem with the management style of Blueline Development. The company has a reputation of creating “slums”, and being unresponsive to tenants. They are not the right company for the betterment of Georgetown County. They enrich themselves with federal tax credits, and are not subject to state standards. Therefore everyone is a victim, both the property tenants and the taxpayers. Racial comments are inappropriate regardless of the situation, and are not for the betterment of any community, no matter where you live.

Tom Olejniczak

Mr. Olejniczak spoke in opposition to the proposed development on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 (Ordinance No. 21-18). His family is looking to move there, and his concerns were regarding the impact that this development would have on surrounding properties. Studies have shown that low income housing is better suited in smaller sizes (less than 53 units). This tract is not the correct site for the proposed plan. Additionally, Mr. Olejniczak thanked County Council for not renewing mask mandates.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Session – April 13, 2021

Councilmember Everett Carolina moved for approval of the minutes of County Council’s meeting on April 13, 2021. Councilmember Raymond Newton seconded the motion. Chairman Louis Morant called for discussion on the motion, and none occurred.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following reports were included on the consent agenda, and approved as part of the agenda approval process.

Contract #17-076, Task Order 2, Brick Chimney Rd. Phase 2 Final Design – County Council approved Task Order 02 with vendor, Davis & Floyd, Inc. in the amount of \$128,542 for the Brick Chimney Road project.

Procurement #20-106, Replacement of 2008 John Deere 624J Wheel Loader – County Council approved award of a Purchase Order to Ascendum Machinery in the amount of \$232,600.

Land Records Program for Register of Deeds – County Council awarded a purchase contract to Business Operations System at the 5 year purchase price of \$257,640.00.

RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS:

Resolution No. 21-10

Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson moved for adoption of Resolution No. 21-10, in support of matching grant funds associated with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Lincolnshire Drainage System Upgrade. Councilmember Everett Carolina seconded the motion. Upon a call for discussion on the motion from Chairman Louis Morant, there was none.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Resolution No. 21-11

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-11, a Resolution in support of of Senate Bill 40 amending the SC Code of Laws to require free parking/and public beach access on barrier islands, unless SC Dept. of Transportation has authorized otherwise. Councilmember Steve Goggans seconded the motion. Chairman Morant called for discussion, and there was none.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Resolution No. 21-12

Councilmember Bob Anderson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-12, supporting efforts by the State Legislature to honor former Georgetown County Sheriff, A. Lane Cribb, by naming a portion of highway (Pleasant Hill Drive) in his honor. Councilmember Raymond Newton seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

ORDINANCES-Third Reading

Ordinance No. 21-12

Following an update from Brian Tucker, Economic Development Director, a motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Newton for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 21-12, titled, "Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By and Between Georgetown County, South Carolina and Lambert I, LLC, to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes with Respect to a Project; Authorizing Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters". Councilmember Everett Carolina seconded the motion. Chairman Morant called for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Ordinance No. 21-13

Following an update report from Brian Tucker, Economic Development Director, a motion was made by Councilmember Everett Carolina for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 21-13 titled, "An Ordinance of Georgetown County, South Carolina, Approving an Agreement for the Enlargement of the Joint-County Industrial Park by and Between Georgetown County, South Carolina, and Williamsburg County, South Carolina; and Other Matters Related to the Foregoing (Lambert I, LLC)". Councilmember Steve Goggans seconded the motion. Chairman Louis Morant called for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Ordinance No. 21-14

Councilmember Everett Carolina so moved for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 21-14, titled, "An ordinance authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By and Between Georgetown County, South Carolina and Lambert II, LLC, to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes with Respect to a Project; Authorizing Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters". Councilmember Steve Goggans offered a second on the motion, and Chairman Louis Morant called for discussion on the motion. There was none.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Ordinance No. 21-15

Councilmember Steve Goggans offered a motion for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 21-15, titled, "An Ordinance of Georgetown County, South Carolina Approving an Agreement for the

Enlargement of the Joint-County Industrial Park by and Between Georgetown County, South Carolina, and Williamsburg County, South Carolina; and Other Matters Related to the Foregoing (Lambert II, LLC)". Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson seconded the motion. There was a call for discussion from Chairman Morant, and no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

ORDINANCES-Second Reading:

No reports.

ORDINANCES-First Reading:

Ordinance No. 21-17 - An Ordinance to amend Article IV, General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 426 dealing with lighting requirements for residential developments along waterways.

Ordinance No. 21-18 - An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown Memorial Hospital Weehaw Campus Planned Development, TMS No. 02-1009-018-02-03, to allow for multi-family as a permitted use.

Ordinance No. 21-19 - An Ordinance to Amend the FY21 Operating Budget of Georgetown County

BIDS:

No reports.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Nonprofit Spotlight – Martha's House

(This report we presented earlier during the meeting)

In association with an effort by Georgetown County and the Bunnelle Foundation to spotlight a local nonprofit at each County Council meeting, a presentation was made on behalf of *Martha's House* by Board Member, Kristi Squires. *Martha's House* is a not-for-profit organization with the purpose of providing shelter and aftercare for women once they are released from jail/prison. Christy Hopkins, a resident of *Martha's House*, shared her personal story and the positive impact that the organization has had on her life.

Litchfield Villas LLC

Following a report from Holly Richardson, Planning and Code Enforcement Director, a motion for approval was made by Councilmember Steve Goggans to approve a request on behalf of Litchfield Villas LLC to allow for two security gates (one at each entrance) to be installed at the Litchfield Villas Community located at 1 Sundial Drive in Pawleys Island. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Thomas. Chairman Louis Morant called for discussion, and there was none.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

DEFERRED OR PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED ISSUES

Ordinance No. 20-59 - An Ordinance to revise the Rules of Procedure as previously adopted by Georgetown County Council.

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Ordinance No. 21-16 - An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Ordinary County Purposes for Georgetown County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022; To Provide for the Expenditure Thereof; and To Provide for Revenues for the Payment Thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Everett Carolina to move into Executive Session to allow County Council to receive legal advice and discuss employment matters covered by the Attorney-Client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2). Councilmember Steve Goggans offered a second on the motion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

County Council moved into Executive Session at 6:47 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

As the meeting resumed, a motion was made by Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson, and seconded by Councilmember Everett Carolina, to enter back into Open Session at 7:13 PM.

In Favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Chairman Louis Morant called for further action of County Council, and being none, he moved to adjourn the meeting.

Date

Clerk to Council

Item Number: 8.a
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:
Economic Development Alliance Board

CURRENT STATUS:
Pending

POINTS TO CONSIDER:
Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson has recommended the re-appointment of Ms. Ronnie Gilliard to the Economic Development Alliance Board representing Council District 4.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OPTIONS:

1. Ratify recommendation for re-appointment of Ms. Ronnie Gilliard to the Economic Development Alliance Board.
2. Do not ratify appointment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ratify recommendation to re-appoint Ms. Ronnie Gilliard to the Economic Development Alliance Board representing Council District 4.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Item Number: 8.b
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Parks & Recreation Commission

CURRENT STATUS:

Pending

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson has recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Billy White to another term of service on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

OPTIONS:

1. Ratify re-appointment of Mr. Billy White to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
2. Do not ratify this appointment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation to ratify the re-appointment of Mr. Billy White to the Parks & Recreation Commission (representing Council District 4).

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Item Number: 9.a
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13 - A RESOLUTION BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL 3620

CURRENT STATUS:

The South Carolina House of Representatives has passed House Bill 3620 which creates the "Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crimes Act" which requires an enhanced penalty for specific crimes committed against a victim who was intentionally selected by an offender because of the offender's belief or perception regarding the victim's race, color, sex, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability.

South Carolina is one of only four states within the United States that does not have hate crimes law which prosecutes offenders for crimes of hate.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Georgetown County Council supports this bill and believes that these laws which typically involve increased penalties for criminals who commit them are a way for society to recognize that these crimes strike a special fear within victimized groups, and Georgetown County Council requests that the South Carolina Senate pass this bill and that Governor McMaster sign the bill into law.

Georgetown County Council believes that to do otherwise would send a harmful message to marginalized and vulnerable communities that this state is indifferent to or even tolerates these type of crimes.

Georgetown County Council supports House Bill 3620 and requests that the South Carolina Senate pass the bill and that Governor McMaster sign the bill into law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 21-13.
2. Do not adopt Resolution No. 21-13.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation for the adoption of Resolution No. 21-13 in support of South Carolina House of Representatives Bill 3620.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▢ Resolution No. 21-13 Supporting Senate Bill 3620	Resolution Letter

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

A RESOLUTION BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL 3620

WHEREAS, the South Carolina House of Representatives has passed House Bill 3620 which creates the “Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crimes Act” which requires an enhanced penalty for specific crimes committed against a victim who was intentionally selected by an offender because of the offender’s belief or perception regarding the victim’s race, color, sex, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is one of only four states within the United States that does not have hate crimes law which prosecutes offenders for crimes of hate;

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council supports this bill and believes that these laws which typically involve increased penalties for criminals who commit them are a way for society to recognize that these crimes strike a special fear within victimized groups; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council requests that the South Carolina Senate pass this bill and that Governor McMaster sign the bill into law; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council believes that to do otherwise would send a harmful message to marginalized and vulnerable communities that this state is indifferent to or even tolerates these type of crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED by the Georgetown County Council that Georgetown County Council supports House Bill 3620 and requests that the South Carolina Senate pass the bill and that Governor McMaster sign the bill into law.

RESOLVED by Georgetown County Council this ____ day of _____ 2021.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Louis R. Morant
Chairman, Georgetown County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd
Clerk to County Council

Item Number: 9.b
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Emergency Services

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Proclamation No. 21-14 - To proclaim May 16-22, 2021 as "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week" in Georgetown County. This year's theme for EMS Week is, *"This is EMS: Caring for Our Communities."*

CURRENT STATUS:

N/A

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service.
- 2) EMS members are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- 3) Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.
- 4) EMS members, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.
- 5) It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week. The Emergency Medical Services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, first responders, educators, administrators and others.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

OPTIONS:

Adopt proclamation proclaiming May 16-22, 2021 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Georgetown County.

- 2) Do not adopt proclamation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt Proclamation No. 21-14 proclaiming May 16-22, 2021 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Georgetown County.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation No 21-14 EMS Week	Resolution Letter

Proclamation No. 21-14

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN) **MAY 16-22, 2021**
) **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

To designate the Week of May 16-22, 2021, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown County Council and the Emergency Medical Services of Georgetown County are reaching out to citizens of Georgetown County to recognize Emergency Medical Services workers for their selfless dedication to providing care to the sick and injured.

WHEREAS, the theme for EMS Week shall be “This is EMS: Caring for Our Communities”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgetown County Council, along with the Emergency Medical Services of Georgetown County, proclaim the week of May 16-22, 2021, as

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2021

Louis R. Morant, Chairman
Georgetown County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd
Clerk to Council

Item Number: 11.a

Meeting Date: 5/11/2021

Item Type: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Planning / Zoning

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Ordinance No. 21-17 - An Ordinance to amend Article IV, General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 426 dealing with lighting requirements for residential developments along waterways.

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to address light pollution along waterways of the Waccamaw Neck.

CURRENT STATUS:

The County addresses lighting along the beaches for the purpose of protecting sea turtles and other marine life. Commercial lighting requirements are found in Article XII dealing with buffer requirements. Beyond these provisions, there are no restrictions on residential lighting for structures along waterways in the County.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. Staff recently received a request from a property owner to address lighting along waterways for residential properties. In this specific example, the glare from a light placed on a dock across the creek in Murrells Inlet became a nuisance.
2. Section 5.5-30-36 of the County Code of Ordinances addresses lighting on the beach for the protection of sea turtles. This only applies to properties along the beach and does not address neighbor to neighbor concerns. Enforcement of this section of County Code rests with law enforcement and the County building inspector.
3. Article XII, Section 1204 of the buffer section of the Zoning Ordinance addresses lighting for commercial businesses. The purpose of this section is to minimize the impact of artificial lighting in commercial areas and to reduce the negative effects on surrounding property owners. The ordinance requires that commercial developments submit a lighting plan along with the required site plan for a new project.
4. In staff's opinion, it is important to tailor the ordinance to address specific complaints so as not to overburden our limited enforcement staff. The proposed ordinance specifically addresses residential developments (multi and single family) along the waterways in Georgetown County. As written, the ordinance would only apply to properties on the Waccamaw Neck. To staff's knowledge we have not received any complaints in the rural area, although there are numerous waterways outside of the Waccamaw Neck so there may be a potential for future issues. The draft includes lakes and ponds in the definition of a "waterway." This would include a significantly larger number of structures.
5. The proposed ordinance requires that lights in these areas not exceed 3000k. Kelvin (K) measures the temperature or color of the light. Lights at 2,500 to 3,000K are warmer lights that give off less glare. Lights from 4,000 to 6,000K are cooler lights that are brighter and provide more of a glare to adjoining properties.

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Lights are also required to be recessed or shielded so that light is directed downward and away from adjacent properties including those across the waterway. Light poles must be similarly shielded and are restricted to 16 feet in height. Exemptions are provided in the ordinance for lights required by DHEC and the building code.

6. Staff presented the Planning Commission with the attached ordinance at their April 15th meeting. A public hearing was held on this issue. One resident spoke in support of the ordinance. The Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval for the proposed change.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Not applicable

OPTIONS:

1. Approve as recommended by PC
2. Deny request
3. Remand to PC for further study
4. Approve an amended request

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve as recommended by PC

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance No. 21-17 To Amend the Zoning Ordinance dealing with Lighting Requirements on Waterways on Waccamaw Neck	Ordinance
<input type="checkbox"/> kelvin diagram	Backup Material

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

ORDINANCE NO: 21-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DEALING WITH LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG WATERWAYS OF THE WACCAMAW NECK

WHEREAS, THE REGULATION OF LIGHTING IS IMPORTANT TO MINIMIZE LIGHT POLLUTION, GLARE AND LIGHT TRESPASS FOR ADJACENT PROPERTIES; AND

WHEREAS, SOME LIGHTING IS NEEDED ALONG WATERWAYS TO MAINTAIN NIGHT-TIME SAFETY; AND

WHEREAS, UNECESSARY ILLUMINATION OF PROPERTY ALONG WATERWAYS IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE GENERAL WELFARE OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES, AND

WHEREAS, THE WACCAMAW NECK IS THE COUNTY'S MOST URBAN AREA WITH PROPERTIES IN CLOSER PROXIMITY TO ONE ANOTHER;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT ARTICLE IV, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 426 RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING ALONG WATERWAYS, BE ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

426. **Residential Lighting along Waterways.** To minimize light pollution, glare and light trespass along waterways while maintaining night-time safety and utility in these areas, the following requirements shall apply to residential developments (including, but not limited to, multi and single family structures and accessory structures such as storage sheds, garages and docks) situated on parcels along waterways of the Waccamaw Neck. The Waccamaw Neck is that area bounded by the Horry County boundary to the north, the ocean to the east, the Waccamaw River to the west and the Waccamaw River/Intracoastal Waterway to the south. For purposes of this section, the term "waterways" shall include but not be limited to creeks, rivers, ricefields, streams, canals, lakes and ponds. Structures along the beachfront are regulated by Sections 5.5-30 through 36 of the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances.

426.1 The following exterior lighting features are prohibited: neon, searchlights, laser source lights or any similar high intensity light, except in emergencies by emergency personnel.

426.2 Any exterior lighting on the water side of the property shall not exceed 3000K in temperature to minimize glare and blue light emissions.

426.3 Such lights shall be fully recessed and/or have internal visors/panels or external visors that shield the lamps and direct the cone of light downward, controlling offsite light spill and glare.

426.4 The orientation of such lighting shall be downward. Any mounted lights shall be fixed so that the cone of light is not directed at any adjacent property including those across the waterway.

426.5 Freestanding lights on poles shall adhere to the criteria as noted above and shall not be mounted greater than 16 feet in height as measured from the centerline of the fixture to the grade at the base of the pole.

426.6 The following lights are exempt from these requirements: lighting within swimming pools or other water features that are governed by Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regulations and exit signs and other illumination required by building codes.

426.7 All dock lighting shall meet the above criteria and be installed on a timer such that lights can be controlled and remain off when not in use.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Louis R. Morant
Chairman, Georgetown County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd
Clerk to Council

This Ordinance, No. 21-17, has been reviewed by me and is hereby approved as to form and legality.

H. Thomas Morgan, Jr.
Interim Georgetown County Attorney

First Reading: April 27, 2021

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

2000K 2400K 2700K 2850K 3000K 3200K 3300K 3500K 3800K 4200K 4400K 5000K 6000K 6300K 6500K



Item Number: 11.b

Meeting Date: 5/11/2021

Item Type: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Planning / Zoning

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Ordinance No. 21-18 - An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown Memorial Hospital Weehaw Campus Planned Development, TMS No. 02-1009-018-02-03, to allow for multi-family as a permitted use.

CURRENT STATUS:

On February 19, 2021, Dan Stacy of Oxner and Stacy, as agent for Georgetown Memorial Hospital, applied to amend the Georgetown Memorial Hospital – Weehaw Campus Planned Development (PD) to allow for multifamily housing as a permitted use. The property is located on the south side of Wedgefield Road east of the intersection with US Highway 701. TMS# 02-1009-018-02-03. Case Number AMPD 3-21-27264.

The subject property is currently undeveloped. The proposed PD amendment would allow for multifamily housing as a permitted use.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1 .The Georgetown Memorial Hospital-Weehaw Campus Planned Development (PD) was approved in November 2008 for multiple medical buildings to include a hospital, medical office buildings and accessory use buildings. The following conditions were required prior to development:

- Access points on Wedgefield Road should have a minimum separation of at least 440'. The throat length for the main site entrance should be 200'.
- Parking dimensions for the PD should meet or exceed those found in Article X of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Approval of the traffic impact analysis by Wilbur Smith and that the issue of traffic signals and Highway 701, Highway 51 and Wedgefield Road be addressed.
- Final approval of water and sewer from the appropriate agencies, OCRM, County Stormwater and SCDOT.
- Approval from Georgetown County Fire and the Building Department for the increased building heights.

2. The PD is approximately 65 acres and is located at the southeast corner of Highway 701 and Wedgefield Road. The property extends east on Wedgefield Road for approximately 2400 feet and south on Highway 701 for approximately 880 feet.

3. The property is surrounded by the Crown Pointe Planned Development to the west, General Commercial, Forest and Agriculture and One-Half Acre Residential zoning to the north and One-Half Acre Residential Zoning to the south and east.

4. The site abuts the remainder of the Weehaw Tract to the east and to the south, a church and undeveloped property to the north and undeveloped property to the west

undeveloped property to the north and undeveloped property to the west.

5. Approved uses for the PD include both permitted and accessory uses as follows:

Permitted Uses

- a. General and specialized doctor's offices and clinics such as dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists; except drug and alcohol treatment centers.
- b. Blood banks and donor centers.
- c. Dialysis centers.
- d. Emergency medical centers, free standing.
- e. Hospitals, except psychiatric.
- f. Medical and dental labs.
- g. Nursing and personal care facilities (such as nursing homes and continuing care facilities).
- h. Outpatient surgery centers.
- i. Plasmapheresis centers.
- j. Endoscopy/Gastroenterology Centers.
- k. Home health Care Centers.
- l. Pharmacies.
- m. Accessory uses including uses that are subordinate to any permitted use above and on-site signage.

6. The applicant is proposing to amend the PD to allow for multifamily uses to be located on 16 acres in the rear of the tract along Wedgefield Road. FourSix Development has executed a Purchase and Sale agreement with Georgetown Memorial Hospital for the 16 acres to develop a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project that would provide affordable homes for Georgetown County working families. It is the intent of the development team to submit an application to for financing in the Spring of 2021.

7. They are proposing 90 affordable units to include a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes. In addition, a clubhouse and playground are proposed for residents. The exact mix of units is unknown at this time.

8. According to a recent Housing Needs Assessment completed by Bowen National Research, there is a shortage of affordable housing located in Georgetown County. The study recommends the development of affordable housing to support the local workforce. There are very few market rate apartments available in the County with rents under \$1,000.

9. The Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) is designed to provide tax incentives to encourage developers to create and maintain affordable housing. The LIHTC program is not Section 8 housing. No direct subsidies are involved. The program allows the developer to provide more affordable rents for working families.

10. This request is only for the addition of the multifamily use to the PD. The applicant/developer will be required to resubmit a full conceptual plan to include density, parking, buffers/trees and pervious/impervious calculations, as well as a revised traffic study, as a major PD amendment. Stormwater and other regulatory agencies requirements shall be met. The attached plans are for reference only and will likely change upon submittal of a conceptual plan.

11. The previously approved traffic study from 2008 estimated that the approved hospital plan would generate a total of 16,580 new daily trips. By eliminating the two 70,000 sf office buildings, that count would be reduced by 4,760 trips per day. The addition of the 90 units would generate

an additional 540 trips per day which is significantly less than the medical buildings. This would bring the total to 4,220 saved trips per day. The previous study also called for a new traffic light at the intersection of 701 and Wedgefield Road in addition to separate turn lanes. A revised traffic study including any recommended improvements will be required due to the length of time since the previous study and the reduction in the number of trips.

12. This Planned Development was approved as a single use PD in 2008. Since then PD's are required to have a mixed use element. The addition of multifamily would bring this Planned Development into conformity.

13. Several years ago, Georgetown Memorial Hospital began renovation on the existing hospital located on Black River Road in the City of Georgetown. At this time, there are no current plans in place for development of the approved Weehaw Campus PD; however, the hospital may use the site for other medical offices in the future.

14. This project is under the jurisdiction of GCWSD and the Rural Water District.

15. The Future Land Use Map for this area shows this tract as transitional. The Comprehensive Plan describes transitional designation as "The development of a tract of land, building or structure with a variety of complementary and integrated uses, such as, but not limited to, residential, office, medical office, limited retail, public or entertainment in a compact urban form."

16. Planning staff presented the following to the PC at their April 15th meeting:

- The Transitional designation of this property will support the proposed residential use.
- There will be a decrease in traffic from the originally proposed plan.
- The addition of the multi-family will bring this existing PD into conformity with the Zoning Ordinance.
- The project will further the goal of affordable housing as provided for in both the Land Use and Housing Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

17. If the Commission recommends approval, the following conditions should apply:

- The developer will be required to submit a conceptual plan to be reviewed as a major change to the PD.
- In order to further the affordable housing goal, a significant portion of the proposed units will be affordable based on the HUD definition for our area.
- The maximum number of units allowed on the 16 acres will be 90. The multi-family use will be limited to the 16 acres as shown on the attached plan.

18. 10 people spoke at the public hearing for this issue in addition to the applicant's representatives. Two spoke in favor of the request citing the need for affordable housing in the County as noted in the Housing Needs Assessment, studies that show that affordable housing does not negatively affect neighboring households and the needs of those less fortunate in our area. Eight spoke opposing the request citing concerns about traffic, security, property values, quality of life, other available locations for the development, the lack of information provided, environmental concerns, and nearby conservation easements.

19. The Planning Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval for the request to add multi family as a permitted use to the PD with the conditions as noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Not applicable

OPTIONS:

CTIONS:

1. Approve as recommended by PC
2. Approve an amended request
3. Deny request
4. Defer action
5. Remand to PC for further study

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve as recommended by PC

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance No. 21-18 Amendment to Georgetown Memorial Hospital PD Weehaw Campus	Ordinance
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<input type="checkbox"/> location map	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> zoning map	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> future land use map	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> aerial map	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> correspondence	Backup Material
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<input type="checkbox"/> plans and exhibits	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Capt. L Smith	Backup Material
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

ORDINANCE NO. 21-18

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN OF THE
GEORGETOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – WEEHAW CAMPUS PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING AS A
PERMITTED USE. (TAX MAP NUMBER 02-1009-018-02-03).**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF
GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNTY COUNCIL
ASSEMBLED THAT THE GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL – WEEHAW CAMPUS
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE MULTI FAMILY
HOUSING AS A PERMITTED USE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- The developer will be required to submit a conceptual plan to be reviewed as a major change to the PD.
- In order to further the affordable housing goal, a significant portion of the proposed units will be affordable based on the HUD definition of the area.
- The maximum number of units allowed will be ninety.
- The use is only approved for the 16 acres along Wedgefield Road as shown on the attached plan.

**DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
2021.**

Louis R. Morant (SEAL)
Chairman, Georgetown County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd
Clerk to Council

This Ordinance, No. 21-18, has been reviewed by me and is hereby approved as to form and legality.

H. Thomas Morgan, Jr.
Interim Georgetown County Attorney

First Reading: April 27, 2021

Second Reading:

Third Reading:



129 Screven St. Suite 222
Post Office Drawer 421270
Georgetown, S. C. 29440
Phone: 843-545-3158
Fax: 843-545-3299

APPLICATION TO AMEND A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE
REQUIRED FEE, AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS PRIOR TO A PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING.

Please note this approval applies to this particular property only.

Name of Planned Development: Georgetown Memorial Hospital - Weehaw Campus

Regulation to which you are requesting an amendment *(check applicable)*:

- ☐ Setback – Complete SECTION B: SETBACK AMENDMENT
- ☐ Signage – Complete SECTION C: SIGNAGE AMENDMENT
- ☐ Site Plan – Complete SECTION D: SITE PLAN AMENDMENT
- ☒ Other: Modification of Permitted Use

All Applicants must complete SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Property Information:

TMS Number: 02-1009-018-02-03
(Include all affected parcels)

Street Address: US Highway 701 & Wedgefield road

City / State / Zip Code: Georgetown, SC 29440

Lot / Block / Number: _____

Existing Use: Undeveloped

045 File # 21-1157

Proposed Use: Planned Development District

Commercial Acreage: 58 +/-

Residential Acreage: 16 +/-

Property Owner of Record:

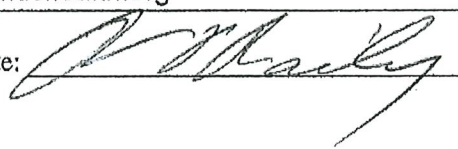
Name: Georgetown Memorial Hospital d/b/a Tidelands Health

Address: 4070 US Highway 17 South

City/ State/ Zip Code: Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Telephone/Fax: 843-652-8224

E-Mail: bbailey@tidelandshealth.org

Signature of Owner / Date:  2.16.21

Contact Information:

Name: c/o Bruce Bailey, CEO

Address: 4070 US Highway 17 South

Phone / E-Mail: 843-652-8224 / bbailey@tidelandshealth.org

I have appointed the individual or firm listed below as my representative in conjunction with this matter related to the Planning Commission of proposed new construction or improvements to the structures on my property.

Agent of Owner:

Name: Daniel W. Stacy, Jr. / Oxner & Stacy law Firm, LLC

Address: 90 Wall Street / Unit B

City / State / Zip Code: Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Telephone/Fax: 843-235-6747 / 843-235-6650

E-Mail: dstacy@oxnerandstacy.com

Signature of Agent/ Date:  2/16/2021

Signature of Owner /Date:  2.16.21

Fee Schedule: \$250.00 plus \$10.00 per Residential acre or \$25.00 per Commercial acre.

Adjacent Property Owners Information required:

1. The person requesting the amendment to the Zoning Map or Zoning Text must submit to the Planning office, at the time of application submittal, stamped envelopes addressed with name of each resident within **Four Hundred Feet (400)** of the subject property. The following return address must appear on the envelope: **"Georgetown County Planning Commission, 129 Screven St. Suite 222, Georgetown, SC 29440."**
2. A list of all persons (and related Tax Map Numbers) to whom envelopes were addressed to must also accompany the application.

It is understood by the undersigned that while this application will be carefully reviewed and considered, the burden of proving the need for the proposed amendment rests with the applicant.

Please submit this **completed application** and appropriate fee to Georgetown County Planning Division at 129 Screven St. Suite 222, Georgetown, S. C. 29440. If you need any additional assistance, please call our office at 843-545-3158.

Site visits to the property, by County employees, are essential to process this application. The owner\applicant as listed above, hereby authorize County employees to visit and photograph this site as part of the application process.

A sign will to be placed on your property informing residents of an upcoming meeting concerning this particular property. This sign belongs to Georgetown County and will be picked up from your property within five (5) days of the hearing.

All information contained in this application is public record and is available to the general public.

SECTION B: SETBACK AMENDMENT

Please supply the following information regarding your request:

- List any extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to your particular piece of property. _____

- Do these conditions exists on other properties else where in the PD?

- Amending this portion of the text will not cause undue hardship on adjacent property owners. _____

Submittal requirements: 12 copies of 11 x 17 plans

- A scaled site plan indicating the existing conditions and proposed additions.
- Elevations of the proposal (if applicable).
- Letter of approval from homeowners association (if applicable).

SECTION C: SIGNAGE AMENDMENT

Reason for amendment request: _____

Number of signs existing currently on site _____

Square footage of existing sign(s) _____

Number of Proposed signs: _____

Square footage of the proposed sign(s) _____

Submittal requirements:

- Proposed text for signage requirements.
- 12 copies (11 x 17) of proposed sign image.
- Site plan indicating placement of the proposed sign(s).
- Elevations.
- Letter from POA or HOA (if applicable)

SECTION D: SITE PLAN AMENDMENT

Proposed amendment request: See attached Site Plan for reference.

Reason for amendment request: To modify the permitted uses component of the
PDD to allow multifamily housing and townhouse housing as a Permitted Use.

Submittal requirements:

- 12 copies of existing site plan.
- 12 copies of proposed site plan.
- Revised calculations (*calculations may include density, parking requirements, open space, pervious/impervious ratio, etc.*).

PROJECT NARRATIVE
AMENDMENT

GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL SYSTEM

THE NEW GEORGETOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

WEEHAW CAMPUS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

Section 1.0 General Permitted Uses is modified to add the following:

- n. Multifamily Housing



Porter's Landing

Purpose: Request for addition of multi-family as a use within the Planned Unit Development designation for the 65 acre tract known as Weehaw Plantation.

Background: In 2008, Georgetown Memorial Hospital received approval from Georgetown County Planning Board for a Planned Unit Development designation. The site is located southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 701 (North Fraser Street) with Highway 51 (Browns Ferry Road) and Wedgefield Road, referred to as Weehaw Plantation. The site contains approximately 65.0 acres and is gently sloping (typical elevation 17.0 FT MSL). In 2008, Georgetown Memorial planned to develop multiple medical buildings to include a hospital, medical office buildings, and accessory use buildings, all 2-stories in height, in addition to parking and driveways. The approved PUD plan reflects three (3) 20,000 sf building pads along Wedgefield Rd. The proposed amended PUD plan, with the addition of multi-family as a use, shows the relocation of one (1) of the building pads and the elimination of the other two (2) pads. There are three (3) additional pads that could be utilized for Georgetown Memorial's growth plans in the future.

In the Fall of 2020, FourSix Development executed a Purchase and Sale with Georgetown Memorial Hospital for 16 acres of the larger 65 acre tract to study feasibility of a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project that would provide affordable homes for Georgetown County families. It is the intent of the development team to submit financing application in the Spring of 2021. The project team is a collaboration between BlueLine Development, Inc. and FourSix Development, LLC. Each entity brings experience and expertise that is necessary to successfully develop and manage the property. This development will specifically target Georgetown County's working families.

Proposed Porter's Landing: The development will be 90 affordable homes, a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes, no more than 2 stories in height. As conceived 90 units built calculates to 6 units per acre. Porter's Landing will offer a clubhouse and playground for residents. Unit amenities will consist of in-unit washer/dryers, refrigerators, electric ranges, dishwashers, microwaves, air conditioning and gas furnaces. Porter's Landing will seek both Energy Star and Enterprise Green Communities certifications to improve overall building performance, cost of operations, and impact to tenants for utility costs.

Impacts: The development team is aware that residential development could potentially negatively impact traffic patterns and that it will likely be a concern to adjacent neighbors. When determining traffic congestion, peak trips are generated by the number that surrounding residents will experience as they are traveling during the peak times. Medical uses generate 50 peak hour trips for every 14,500 sf of building. Georgetown Memorial's current plan, not including the building pads that could be added,



would generate a minimum of 130 peak hour trips. This calculation is based on two (2) one-story buildings, each with 20,000 sf areas. One could assume that the average medical building is 2+ stories, in which case these two buildings would generate more than 300 peak house trips. The total traffic produced by Georgetown Memorial's previous plan to develop five (5) medical building pads is no less than 250 peak hour trips and could be as much as 500 or more peak hour trips.

The current approved PUD building pads in the attached plan, will generate a minimum of 240 peak hour trips. Georgetown Memorial's proposed future development coupled with the existing medical campus, would generate 480 peak hour vehicle trips. Traffic generated from residential uses depends on the type of unit that is present in the community. Single family units will generate 50 peak hour trips for every 45 units. Condominiums or Townhomes will generate 50 peak hour trips for every 95 units. Since the development team will be using a combination of duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes, our assumption would be 75 peak hour trips for our 90 units of housing. By amending the PUD to allow for the 16 acres of residential uses, the traffic patterns in this area will be positively affected by at least 400 peak hour trips.

Goal: Home's people can afford.

It is the intent of the development team is to study the feasibility of a multi-family development that would serve local Georgetown families that cannot afford current market rate rentals. The team will utilize a market data and community conversations to understand the need over the coming months. As currently contemplated, the homes would be available to a family of 3 that makes \$34,000 a year and would pay \$975 monthly towards rent. Three-bedroom market rate rentals in Georgetown County rent for a minimum of \$1,200 per month. Families paying more than 30% of their monthly income towards rent are deemed "rent burdened" and will likely never achieve long term goals such as homeownership and financial security and stability. It is the goal of our team to provide homes for staff of Georgetown Memorial Hospital and other Georgetown County employers who are being priced out of the current rental market.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission will consider a request from Dan Stacy as agent for Georgetown Memorial Hospital to amend the Georgetown Memorial Hospital – Weehaw Campus Planned Development (PD) to allow for multifamily housing as a permitted use. The property is located on south side of Wedgefield Road east of the intersection with US Highway 701. TMS# 02-1009-018-02-03. Case Number AMPD 3-21-27264.

The Planning Commission will be reviewing this request on **Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard Auditorium at 1610 Hawkins Street in Georgetown, South Carolina.**

If you wish to make public comments on this request, you are invited to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend and wish to comment please submit written comment to:

Georgetown County Planning Commission

PO Box 421270

Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Telephone (843) 545-3158

Fax (843) 545-3299

E-mail: tcoleman@gtcounty.org

Fwd: [EXTERNAL]- "Porter's Landing" Affordable Housing Proposed Project

Holly Richardson <hrichardson@gtcounty.org>

Wed 4/14/2021 7:35 PM

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Cc: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>; Judy Blankenship <jblankenship@gtcounty.org>

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From: "Benton, J. Edwin" <jbenton@usf.edu>**Date:** April 14, 2021 at 12:12:16 PM EDT**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]- "Porter's Landing" Affordable Housing Proposed Project

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Dear Holly,

I don't know if you remember me, but I met you years ago when both you and Boyd Johnson worked for the City of Georgetown. I happen to visit Boyd a little over a year ago at the old courthouse before the pandemic and, as I left, I stopped by the open door to your office to say "hello." At the any rate, I am still at the University of South Florida teaching full time and conducting meaningful research (have written several articles over the last year about how COVID-19 has impacted local government revenues and intergovernmental relations and am also completing a book entitled *Revenue Sources for Local Governments: How They Pay the Bills amid Continuing Challenges and Emerging Opportunities*). In addition, I am working on several grant-related projects with ICMA that focus on federal-local, state-local, and interlocal relations and the uncertain path of local government revenues going forward after the pandemic. Currently, I spend about 4-5 months of the year in Georgetown and live at my old family home on Britt Street in Maryville that I now own, since I have not taught in the summer for several years. My wife and I will be coming soon for the summer and have even planted a garden on the vacant lot next to my home! Great to have Georgetown soil under my feet and be able to enjoy fresh, home-grown vegetables. Tampa won't ever take the place of Georgetown for me, and I look forward to retiring full-time to Georgetown in the near future. I guess I can retire, since I turned 71 in January!

I want to make a few general and specific comments and suggestions about the proposed "Porter's Landing" Affordable Housing Project that is under consideration by the Georgetown County Planning Commission.

As for general comments:

First, I support the construction of more affordable housing in Georgetown County, generally, but especially in and around the City of Georgetown. This need was clearly amplified by a recent study. The availability of affordable housing is essential to attracting and keeping a skilled workforce anywhere, but particularly in Georgetown which has a higher than the average number of households with incomes significantly below the national average.

Second, while consideration should always be given to adjacent residential and commercial property owners, I don't see how this project would adversely affect their quality-of-life concerns, including the possibly of negatively impacting the value of their property. Knowing the area in question, I do not believe that residents of Wedgefield and even Windsor Planation should have to worry that the value of their property decreasing, given their proximity to the proposed project (roughly 1 1/2 to 2 miles away).

As for specific comments:

Although an updated traffic study will be conducted, I believe that now is the time to implement the suggestions that I think were made when the original Crowne Point development was under consideration over 10 years ago. If I recall, the suggestion was to realign Highway 51 (Browns Ferry Road) and Wedgefield Road with Highway 701 (Conway Highway) with turn and forward moving lanes. In addition, i think that traffic signals were to be installed. I make this suggestion because this area have grown significantly over the last 12 years and the traffic count is likely to be much greater now. Moreover, the area is destined to grow exponentially in the years ahead. While the proposed Crowne Point development may still be in limbo, another developer or even the original Crowne Point developers is likely to develop this huge tract of land, given that Georgetown County is a retirement destination and a likely siting for medium- to heavy industry. As all planners know, now (and not tomorrow) is right time to think about the future.

My second specific comment relates to the comment above about traffic control. If the intersection of Highways 707 and 51 and Wedgefield Road are realigned and traffic signals installed, would it also make sense to eliminate what I think are proposed curb cuts on Highway 701 to allow entry int and exit from Porter's Landing7 in this way, all entering and exiting traffic to the Porter's Landing develop would be channeled to Wedgefield Road. This should lead to a safer and more efficient flow of traffic.

A final comment is probably a moot point. That is, I hope that the developer's plan includes the installation of sidewalks and streetlights. While visiting my mother and sister in Georgetown over the Easter Holiday, I road through the new housing development under construction by Beverly Homes and Ron Charlton on South Island Road in the City. I was surprised to see that there were no streetlights. Do you know if streetlights will be added once the development is closer to buildout or if the City of Georgetown did not require them in the development plan?

If you have any questions or would like any other information, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone at (813) 978-9513.

All the Best,

Ed Benton

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[EXTERNAL]- Low income housing (Wedgefield Road)

Randy Shaw <rsshaw64@gmail.com>

Wed 4/14/2021 3:04 PM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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To the county council ,

My name is Randy Shaw I live at 13 Governor Johnston Road in the community of Wedgefield plantation. I am strongly opposed to the building of this low income housing at the end of our road. As you well know you have other suitable spots for this project. The area you are considering is not a suitable spot. This will greatly depreciate the value of the homes in Wedgefield. Why don't you put it on the Waccamaw neck or is that too close to your homes?

Thank you

R S Shaw

[EXTERNAL]- Georgetown Memorial-Weehaw Planned Development Case Number
AMPD 3-21-27264

Pat and John Geiger <patandjohngeiger@outlook.com>

Wed 4/14/2021 10:32 AM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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Georgetown County Planning Commission

P.O. Box 421270

Georgetown, SC 29440

Dear members of the Georgetown Planning Commission,

I live at 434 Wraggs Ferry Rd. in Wedgefield. I am **opposed** to amending Georgetown Memorial Hospital's Weehaw Campus as presented by Dan Stacy, agent for Georgetown Memorial Hospital. TMS#02-1009-018-02-23 located at Wedgefield Road and Highway 701 for 3 reasons.

1. There are 500 homes in Wedgefield. In addition, there are homes in Windsor and along Wedgefield Rd. I do not know the exact number, but I do know that this is our only way in and out of where I live. Wedgefield road has been flooded, covered with ice for about 5 days, trees have blocked the road. It was not a good decision to put what the hospital had previously planned, but thanks to the recession, plans never came to fruition. I was opposed to that plan also. We are trapped in here. To add multifamily housing is a disaster waiting to happen if evacuation is of the essence due to fire, flooding, hurricanes, etc. In addition, it is difficult to enter Highway 701 now with the current units.
2. It was obvious that the presenters in Wedgefield on April 12 were not prepared and this development was not well planned nor well thought out.
3. I am opposed to private for-profit companies coming into an area to tell us what we need. Had this been initiated by HUD or the Planning Commission itself that would be a different story. In addition, neither HUD nor the Planning Commission would have chosen that sight because of the traffic situation and safety issues that now exist. In the 1970's HUD did a study reporting that Wedgefield was not suitable for development. Refer to that study when looking at this current proposal.

Yes, we have needs in Georgetown County for affordable housing, but we do not need a company coming in and telling us what our needs are just to dump property that the Georgetown Hospital made a mistake in purchasing. I will not be attending the meeting on April 15 due to COVID concerns. This is my sincere **opposition** to this projected development.

Sincerely,

Patricia T. Geiger

434 Wraggs Ferry Rd.

Georgetown, SC 29440

843-546-8227

[EXTERNAL]- TMS #02-1009-018-02-23 Case Number AMPD 3-21-27264

Patricia Geiger <teachersheaven@gmail.com>

Wed 4/14/2021 9:41 AM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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Dear Ms. Coleman:

This letter is concerning the proposed housing development for the corner of highway 701 North and Wedgefield Road. It is my understanding, from a meeting at Wedgefield, that this will be needed housing for people with lower incomes. I feel that this is a great need and applaud the effort but the location is misplaced. Here are my observations (1) Wedgefield Road is the only way out to 701 for four growing housing areas and a church, so therefore it is quite heavily traveled (2) during periods of heavy rain (hurricanes, tropical storms) the road floods and become impassible (3) ice storms have impacted Wedgefield Road making it impossible to leave (4) because the housing development appears to be skewed towards those with lower incomes who can not afford transportation, it may leave them in a food and medical desert and (5) the area is the intersection of Windsor Road, Wedgefield Road, Highway 701 and Highways 51/41 plus a highly popular gas station all of which cause traffic backup. Because of all of these reasons I object to any development being built on this corner.

As I said above Georgetown does need additional housing for people with lower income. As a suggestion the City of Georgetown could offer to sell the old Superior Manufacturing site. That would be perfect.

Sincerely,

John Geiger

Fw: [EXTERNAL]- Fwd: Development at Weehaw

Holly Richardson <hrichardson@gtcounty.org>

Wed 4/14/2021 8:53 AM

To: Elizabeth Krauss <ekrauss@gcbdsn.com>; johnny@johnnyweaver.com <johnny@johnnyweaver.com>; Marlajean Hamby <mmjtpq@gmail.com>; Sandra Bundy <sandrabundy@gmail.com>; zachariusgrate519@gmail.com <zachariusgrate519@gmail.com>; zanniegraham@gmail.com <zanniegraham@gmail.com>; roberteman@aol.com <roberteman@aol.com>

Cc: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

Holly H. Richardson
Director of Planning and Code Enforcement
Georgetown County
843-545-3254
hrichardson@gtcounty.org

From: Nancy Johnston <njohnston@sc.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Holly Richardson <hrichardson@gtcounty.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]- Fwd: Development at Weehaw

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Nancy Johnston <njohnston@sc.rr.com>
Date: April 13, 2021 at 4:19:16 PM EDT
To: tcoleman@gtcounty.org
Subject: Development at Weehaw

Planning Board,

Having attended the informational meeting at Wedgefield Plantation on April 12, 2021 held by FourSix Development and Blueline Development, my concern for this proposed development of 16 acres of low income housing has intensified.

Not discussed was the conceptual housing plan, the setback plan, the traffic plan, the water runoff plan, the protected wildlife(woodpecker) plan or the ability of lower income persons to obtain groceries, medical care, etc. I am not a developer but these are real concerns of my neighbors and myself.

I understand Tideland's Hospital is in the business to make money BUT I am sure there is a better location for 90 apartments that would not displace wildlife and upset two

neighborhoods. I also believe this plan carries a high cost to the county of Georgetown.
Please vote no to this change in the planned development.

TMS# 02-1009-018-02-23 Case # AMPD 3-21-27264

Nancy Johnston

112 Swamp Fox Lane

Wedgefield Plantation

Georgetown, SC

843 546-0376

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[EXTERNAL]- The proposed rezoning of Wee Haw Plantation

Jill Huggins <jillhuggins59@gmail.com>

Tue 4/13/2021 3:32 PM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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Tiffany, Kristal Infinger suggested I send this to you.

Please share this with the Planning commission members prior to the Meeting on April 15th.

Thank you,

Jill Huggins

Honorable need, wrong place. Wedgefield Plantation Country Club is a Public golf course. It's the ONLY golf course in Georgetown and in addition to golf, the Manor House host a restaurant, with many weddings and events, as well as the pool, tennis court, club house and much more. This beautiful land is a staple of the Georgetown community.

There is a group of investors that are actively seeking to purchase all of these facilities at Wedgefield Plantation.

These renovations would begin this summer after the sale of the club is complete.

The goal of the investors is to make Wedgefield Country Club the Gem of Georgetown, as it once was. Many businesses and residents in Georgetown are very excited with this commitment and what it will mean to the prospects of Georgetown.

While everyone agrees that there is a need in Georgetown County for additional affordable housing, the currently proposed project to build on Wee Haw Plantation will have a severe negative impact on these plans.

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[EXTERNAL]- Weehaw Planned Development

rrecker@twc.com <rrecker@twc.com>

Tue 4/13/2021 7:41 AM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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I am against the proposal to add affordable housing to the Weehaw development.

90 apartments on 16 acres seems kinda stretching capacity.

I attended the Wedgefield meeting to listen to the developers present the plan for this development..

From what I heard I am not sure the developers or county know is going to be developed.

I live in Wedgefield Plantation and have concerns about the future here.

This plan is much like buying a pig in a poke, not knowing costs to existing homeowners and the county or what is being proposed.

From what I heard we did not hear the full impact to existing residents of Georgetown.

There are more options for this development and that should be explored before going forward.

Frederick Recker
58 King George Rd
Georgetown, SC 29440
843-485-4136

[EXTERNAL]- Wedgefield Meeting on Planned Development Comments and Opposition

h Moran 21@aol.com <h Moran 21@aol.com>

Mon 4/12/2021 2:30 PM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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To whom it may concern,

As residents of the Wedgefield community in Georgetown SC, my husband and I would like to voice our complete opposition to the planned affordable housing development at the head of Wedgefield Road. We agree that there are not enough social services and infrastructure to accommodate such a development in this location. We value our home, property, neighborhood, and neighbors too dearly to not let our voice be heard on this matter. We will not be able to attend the meeting at the Manor House tonight or the one on Thursday at Howard due to work scheduling. Please count our votes as a definitive May at both meetings. We are in full opposition to this development.

Thank you,

H. Moran & A. Johnson

April 11, 2021

Georgetown County Planning Commission
P O Box 421270
Georgetown, SC 29442

E-Mail Address: tcoleman@gtcounty.org

Re: Proposal - Georgetown Memorial Hospital – Weehaw Campus Planned Development (PD)
TMS# 02-1009-018-02-23-----Case # AMPD 3-21-27264

Dear Georgetown County Planning Commission and To Whom All Is Concern:

As a Citizen, Taxpayer and a Citizen who Exercises His Right To Vote of the United States of American, The State of SC and Georgetown County, SC, I oppose and object to the proposed change of the Georgetown Memorial Hospital property, located on the South Side of Wedgefield Road East of the intersection with US Hwy 701, from Planned Development (PD) to “affordable/multifamily housing”.

This amendment of this proposal would absolutely only benefit Georgetown Memorial Hospital in divesting them of this property at the “Big Time Expense” of the residential property owners that surround this geographical area monetarily; but also, the lowering of our property values.

I request, require and expect you to exercise your integrity and consideration, given the current availability of mufti-family zoning in the county. If there is more needed, locate where there would be more appropriate sites.

Without reservation nor hesitation what so ever, now is a good time for this evaluation, because we may soon be forced to accept relocation of some of the millions of recent non-citizen border crossers. I am absolutely appalled and amazed that Georgetown County would even consider this “deplorable” proposal, knowing the astronomical cost burden that it is going to place on the Georgetown County Taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Wayne Ward
Wedgefield Plantation Country Club
56 John Green Lane
Georgetown, SC 29440

cc: Personal File Copy Retained

Weehaw Development

constance downs <constancedowns559@msn.com>

Sat 4/10/2021 7:40 PM

To: tcoleman@gtcounty.org <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

April 12, 2021

Dear Ms. Coleman,

I am a resident of Wedgefield Plantation, 492 Francis Parker Road.

I am writing in regard to the April 15th meeting at the Howard Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. I have several questions regarding Case No. AMPD 3-21-27264, TMS# 02-1009-018-02-23. The Planning Commission will meet to consider a request from Dan Stacy, an agent for Georgetown Memorial Hospital to amend the Georgetown Memorial Hospital-Weehaw Campus as permitted use. I am not sure I will make it to the April 15th meeting and would appreciate it if you addressed my questions and concerns below either by phone call or email. 843-359-5911 or constancedowns559@msn.com. I will list my concerns to be clear.

I understand that part of the Weehaw Plantation land will be used for the construction of 160 "affordable/multi-family housing" units. I've been told this is not a Housing Choice Voucher, HCV program, (formally section 8), but I'm not convinced they're not the same.

I guess I'm most confused as to why the county would take a town like Georgetown that is a gem with great potential and not develop and implement plans that would bring economic growth to the county.

Some facts about Georgetown that may put this in perspective. According the the US Census Bureau, 2019:

54.2% of the population of Georgetown is in the civilian workforce.

Median household income, 2015-19, \$32,593.

Persons in poverty is 22.8%, (state poverty level is 16.6%). 3,216 out of 8,657 reported incomes below poverty level.

Median gross rent is \$735.00

Owner occupied housing is 56.2%

Average house value is \$163,300

So, let's make the stats for the next Census that much worse by building more subsidized housing instead of "job creation" and creating plans for Georgetown's economic growth?

1. Does Georgetown need more subsidized living programs?

Georgetown Housing Authority:

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| • Westside Apartment Complex | 180 units |
| • North Street Apartments | 35 units |
| • Maryville South | 115 units |
| • 30 scattered units | 30 units |

Housing sites listed as "low income"

Bayside Apartments	32 units
Thorton Hall Apartments	40 units
Winyah Apartments	14 units
Pea Patch Apartments	14 units
2307 South Frazier Street	6 units
Bethal	30 units
Plantation Apartments	48 units
Place by the Bay	48 units
Georgetown Commons	42 units
Millner Elderly Housing, Inc.	48 units

Total	642 units
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*** **NOT including** scattered sites, Habitat Homes, house rentals, senior housing, and Mobile Parks. I may have missed other housing programs as well. (Where do Georgetown Landing and Companion at Hawthorne Hall fit in the number of units?)

People should find this disturbing. The focus should not be on making the poverty/unemployment issues in Georgetown worse by throwing more subsidies, housing, and government money at the problem, but on developing a plan to raise people to a higher standard of living.

- How about job creation? Approaching larger companies to move into Georgetown? Give them an incentive to create stable employment.
- Does Georgetown need more subsidized housing? I'm sure no one really believes people prefer to live in subsidized housing complexes.
- Does the county really want to drive out the tax base by lowering the bar?
- Georgetown has a reputation for being a financial drain on other towns in the county. So why not fix the problem, instead of making it worse?

2. Segregation? I researched low-income housing in Pawley's Island and Litchfield and came up with one possibility, St. Elizabeth Place in Pawley's which offers supportive housing for ages 62 +, nothing came up for Litchfield. This is not to say there are no HCV programs in these towns, but it looks fairly obvious that Georgetown is being used to house the bulk of the county's low-income families. How many families will be relocated to Georgetown to clear the way for Pawley's and Litchfield to use the land for other economic gains?

FYI: Pawley's poverty level according to the Federal 2019 Census is 6.7% and the median salary is \$116,466. Is this a matter of "not in our neighborhood?" Does a higher taxed based town have the power to decide?

3. Crime. Your chances of a personal crime in Georgetown is 1 in 16.

Your chances of a violent crime in Georgetown is 12.24, statewide it's 5.11.

- Will building more subsidized housing increase the crime rate? Especially for Wedgefield Residents.
- What are the crime stats for subsidized housing in Georgetown?

Currently, it is rare to see a Sheriff's patrol car on Wedgefield streets.

- Will the county provide more patrolling? Will we get 24-hour security coverage?

- Will the county hire more patrolmen/women to cover the increase in population in our area?
- I can honestly say I feel we are on our own in terms of safety and security because of the lack of law enforcement in our community. Building low income housing will not make this better.

4. **Location.** Typically, low-income housing is built within city limits near busing, businesses, etc. This will not be the case at Weehaw.

- Are we to believe that with this housing will come the construction of more convenient, liquor, Vape, fast food, etc stores to meet the needs of the neighborhood?
- Attract businesses that don't pay good salaries, have constant staff turnover, and are entry level?
- How safe will this area be in general?

5. **Housing Values.** It's a guarantee that beautiful well- maintained houses around Weehaw, on Windsor Road, Wedgefield Road, and in Wedgefield Plantation will lose their value and homeowners may be forced to sell their homes due to this issue as well as safety and security.

- Is this fair to taxpaying residents who made Georgetown their home?
- Let's face it. There are more run-down areas in Georgetown than maintained. Why would the county purposely jeopardize good neighborhoods?

6. **Georgetown Memorial Hospital.** What is their overall plan? I'm not sure where a hospital fits into all of this.

- Financial agenda and gains?
- What is the future of their hospital?

7. **Roads and Traffic.** It's already a challenge to pull a car onto 701 south without getting hit by another vehicle.

- How is adding 160 housing units, (probably times 2 or 3 cars per unit) going to help with the already congested intersection?
- Does the county plan to add a bus line?
- There is only one way out of Wedgefield Plantation. We don't have an alternative route to take in the event of a road closure due to an accident or traffic jam. Will the county develop a new access to 701 for Wedgefield Plantation?

Thank you. I hope you take some time to address my questions and concerns. My husband and I are contemplating leaving Georgetown due to this housing plan and having clear information will help us in the decision-making process.

Connie Downs
492 Francis Parker Road, Wedgefield Plantation
Georgetown, SC



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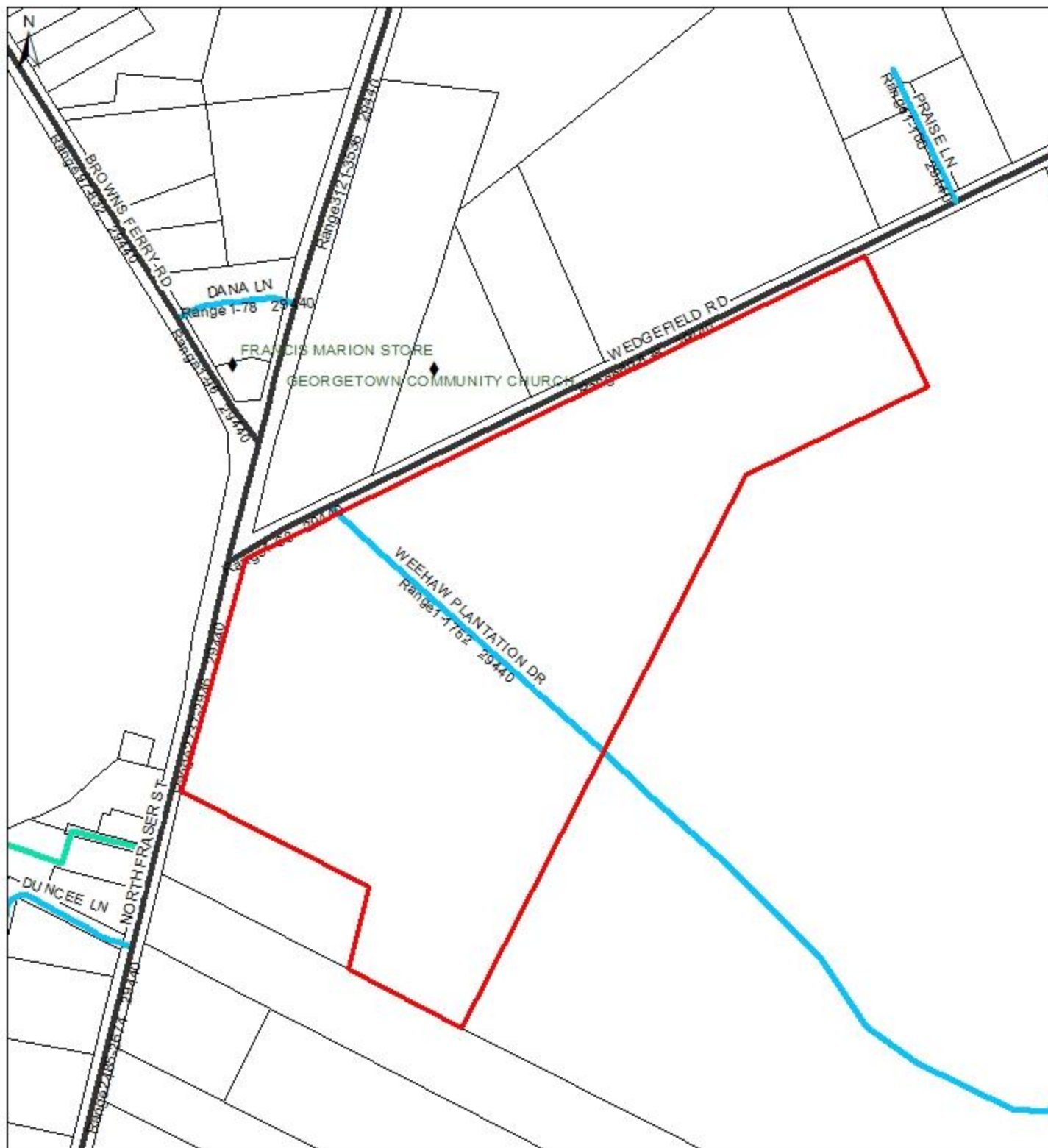
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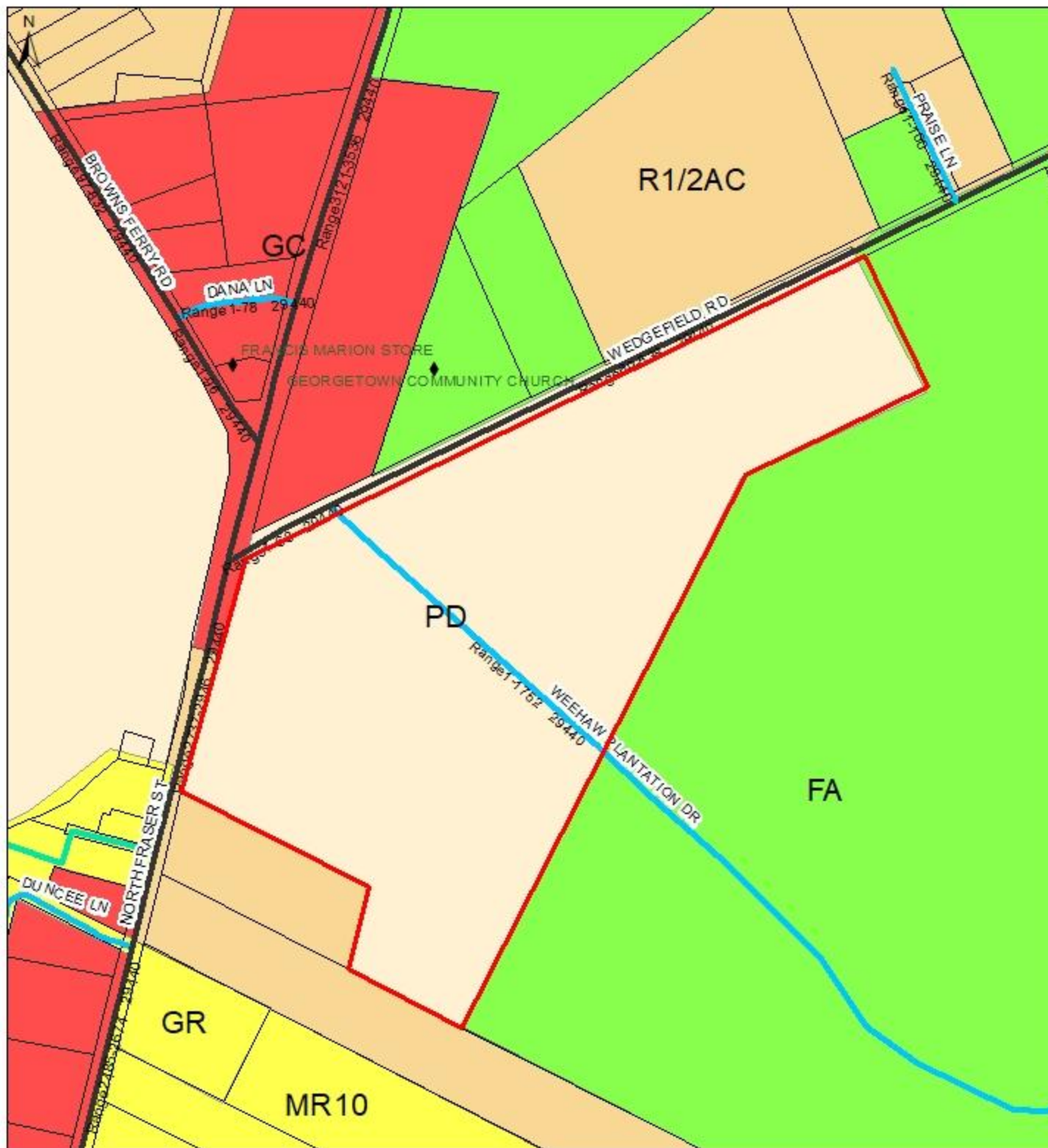
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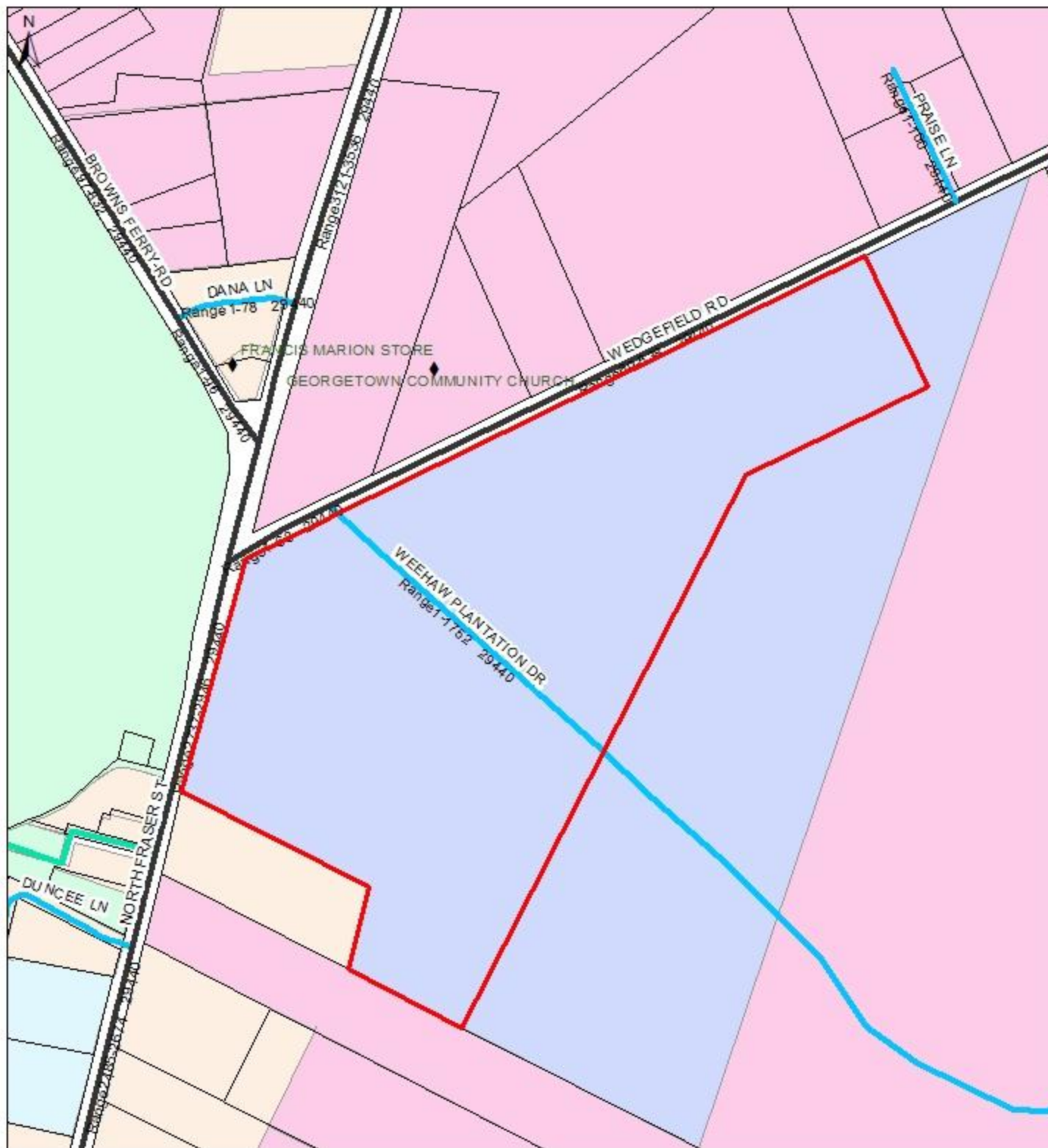
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[EXTERNAL]- Re: [EXTERNAL]- More information regarding proposal

(843) 860-4068 <crocker_karen@yahoo.com>

Fri 4/16/2021 4:00 PM

To: Judy Blankenship <jblankenship@gtcounty.org>

Cc: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>; Holly Richardson <hrichardson@gtcounty.org>

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I want to be very clear that as a home owner in Wedgefield Plantation I am VERY against this development and will be watching very closely. I will also vote against and actively campaign AGAINST anyone who votes for this project to move forward.

And, as a neighborhood, we are committed to working together against anyone who votes for this project.

Karen Seabrook

On Apr 1, 2021 9:27 AM, Judy Blankenship <jblankenship@gtcounty.org> wrote:

Mrs. Crocker,

Notices of the public hearing were mailed last week to property owners within a 400' buffer of the affected property, as is required by law. So, all of Wedgefield may not have received one. We are also required to advertise in the local paper and post a sign on the property.

The applicant is proposing to amend the PD to allow for multifamily uses to be located on 16 acres in the rear of the tract along Wedgefield Road. This request is only for the addition of the multifamily use to the PD. The applicant/developer will be required to resubmit a full conceptual plan that will meet the requirements of the Georgetown County Land Development Regulations. This plan will go before Planning Commission once again as a major PD amendment. At this time a second hearing has not been set but notices will be mailed, an ad will be in the paper and the property will be posted again once that time arises.

It is our understanding that the developer is scheduling a community meeting with the Wedgefield POA so you may want to reach out to them for a date and time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thanks,

*Judy E. Blankenship
Senior Planner
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jblankenship@gtcounty.org

From: KAREN CROCKER <crocker_karen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]- More information regarding proposal

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Can you please provide me with more information regarding this letter. I am a resident of Wedgefield Plantation and unfortunately did not receive one. This copy is circulating in the neighborhood so I would like to request clarification of the intent of this meeting.

There is a lot of speculation that low income housing will be approved for this 20 acres. Can you please provide clarity on this?

I would also like to know why this letter would not have been sent to residents of Wedgefield. As it is obvious any development on Wedgefield road would impact us and we should be given the opportunity to review and respond.

I look forward to your reply,

Karen Seabrook

[EXTERNAL]- Planning Meeting.

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Fri 4/16/2021 3:57 PM

To: Tiffany Coleman <tcoleman@gtcounty.org>

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Ms. Coleman,

I am deeply disappointed in the lack of consideration the Planning Committee took toward Wedgefield residents' concerns in last night's meeting. It seemed like the decision was already made before the meeting. An incomplete project plan with many mysteries and a fast-talking, inconsistent Developer was able to sway a group of assumably intelligent people that he has the best interest of Georgetown in mind.

We will be leaving Wedgefield after putting hours of work and money into our home and forming lifetime friendships. Leaving is imperative to me because after working 30+ years in the social services field, the latter part of my career working long hours as a self-employed Contractor for the State of New York providing vocational services, I am tired and just want to retire peacefully. I've already seen, heard and absorb all the sadness that comes with working with diverse people in need. The concerns I addressed in my initial letter to you will not change and they are real but are apparently of no significance to the committee.

My hope is that neither you nor your committee members never have someone impose their agenda on you in a way that it uproots the sanctity of your life. And I sincerely wish you well because it's a harsh and unfair reality. Thank you for accepting my messages. I appreciate it.

Connie Downs

Wedgefield resident

Georgetown County Zoning Commission

Opposition to GMH Weehaw Campus PD Proposed Zoning Amendment Request

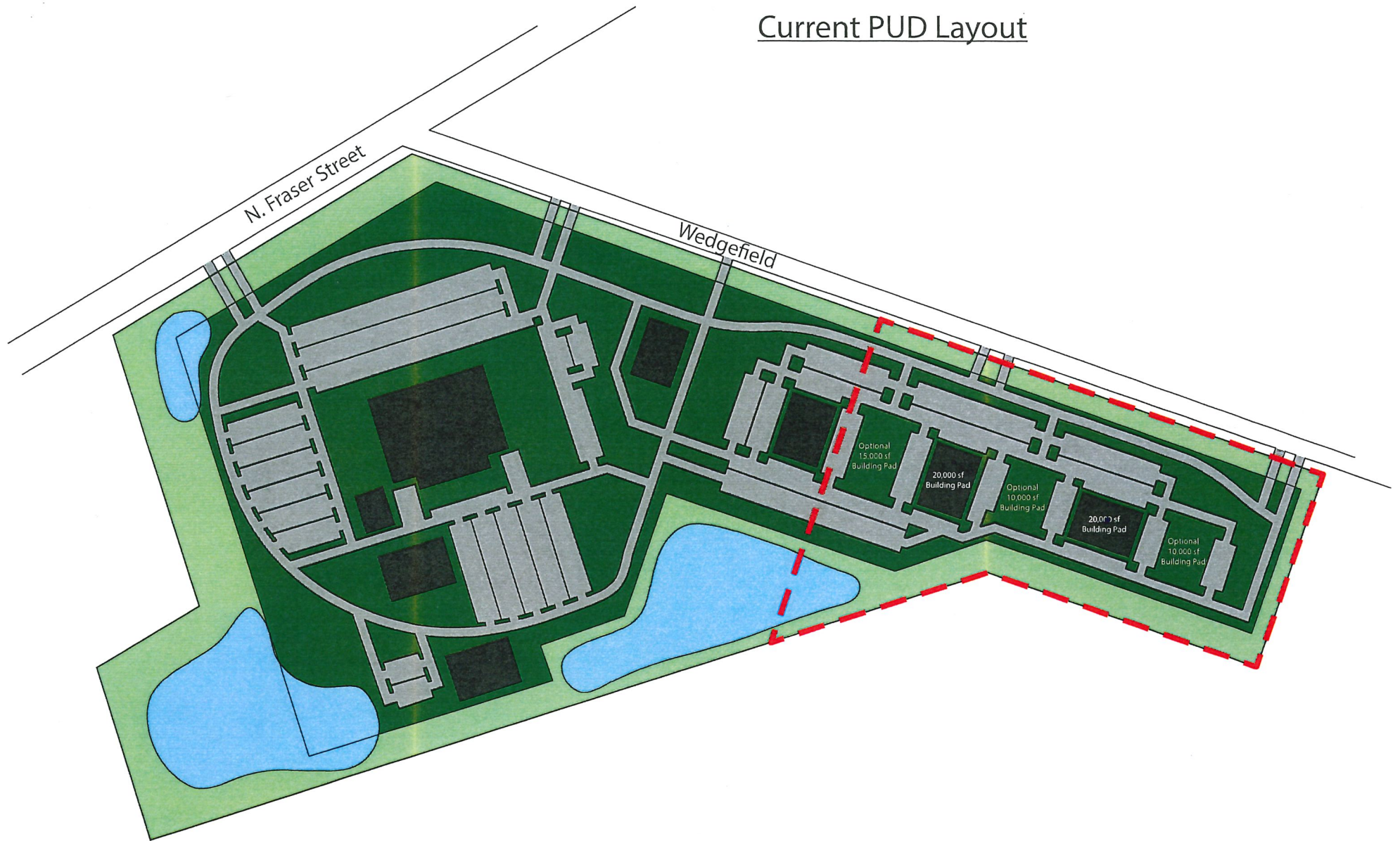
TMS# 02-1009-018-02-23 Case Number AMPD 3-21-27264
Public Hearing on April 15, 2021

	GMH Weehaw Campus PD Amendment Request for "Multi-Family"	Parcel between Fraser Street & Old Charleston Road in Maryville Area
Overall Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* \$800,000 price ?* 16 Acres available* \$50,000 per acre (if price is correct) at a 38% premium over other parcel* 90 units are proposed* Water drainage problems... will need expansion ponds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* \$890,000 asking price* 28.4 Acres available* \$31,000 per acre (full asking price)* Could address more of the affordable housing needs for the County and have up to 170 units based on Four6 & BlueLine's calculations of 6 units per acre.* Has to the potential to have more open space, wood buffer, & larger playground* Has a raised topographic lot* From a visual the soil appears to be of a higher quality made up of sand base
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Not in Opportunity Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Located in Opportunity Zone* This development could bring in new business
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Would increase traffic by 500-600 units per day* After a traffic study would be completed, there is a good chance that with the new building that is being done in Wedgefield and surrounding area that Wedgefield Road may have to be relocated. Possibly taking the land by Eminent Domain.* Purchase of property , construction of new road, new traffic light, & multiple lanes would be approximately \$1.5 to \$3 million dollars for the tax payer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Would increase traffic by 500-600 units per day* Has less traffic on Highway 17 coming out of McClellanville. No additional transformation needed to Highway 17, as it is already a four lane access road* Access to a rear entrance on Old Charleston Road

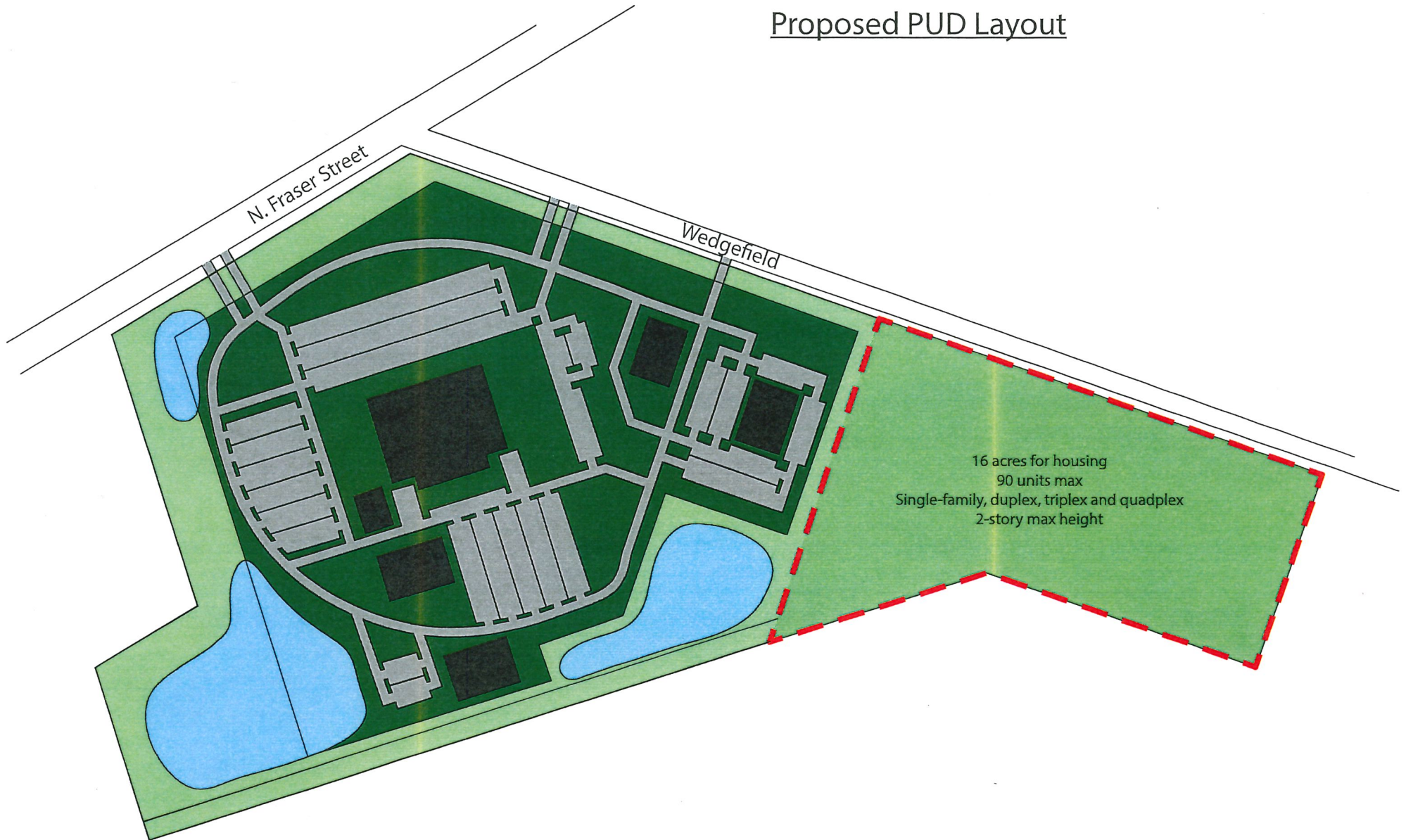
Closeness of Services & Necessities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Located a major intersection of Highway 701, Highway 51, and Wedgefield Road. * The closest grocery store is Walmart over 2 miles away. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Across the street is a Fire Station, along with Maryville South, which has a "daycare." * Within one half mile is a Food Loin with a sidewalk for convenience. It is located close to Maryville Elementary School, Horry Georgetown Technology College, 2 gas station/convenience stores, auto repair, storage, laundry mat, and much more. * The elementary school could be walkable by using the backside entrance on Old Charleston Road through residential streets. * Prince George Healthcare Center and Blue Ridge Health Care are close by for employment and being close to elderly family members.
Property Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Will affect property value in Wedgefield and Windsor Plantations & surrounding area and deter any future new homes to be built * Lower property value means low property tax for the county * 72 Investors are looking to purchase Wedgefield County Club and invest approximately \$2m with the purchase of the property and capital improvements. This may deter many of the investors from moving forward from developing the "only publically available country club and golf course within Georgetown." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Has a mixed zone with Commercial and Residential
Environmental Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Endanger red-cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis) has natural habit on this property and is maintain by Weehaw Plantation for North American Land Trust. (USESA Designation & SC Protection) * According to the expert, there is "burning" that has to be on site to maintain the habitat for this bird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No known endanger species threat

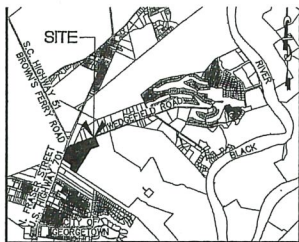
Why should the tax payers of Wedgefield, Windsor, & others along Wedgefield Road bear the cost for the hospital making a bad purchase?

Current PUD Layout

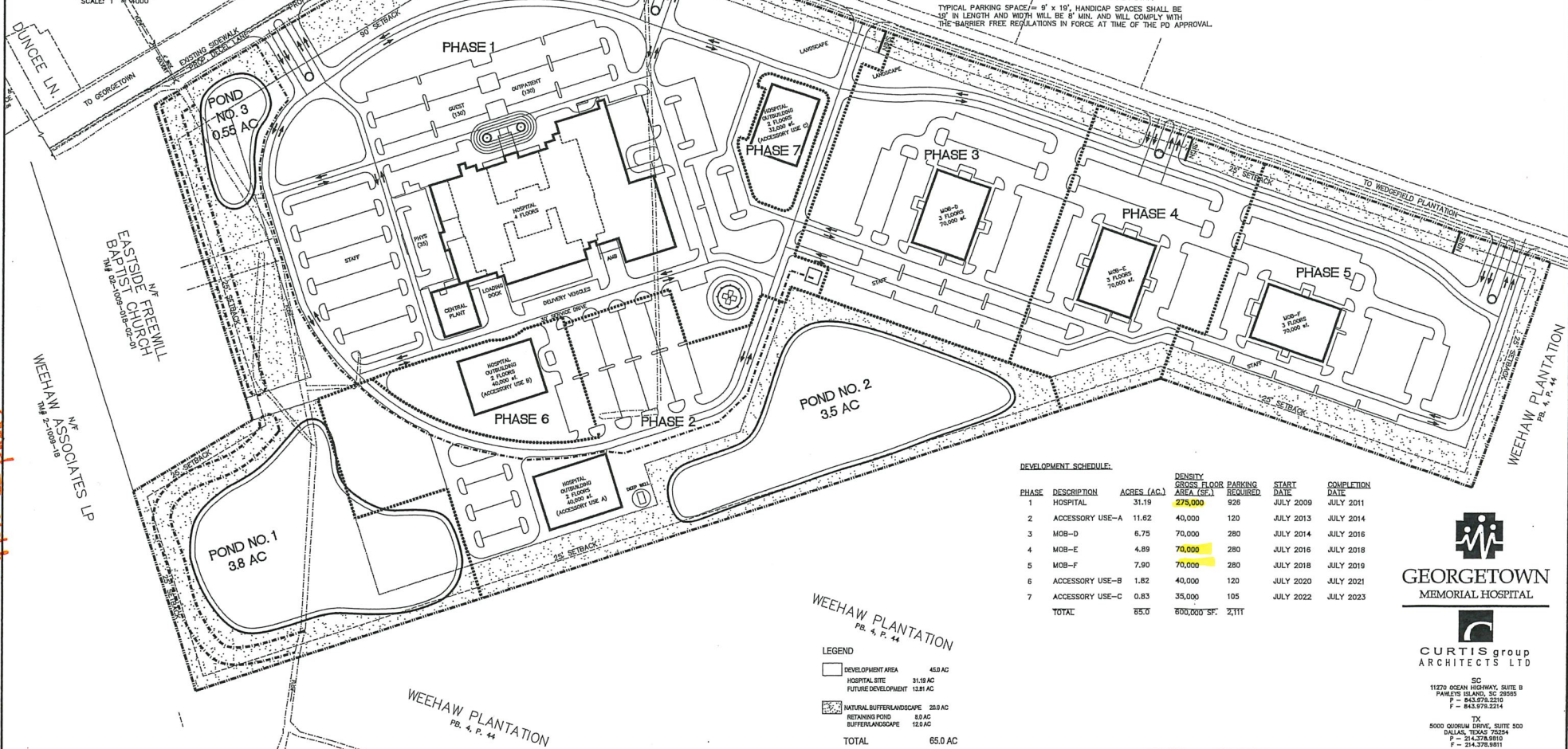


Proposed PUD Layout





VICINITY MAP
SCALE: 1" = 4000'



- DATE OF FIELD WORK: MAY 2008, SURVEYED BY ETS.
- LOT IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE "X" AND "A" AS SHOWN ON THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP PANEL 45008-0245 D DATED 3-16-89, AND IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY THE COUNTY FEMA OFFICE.
- THIS SITE IS SHOWN ON TAX MAP #02-1009-018-01-00 AND CONTAINS 65.0 ACRES.
- OWNER: KYLE N. YOUNG
Post Office Box 1689
Georgetown, SC 29442
APPLICANT: Georgetown Memorial Hospital
Post Office Box 1718
Georgetown, SC 29442
- ZONING: CURRENT = R 1/2 AC. AND GC
PROPOSED = PD
- INGRESS/EGRESS: ACCESS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS
U.S. HIGHWAY 701 & WEDGEFIELD ROAD
- PARKING STANDARDS: MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING 1 SPACE PER 250 SF. OF GROSS FLOOR AREA
ACCESSORY USE - SUPPORT 3 SP. PER 1000 SF. OF GROSS FLOOR AREA
HOSPITAL USE - 1 SPACE/PER BED + 1 SPACE PER STAFF
TYPICAL PARKING SPACE = 9' x 19', HANDICAP SPACES SHALL BE 10' IN LENGTH AND WIDTH WILL BE 8' MIN. AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE BARRIER FREE REGULATIONS IN FORCE AT TIME OF THE PD APPROVAL
- SLACKS: 1 = 90' (U.S. HIGHWAY 701)
3 = 25'
5 = 25'
MINIMUM BUILDING SEPARATION = 20 FT.
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT: HOSPITAL BUILDING = 85 FT.
HOSPITAL ACCESSORY USE BUILDINGS = 85 FT.
MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDINGS = 60 FT.
MINIMUM LOT WIDTH = 60 FT.
TYPICAL PARKING SPACE DIMENSION = 9 FT. x 19 FT.
- DESIGNATED BUFFER AREAS TO REMAIN NATURAL EXCEPT FOR DRAINAGE FEATURES, SIGNAGE, LANDSCAPING, ACCESS DRIVEWAYS AND PERVIOUS PARKING.
- FOR TOTAL SITE:
PERVIOUS = 29.88 AC. 54%
IMPERVIOUS = 35.12 AC. 46%
TOTAL = 65.00 AC. 100%
- OPEN SPACE:
PASSIVE OPEN SPACE = 29.88 AC.
LAKE AREA OPEN SPACE = 35.12 AC.
TOTAL = 37.30 AC.

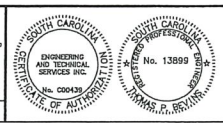
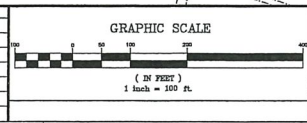
DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE:				DENSITY		START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
PHASE	DESCRIPTION	ACRES (AC.)	GROSS FLOOR AREA (SF.)	PARKING REQUIRED			
1	HOSPITAL	31.19	275,000	926		JULY 2009	JULY 2011
2	ACCESSORY USE-A	11.62	40,000	120		JULY 2013	JULY 2014
3	MOB-D	6.75	70,000	280		JULY 2014	JULY 2016
4	MOB-E	4.89	70,000	280		JULY 2016	JULY 2018
5	MOB-F	7.90	70,000	280		JULY 2018	JULY 2019
6	ACCESSORY USE-B	1.82	40,000	120		JULY 2020	JULY 2021
7	ACCESSORY USE-C	0.83	35,000	105		JULY 2022	JULY 2023
TOTAL		65.0	600,000 SF.	2,111			



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CONCEPTUAL LAND PLAN			
SITE PLAN			
DRAWN BY:	RSA	CHECKED BY:	TPB
JOB NO.	2006029	SCALE:	1" = 100'
SHEET	1	OF	3

From: Holly Richardson
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:14 PM
To: Theresa Floyd
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL]- Re: [EXTERNAL]- Planning Meeting of 15 April 2021

Will you please include this as correspondence for the Hospital PD amendment on the 4/27 agenda?

Holly H. Richardson
Director of Planning and Code Enforcement
Georgetown County
843-545-3254
hrichardson@gtcounty.org

From: CAPT S. Layne Smith <fastfa18@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Holly Richardson <hrichardson@gtcounty.org>
Cc: Theresa Floyd <tfloyd@gtcounty.org>; HOA Wedgefield Plantation <hoawedge@gmail.com>; wedgeassoc.com@frontier.com <wedgeassoc.com@frontier.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]- Re: [EXTERNAL]- Planning Meeting of 15 April 2021

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Ms Richardson,

Thank you for your prompt reply and an explanation of some of the points I raised. I apologize for referring to the Planning Commission as the Planning Board.

I appreciate your offer to refer my comments to the Council and ask in particular you convey my concern regarding inflammatory language. It is critical that this project be discussed based upon the legitimate concerns of Wedgefield Plantation residents and not allowed to be hijacked by individuals wishing to make it a race issue.

Sincerely,

CAPT S. Layne Smith USN (Ret)
67 Ballard Place
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703-398-3416
fastfa18@aol.com

On Apr 19, 2021, at 11:41 AM, Holly Richardson <hrichardson@gtcounty.org> wrote:

Capt. Smith,

Thanks for your input. I am happy to try and answer any questions you may have. Unfortunately I cannot speak for the Commission members and why they did or did not address certain issues, but I will try and address the factual questions to the best of my ability.

1. The site in question is being considered for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program which is administered by the IRS. This site is not in a qualified census tract (QCT) but it is eligible for funding under the LIHTC program. Sites within a QCT are awarded additional points in the scoring process for the program but it is not a requirement. This site is within an opportunity zone. There are 135 opportunity zones in SC as designated by the Governor. The map at this link shows this area in the "blue" opportunity zone for Georgetown County:

<https://www.schousing.com/Home/Opportunity-Zones>

SC Housing

Opportunity Zones Opportunity Zones offer designated communities hope for affordable housing and other economic development. 2017 saw the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 which established Opportunity Zones as a new investment in low income communities.

www.schousing.com

2. I can't answer for the Board, but they are limited to acting on the requests that are brought before them. I believe the tract that was presented is in the city limits and is not in our jurisdiction.
3. Regarding traffic, the 2008 study is old and would be required to be updated before a conceptual plan for this project can be approved. We would not approve development on this 16 acres based on that traffic study due to its age and because of the proposed change in use. However, that study did address both traffic on Wedgefield Road

and at the intersection of 701 and Wedgefield Road. The approved plan for the hospital shows 4 entrances on Wedgefield Road. The 2008 study addressed each of those entrances separately.

This item will next come before County Council for first reading by title only on April 27th. This means it will be on the agenda, but will not be discussed by Council as is typical. 2nd reading will be held on May 11th and it will be discussed at that time. I will be happy to forward any comments you have regarding the meeting on to the Council members.

Thanks.

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From: CAPT S. Layne Smith <fastfa18@aol.com>
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Cc: Theresa Floyd <tfloyd@gtcounty.org>; HOA Wedgefield Plantation <hoawedge@gmail.com>; wedgeassoc.com@frontier.com <wedgeassoc.com@frontier.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]- Planning Meeting of 15 April 2021

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Dear Ms Richardson,

I attended the Planning meeting on 15 April as a resident of Wedgefield Plantation protesting the change to a PD to allow multi-family housing development on a tract of land situated on Wedgefield Road and Highway 701. As you are aware, this property is owned by Tideland's Hospital. It appears they are trying to recoup some of their loss in purchasing the land by obtaining a change to the PD. The proposed change was ultimately approved by the Planning Board to go to the County Commission.

A great many members of the Wedgefield community came to protest the PD change and several spoke requesting denial of it. However, none of the speakers spoke against the concept of multi-family housing, their concern was with the location, the dramatic congestion and traffic issues it would bring to the already dangerous intersection and the destruction of the surrounding environment.

A few of the contested facts brought to light were:

- 1) Is the area under consideration in a Development Zone? The agent said yes — residents who researched the question said no. Why wasn't the Board interested enough in the answer to look into that question before voting?
- 2) A seemingly very suitable alternative to the Weehaw location was presented by one of the speakers, an alternative that appeared to offer a much more promising area for development. Why didn't the Board at least consider investigating this area before voting? They summarily disregarded the idea. Had they already made up their minds?
- 3) A traffic study from 2008 was presented to illustrate that a change to allow multi-family housing development would reduce the traffic at the intersection of Wedgefield Road and 701. This was incredibly disingenuous when the study was conducted under the premise that the traffic from the hospital would enter/exit on 701 and not Wedgefield Road.

There are a number of situations which can cause a decrease in residential property values not the least of which are traffic congestion and inferior infrastructure. Wedgefield Road is a two lane road and the only way in and out of Wedgefield Plantation. The intersection of Wedgefield Road, Highway 701 and Highway 51 is already an extremely dangerous one. Any increase in development would only increase the danger and the congestion would not be mitigated by traffic lights or turning lanes. This is the greatest concern of most Wedgefield Plantation residents.

I must also address the conduct of the meeting. At one point the very large man operating the camera came and stood menacingly over and berated one of the members of the audience because of

an obscene gesture she had allegedly shown him: this happened while people were talking and the Board initially just watched. Why weren't the proceedings quickly stopped, the situation defused, she either cautioned to behave or immediately ejected from the meeting and the man required to return to his duties?

Finally, as the last speaker from the public, the President of the local NAACP spoke. It appeared his comments would be reasonable and conciliatory as he stated that he didn't disagree with any comments from those of us protesting the PD change. However, in the next breath he labeled all of us who opposed the change to the PD as racists. In a moment he changed the discussion of the project from its merits and he made it a racial issue. He proceeded to say that Wedgefield Plantation was "built on the backs of slaves" and he didn't get his "his 40 acres and a mule." Ms Richardson I am not a racist and neither my home nor any other in Wedgefield Plantation was built on the backs of slaves. It is extremely unfortunate and disappointing that the Board would cowardly and quietly tolerate such inflammatory language and the slander of members of an entire community and residents of Georgetown County.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Coleman, We hope you will consider supporting our efforts.

Many thanks.

v/r

Ed. Wozniak

From: Edward Wozniak <ednatwoz@sc.rr.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:56 AM

To: Edward Wozniak <ednatwoz@sc.rr.com>

Subject: Planning Meeting

To: Georgetown Planning Commission

Re: Meeting of 4-15-21

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wozniak, Jr.

50 Live Oak Lane

Georgetown, SC 29440

H: 843-545-9750 email ednatwoz@sc.rr.com

In the event you missed this deplorable meeting of the Georgetown Planning Commission on 4-15-21 that lacked ethical professionalism, it is our feeling, along with others, that their decision was already made weeks before the actual meeting. It was obvious it was all orchestrated and set up to do nothing more than shove this project down the resident's throats of the surrounding residential area, as well as they tried doing at Pawleys Island, with no success, they are noted for doing this across the country, and are now trying it here at Wedgefield Plantation, Windsor Plantation, Windsor Rd. development, Deerfield Rd. residents, all of Wedgefield Rd residents which is, and has been since the early 70's, a quiet, low country community.

There were a couple of people mulling around during the meeting trying to intimidate us. They must think we are stupid not to know what was taking place. The developer had precedence over the entire meeting and was able to speak at will, where the residents of Wedgefield Plantation and others, only had 3 minutes. I would like to note here that the developer **lied numerous times** from what he had told us at the previous meeting at the Wedgefield Manor House.

Where was the power point presentation along with projected slides showing ALL 3 phases of this project, there were none!! Because they didn't want us to see them!!

There is concern that the Georgetown County Planning Commission was not able to make a fair decision on this project because of the influence of Tideland Hospital and their desire to sell this land but in order to do so, it will need to be done in stages and so they turned it over to the State/County and have the local residents suffer the results!!!

This tract of land does not qualify for this project under previous studies. The traffic is horrendous and a main artery into Georgetown, Myrtle Beach, Charleston, and I-95. The logging trucks run this route heavily, more so now than ever and two traffic lights will create more danger than we have now getting out of Wedgefield Rd.. There are also wetlands that will be

impacted. The information on the traffic study the developers were using was from 2008. A lot has changed in 13 years.

The developer states that this is going to create more jobs. Really! Show us how!!!! The steel mill is closed and the remaining International Paper and Walmart, and the Hospital are the three largest employers of Georgetown. We have never heard any complaints from either about housing for their employees. If they would let Lowes or Home Depot come in, then you could create hundreds of jobs.

Go less than a mile down on #701, and the road behind Georgetown Kraft Credit Union Bank where there are 100 acres plus. Bubba Grimes represents this property and would love to sell it. It already has an existing traffic signal, a road in and out, restaurants, and numerous shopping centers, Doctors', Dentist, offices and more shopping centers across the street with a full-size Walmart and a Belk's!!! All within walking distance!! This is also convenient to ALL the schools for the families that this project is intended to serve.

There is a location for everything and this is NOT the location. If you read the reviews on Blueline Developers you will see that they are only interested in the tax credits that they get from selling these places so they can get tax breaks. Don't we want better for the residents who need affordable housing. There are many complaints online about the upkeep of these developments and Blueline Developers cannot sell them for 25 years per their speaker. It appears that the care of these units is not what it should be once people move in.

Send this developer back to Montana and put this project in his backyard. Maybe then he will realize there is more to building and owning a complex of this type and will learn to take better care of it and not try shoving it down our throats, and keep our beautiful low country environment as it is. This so-called meeting was a disgrace, insulting and disrespectful to all.

For all our residents of the surrounding area,
Respectfully submitted,
Ed. & Natalie Wozniak

Item Number: 11.c
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Finance

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Ordinance No. 21-19 - An Ordinance to Amend the FY21 Operating Budget of Georgetown County

CURRENT STATUS:

Pending

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Ordinance No. 21-19 amends the current operating budget to appropriate funding for ongoing projects from the prior fiscal year and unforeseen costs previously approved by County Council as detailed within the body of the proposed ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 21-19
2. Do not adopt Ordinance No. 21-19.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation for adoption of Ordinance No. 21-19.

NOTE: Ordinance No. 21-19 was introduced by title only, thereafter a motion to amend will be required at second reading to incorporate proposed text.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
□ Budget Ordinance No. 21-19	Cover Memo

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

ORDINANCE # 21-19

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020/2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

- Section 1: Appropriations in the General Fund are increased by \$193,400 to provide funding for the new Land Records Program for the Register of Deeds. Funding will come from fiscal year 20/21 lease financing proceeds. This procurement was approved by County Council at the April 27, 2021, Council meeting.
- Section 2: Appropriations in the Murrells Inlet Revitalization Fund are increased by \$145,000 to provide funding emergency repairs to the Murrells Inlet Marsh Walk and Beach walkovers. Funding will come from fund balance in the Murrells Inlet Revitalization Fund. This was approved by County Council at the April 13, 2021, Council meeting.
- Section 3: Appropriations in the Environmental Services Fund, Landfill Department are increased by \$1,000,000 to provide funding for the ongoing Old Landfill Corrective Measures projects not completed at close of fiscal year 2020.
- Section 4: This Ordinance No. 21-19 shall be effective upon final approval and adoption by Georgetown County Council.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021

Louis Morant, Chairman
Georgetown County Council (Seal)

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd, Clerk to Council (Seal)

This Ordinance No. 21-19 has been reviewed by me and is hereby approved as to form and legality.

_____ (Seal)

Georgetown County Attorney

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

Item Number: 15.a
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: REPORTS TO COUNCIL

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Public Information

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Georgetown County and the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation are partnering to spotlight a local nonprofit at each County Council meeting.

CURRENT STATUS:

This week's featured nonprofit is Friendship Place. Charlie Ball, Executive Director, will present.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Friendship Place works to address unmet needs in the Georgetown community while helping individuals live up to their potential. The organization partners with willing and capable people living in poverty in Georgetown County, offering one-on-one coaching to help those wanting to break the yoke of poverty. It works to feed the homeless, offers prayer counselors and maintains the flexibility to address other day-to-day unmet needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

OPTIONS:

This item is presented for information only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

No

Item Number: 15.b
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: REPORTS TO COUNCIL

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Public Information

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Presentation of Seth Housand as Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2021.

CURRENT STATUS:

Seth Housand, a network engineer with the MIS Department, has been named Georgetown County's Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of this year. He has been employed with the county for nine years.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Seth Housand's daily duties include maintaining the County's IT network, troubleshooting and correcting issues in same, assisting users in solving IT related issues, and installation of new network equipment.

When the County suffered a ransomware attack in January, his work in the months following was integral to the county's recovery and return to normal operations.

Further details are available in the attached nomination letter from Administrative Services Director Walt Ackerman.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

OPTIONS:

This report is presented for information only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report is presented for information only.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Nomination Letter	Backup Material



Georgetown County Employee of the Quarter Nomination Form

Employee's name: Seth Housand

Department/Division: MIS

Number of Years Employed With County: 9 Hire date: 12/19/11

Current Job Title (and previous titles where relevant):

Network Engineer I

What does this employee's job description entail?

Maintaining the County's IT network, troubleshooting and correcting issues in same, assisting users in solving IT related issues, installation of new network equipment

On an attached sheet and using specific examples, please explain why this employee should be named Employee of the Quarter. This narrative should be no more than one page in length and may include, but is not limited to:

- Goals/objectives the employee has completed, especially in the last quarter;
- Committees served on and/or volunteer service to the county;
- Ways the employee has demonstrated initiative and enthusiasm at work;
- Certifications, licenses, etc.;
- Details about the quality of the employee's work, knowledge of the job and department, etc.;
- Details about how the employee interacts with others, including customers and coworkers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Housand", is written over a horizontal line.

Director/Elected Official's Signature

4/13/21

Date

Nomination of Seth Housand for Employee of the Quarter

It is my pleasure to nominate Seth Housand for the Employee of the Quarter award for the first quarter of 2021. As everyone is aware, the County was hit with a ransom attack in January, which completely crippled our network. As part of the MIS team, which should all be commended highly for their exceptional performance during the recovery, Seth was responsible for assisting in this effort.

Due to the MIS department not having a full time department head, there was a need for someone to perform many of the non-technical duties that this position would normally undertake. Without being asked, Seth did just that. He began formulating budgets, getting cost estimates and quotes, pulling the team together for planning sessions, communicating progress updates to upper management, troubleshooting issues, developing work arounds, exploring solutions and on and on and on. Anything that needed to be accomplished to get us back up and running, he took on the task.

It is for his willingness to go far beyond his duties and expectations in a time of crisis that I am pleased to nominate Seth Housand for Employee of the Quarter.



Walt Ackerman

Director of Administrative Services

Item Number: 15.c
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: REPORTS TO COUNCIL

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:
Special Recognition

CURRENT STATUS:

The County was recently the victim of a devastating ransom attack that completely shut down the County's information systems network for an extended period of time.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

During the recovery process, our MIS team rose to the challenge and were able to make monumental changes and repairs to our systems in order to get us back to operational status as quickly as possible.

This small group accomplished not only items in their normal scope of work but were leaders in trouble shooting and thinking outside of the box. This flexibility and skillfulness were instrumental in maintaining service delivery.

The most valuable aspect of their efforts during recovery was their ability to change the direction of their efforts as our circumstances change, which was quite often.

Through it all, they remained calm and focused on what needed to be done to help all of our departments regain functionality.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OPTIONS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Item Number: 16.a
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: DEFERRED OR PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED ISSUES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: County Council

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Ordinance No. 20-59 - An Ordinance to revise the Rules of Procedure as previously adopted by Georgetown County Council

CURRENT STATUS:

Pending adoption.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

In 1999, Georgetown County Council adopted *Rules of Procedure* pertaining to all meetings and proceedings. Georgetown County Council desires to conduct the public's business in a forthright manner that can be clearly understood by everyone involved.

Ordinance No. 20-59 includes proposed amendments and revisions to update *Rules of Procedure* which shall govern the conduct of meetings of council and other matters provided therein.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 20-59
2. Do not adopt Ordinance No. 20-59.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Deferred pending further review.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

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COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council finds it necessary to conduct the public’s business in a forthright manner that can be clearly understood by everyone involved and being so desires to adopt the following rules of procedure; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, Georgetown County Council shall adopt and utilize the following rules of procedure to govern the conduct of meetings of council and other matters provided therein:

ARTICLE ONE
RULES

- 1-1. The following set of rules shall be in effect upon adoption by the Georgetown County Council (hereinafter “Council”). These rules shall pertain to all meetings and proceedings. Items not covered in these rules shall be decided in accordance with the South Carolina Association of Counties *Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, 3rd Edition* (hereinafter “*Model Rules*”). Any question of parliamentary procedure that cannot first be concluded from these adopted rules and then second from the *Model Rules*, will be decided utilizing the latest edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order*.
- 1-2. All committees of Council or advisory boards and commissions shall adopt and enforce rules of procedure and decorum consistent with the rules of Council.

ARTICLE TWO
OFFICERS

- 2-1. **CHAIRPERSON:** At the first meeting of the Council in January following each general election, the Council shall select one of its members to serve as Chairperson for a two year term. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Council and may execute on behalf of Council all official instruments or documents unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of Council. The Chairperson shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings, and shall state every question coming before Council, announce the decision of the Council, and decide questions of order. Any Council member may appeal the decision of the Chairperson on a question of order, and two thirds of those members present shall conclusively determine such question of order.

2-2. **VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** At the first meeting of the Council in January following the general election, the Council shall select one of its members to serve as Vice-Chairperson for a two year term. In the event that the Chairperson is absent or unable to serve, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson. In the event that the office of Chairperson is vacated, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to that office and another member shall be elected by Council to serve as Vice-Chairperson. When the Chairperson is absent from a regular or special meeting of the Council, or unavailable at the time execution on behalf of the Council is necessary, the Vice-Chairperson may execute on behalf of the Council all official instruments or documents unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of Council.

2-3. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** The Council, via a contract agreement, shall employ an Administrator, not a member of the Council, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the County Government and shall be responsible for the administration of all the departments of the County Government which the Council has the authority to control. The County Administrator shall be apolitical, refraining from participation in the election of the members of the employing Council and from partisan political activities which would impair performance as a professional administrator. The Administrator shall be employed with regard to executive and administrative qualifications only, and need not be a resident of the County at the time of employment. The term of the employment shall be for a definite term or at the pleasure of the Council. Before the Administrator may be removed from the position, the Council shall deliver to the Administrator a written statement of the reasons for the proposed removal including notice of the Administrator's right to a public hearing at a public meeting of the Council. Within five (5) days after delivery of the notice of removal, the Administrator may file with the Council a written request for a public hearing. This hearing shall be held by Council not earlier than twenty (20) days nor later than thirty (30) days after the request is filed. The Administrator may also file with the Council a written reply not later than five (5) days before the hearing. The removal of the Administrator shall not be effective until after the decision of the Council following the public hearing if one is held.

2-3.1 **POWERS AND DUTIES:** The power and duties of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. To serve as the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer of the County Government;
- b. To execute the policies, directives and legislative actions of the Council;
- c. To direct and coordinate operational agencies and administrative activities of the County Government;
- d. To supervise expenditure of appropriated funds;

- e. To prepare annual, monthly, and other reports for Council on finances and administrative activities of the County;
- f. To be responsible for the administration of the County personnel policies including salary and classification plans approved by the Council;
- g. To be responsible for the employment and discharge of personnel in those departments in which the employment authority is vested in the County Council. This authority shall not extend to any personnel employed in departments or agencies under the direction of an elected official nor to personnel appointed by the Council.
- h. To prepare annual operating and capital improvement budgets and submit them to the Council at such time as the Council determines, including with the submission a statement describing the important features of the proposed budget such as all sources of anticipated revenue and the amount of tax revenue required to meet the financial requirements of the County. The Administrator shall offer a certification stating that, in the Administrator's opinion, the proposed budget does not exceed anticipated revenues for the period concerned and he/she shall assure that there is full compliance.
- i. To execute on behalf of the Council official instruments or documents, including the power to contract and bind the County;
- j. To take all actions to provide for the County's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to maintain the physical properties of the County in good and safe state of repair and condition; and
- k. To perform such duties as may be required by the Council or authorized under the Council-Administrator form of government found in the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

2-3.2 **NO AUTHORITY OVER ELECTED OFFICIALS:** With the exception of organizational and administrative policies established by the Council, the County Administrator shall exercise no direct authority over any elected official of the County whose offices were created by the Constitution or by the general law of the state.

2-3.3 **COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH EMPLOYEES THROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:** Except for the purposes of official Council approved inquiries and investigations in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws Ann. § 4-9-660, the Council shall deal with County directors and employees who are subject to the supervision of the County Administrator solely through the Administrator, and neither the Council nor its individual members shall give orders or instructions directly to any such officers or employees.

- 2-3.4 **ABSENCE OR DISABILITY:** During the extended absence or disability of the Administrator, the Council shall designate another person to serve as acting Administrator.
- 2-3.5 **THE RELATIONSHIP TO COUNCIL:** The Administrator shall maintain high standards of integrity and confidence and adhere to the highest ethical and moral principles in the execution of duties. It shall be the Administrator's duty to continue to keep abreast of advances and developments in County Government administration. When the Council has established a policy in reference to any matter the County Administrator is directed to execute and administer that policy without further action by Council. In the event that any policies established by Council shall need changes or further definition it shall be the duty of the County Administrator to recommend to County Council in writing the proposed changes or definitions. It shall be the duty of the County Administrator to promulgate, implement and execute administrative policies for the management of operational functions of county government, and to propose necessary legislative and public policies for adoption by Council in order that such policies shall be executed without further action by Council.
- 2-3.6 **ACTIVITY REPORT:** The County Administrator is authorized and directed to develop and require submission of activity reports from all departments and agencies at such intervals and in such form as the County Administrator shall determine.
- 2.37 **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT:** The County Administrator will devote his/her full time to the administration of the County Government. Outside employment is prohibited unless approved by a majority vote of the members of Council and may be reflected in the Administrator's employment contract.
- 2-4. **CLERK:** The Council shall appoint a Clerk for an indefinite term. The Clerk shall record all proceedings of the Council and keep a journal of the proceedings which shall be open to public inspection; deliver copies of the minutes of each Council meeting to all members of Council prior to the next regular meeting; keep a register of all Ordinances and Resolutions, assigning them a number and arranging them in order of introduction, and shall assist in their indexing and codification; attest the signature of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or County Administrator on official instruments or documents. During the disability or extended absence of the Clerk, the Council may designate an acting Clerk.
- 2-4.1 **PERMANENT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:** Minutes of all Council meetings and work sessions shall be taken in summary form. All Council member

votes shall be recorded in the minutes. The recordings of all Council meetings shall be permanently maintained for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the meeting. Minutes of Council meetings will be transcribed verbatim only when requested by a Council member for a particular meeting or a portion of a meeting.

- 2-5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY:** The Council shall establish the position of County Attorney who shall provide general counsel to the County Administrator and Council. The County Administrator shall hire and supervise the County Attorney.

The County Attorney shall prepare or review all drafts of ordinances or resolutions as authorized by Council or the County Administrator for legal sufficiency, advise Council and the County Administrator on legal matters, and provide such other legal assistance to county departments and agencies as the County Administrator may authorize.

The County Attorney shall attend all regular meetings of Council and shall attend all special meetings of Council upon the request of the County Administrator. The County Attorney is not required to attend Committee meetings unless requested to do so by the County Administrator. The County Attorney shall refrain from participation in the election of the members of Georgetown County Council or other Georgetown County elected officials.

ARTICLE THREE

MEETINGS

- 3-1. **MEETING ATTENDANCE:** The Council shall convene its regular meeting for the transaction of official business in the Georgetown County Council Chambers, unless otherwise specified by Council, with each member of Council generally making every effort to attend. If, however, for any reason a member of Council cannot attend any scheduled public meeting, he/she should notify the Clerk to Council prior to the beginning of the meeting to notify the Council and the public of the reason for the absence.

3-2. **MEETINGS, REGULAR**

- 3-2.1 Regular meetings of Council shall be held in accordance with a schedule prescribed by Council and made public at the beginning of each calendar year. The Council may vary the schedule upon concurrence of a majority.
- 3-2.2 Requests for agenda matters and supporting materials shall be provided to the County Administrator no later than 12:00 p.m. seven (7) days prior to the regular meeting date. Upon approval of the Chairperson, the agenda is set by the County Administrator no later than Friday of the week

preceding the regular Council meeting. Publication of the agenda shall be on Friday prior to the regular meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter, and, pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (as amended) the agenda is posted online and available upon request no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting.

3-3. **MEETINGS, SPECIAL**

- 3-3.1 The Chairperson or the majority of the members of Council may call special meetings of the Council.
- 3-3.2 All Council members shall be given written notice of a special meeting that specifies the subject matter to be discussed.
- 3-3.3 Twenty four (24) hours' notice must be given for a special meeting and the agenda is posted online no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting.

3-4. **MEETINGS, EMERGENCY**

- 3-4.1 The Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson, may call an emergency meeting.
- 3-4.2 An emergency meeting notice must be supported by a subject matter found in the South Carolina Code of Laws as constituting an emergency.
- 3-4.3 Only the items specified as constituting the emergency shall be considered at the emergency meeting.
- 3-4.4 Notice to all the Council of an emergency meeting will be by telephone, email, or other means as soon as practicable by no less than two (2) hours before the meeting.

3-5. **MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS, AND WORK SESSIONS**

- 3-5.1 The Chairperson may call a Briefing Meeting or Work Session or such meeting may be scheduled at a regular Council meeting.
- 3-5.2 All Council members shall be given written notice of a Briefing or Work Session Meeting that specifies the subject matter to be discussed at least two (2) days before the meeting. The agenda shall be posted online no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting.

- 3-5.3 The primary purpose of a Briefing or Work Session meeting shall be to present in-depth information and to provide an opportunity for the Council to raise questions for the purpose of making more informed decisions on complex issues that would take undue time at a regular meeting.

3-6. **MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARING**

- 3-6.1 The Council shall hold public hearings for those matters required by law and may hold public hearings for any purpose the Council deems appropriate. Public hearings shall be held before final action is taken to:
- a. Adopt annual operational and capital improvement budgets;
 - b. Make appropriations, including supplemental appropriations;
 - c. Adopt building, housing, electrical, plumbing, gas, and other regulatory codes involving penalties;
 - d. Adopt zoning and subdivision regulations;
 - e. Levy taxes; and
 - f. Sell, lease or contract to sell or lease real property owned by the County.
- 3-6.2 Such public hearings shall be advertised as required by law. If there is no applicable law, public hearings shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the community at least fifteen (15) days prior to such hearing with notices and agenda posted online no later than twenty four (24) hours before the hearing.
- 3-6.3 A public hearing is understood to be a forum for people interested in the subject matter to present information to the Council for their consideration as they deliberate an issue. It is not a forum for opponents and proponents to debate their differences nor is it a forum for debate or argument between members of Council and opponents or proponents, or each other.
- 3-6.4 Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
- 3-6.5 The presiding officer may terminate a presentation that is covering the same information covered by a previous speaker. Such speakers shall be encouraged to simply state their agreement with a previous speaker and bring new information to the subject.
- 3-6.6 In addition to verbal presentation, written material may be submitted to the Council for their consideration but the receipt and handout of written material shall not cause the flow of the meeting to stop.

3-6.7 The public hearing will be limited to a total of thirty (30) minutes for formal presentations.

3-7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

3-7.1 The Council may hold an executive session only for a purpose permitted by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as amended. These purposes are defined in the South Carolina Code of Laws and are generally are limited to:

- a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or a person regulated by a public body, or the appointment of a person to a public body.
- b. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against said agency of a claim.
- c. Discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices.
- d. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.
- e. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of an industry or other business in the area served.

3-7.2 To hold an executive session, a motion must be made stating the specific purpose of the executive session or referring to the published agenda wherein the specific purpose is listed, seconded, and adopted to go onto executive session.

3-7.3 No vote shall be taken in executive session.

3-8. **ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

3-8.1 Upon authorization and vote, and in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (also referred herein as “the Act”), Council and all Georgetown County Boards and Commissions (collectively referred to throughout as “the Governing Body”) conduct public meetings exclusively in electronic form, provided the medium for such meeting, whether telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media,

or any combination of these, and the conduct of the electronic meeting, allows for the following standards and practices to be met:

(a) At the beginning of any electronic meeting, the presiding officer shall poll the members of the Governing Body to confirm attendance, and any member of the Governing Body attending by way of electronic media shall be considered present for the purposes of constituting a quorum.

(b) Throughout the duration of the electronic meeting, all members of the Governing Body, as well as any officials or staff required to speak at such meeting, must have the capability to be heard at all times by any other member of the governing body and by the general public.

(c) Any vote of the Governing Body must be conducted by individual voice vote of the members of the Governing Body, who shall verbally indicate their vote on any matter by stating “yay” or “nay.” All individual votes shall be recorded by the clerk, secretary, or presiding officers, as appropriate.

(d) Meetings shall be recorded or minutes kept in the same manner as an in-person meeting as required by the Act; provided, however, any digital broadcast of the meeting is not required to be kept as a record by the Governing Body.

(e) All members of the governing body, officials, staff, and presenters should identify themselves and be recognized prior to speaking. Members of the Governing Body shall comply with the rules of the Governing Body as they relate to procedural matters in order to preserve order and allow for the effectiveness of electronic meetings.

(f) Electronic executive sessions shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governing Body shall properly announce its reason for going into any executive session in conformance with Section 30-4-70 of the Act. Upon the entry into any electronic executive session, meeting minutes need not be kept and the electronic meeting utilized for such executive session may be held by (i) a separate telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media, or any combination of these wherein the public shall not be permitted to participate, or (ii) on the initial telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media, or any combination of these, with the implementation of necessary participation or listening restrictions, provided that in either instance all members of the Governing Body must have the capability to be heard at all times.

(g) With respect to any electronic meeting, any public comment periods provided for by local ordinance, resolution, policy, or bylaws are hereby suspended. In lieu of public comment periods, members of the public may submit their written public comments via email to the Clerk to Council – tfloyd@gtcounty.org - which shall be distributed to the members of the Governing Body.

(h) With respect to public hearings required by the South Carolina Code of Laws, said public hearings shall be conducted electronically as provided herein. All public comments made during such hearing shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk to Council via either:

- 1) U.S. Mail addressed to:
Clerk to Council
Georgetown County Council
716 Prince Street
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440
- 2) Email addressed to tfloyd@gtcounty.org

All comments must be received one (1) hour prior to the scheduled hearing. The comments shall be distributed to the members of the Governing Body prior to the public hearing and read into the record at the time of the public hearing. The comments shall be limited to three hundred (300) words or less. In the event more than ten (10) comments are received, the Chairperson is authorized to paraphrase the reading of the comments into the record in order to optimize time efficiency of the public hearing.

ARTICLE FOUR **QUORUM**

- 4-1. **QUORUM:** A majority of the seven members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to begin a meeting for the transaction of official business.

ARTICLE FIVE **PUBLISHED AGENDA**

- 5-1 **PUBLISHED AGENDA:** For all regularly scheduled meetings, the Council shall address itself to an established, published agenda. The Council shall approve the published agenda, including the Consent Agenda and the Executive Session agenda.

Once an agenda for a regular, special, called or rescheduled meeting is posted, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional 24-hour notice to the

public. The notice must be made in the same manner as the original posting.

After a meeting begins, an action item which is not a final action and for which public comment has been or will be received at a publicly noticed meeting, may be added to the agenda by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

After a meeting begins, an action item which is a final action or for which there will be no opportunity for public comment, may be added to the agenda by

- a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and
- a finding that an emergency or exigent circumstance exists (an exigent circumstance would be considered an urgent or time-sensitive issue).

5-1.1 A public comment period may be the first item of business on the agenda and shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes. If there are more than ten speakers, time allotted will be reduced to allow all speakers signed in to present within the 30 minute period. No speaker may yield his/her allotted time to another speaker. Members of the public who wish to address Council during the public input period shall sign up with the Clerk of Council before the meeting is called to order by the presiding officer. Preference as to the order of the speakers shall be given to those who have notified the Clerk in advance of the meeting of their desire to speak. When there are several members of the public present to address the same issue, one spokesperson shall be chosen on behalf of the group and the presiding officer has the authority to enforce this provision. A public comment period is not required under the South Carolina Code of Laws, rather it is authorized by Council as a means for the citizenry to speak to their representatives in a public setting. Consequently, no person shall be allowed to indulge in personalities, use language personally offensive, charge deliberate misrepresentation, or use language tending to hold a member of Council, a member of the County staff, or a member of the public up to contempt or ridicule.

5-1.2 Any Council member desiring to place an item on the agenda shall notify the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall notify the Clerk no later than 12:00 p.m. 7 days prior to the regular meeting. This provision shall include the names and applications of appointees to various county boards and commissions.

5-1.3 The consent agenda may consist of items that are more than likely not to be controversial as well as any ordinance proposed for first reading. Any Council member may request that an item be placed on the consent agenda, and any member may request that an item be removed therefrom. Any ordinance may be read in at first reading by title only.

ARTICLE SIX
DECORUM AND DEBATE

- 6-1. When a measure is before the Council for consideration, the presiding officer shall recognize the appropriate individual to present the case.
- 6-2. When two (2) or more members wish to speak, the presiding officer shall decide and recognize such members in turn.
- 6-3. No member of Council shall interrupt another while speaking, except to make a point of order or make a point of personal privilege.
- 6-4. The presiding officer shall not be obligated to recognize any Council member for a second comment on a subject or amendment until every Council member wishing to speak has been allowed a first comment.
- 6-5. No member shall speak more than five (5) minutes on any subject or amendment. Such member may use his/her time in any combination, in separate speech or comments totaling five (5) minutes. Council members shall also have the right to yield a portion of their time to another member.
- 6-6. Any member wishing to speak more than five (5) minutes on any question or any amendment to the question shall be accorded the privilege without objection or upon motion supported by two-thirds of the Council members present.
- 6-7. The Council may agree to limit debate on any item of business before it. That agreement may be formalized by a majority vote of the Council.
- 6-8. The presiding officer shall not entertain any dilatory motions.
- 6-9. No Council member shall be permitted to indulge in personalities, use language personally offensive, arraign motives of members, charge deliberate misrepresentation, or use other language tending to hold a member of Council or the public up to contempt or ridicule.
- 6-10. If a member is speaking or otherwise transgressing the rules of the Council, the presiding officer shall, or any Council member may, call him or her to order. In such case, he or she shall immediately be silent unless permitted to explain. The Council shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision is in favor of the member called to order, he/she shall be at liberty to proceed, but otherwise shall remain silent.

- 6-11. Any member found in violation of the rules of Council by a majority vote of Council may be censured.

ARTICLE SEVEN

VOTING

- 7-1. A member may cast his/her vote in person or by any electronic means if a member is unable to attend in person. No members of the County Council, or a committee, shall be allowed under any circumstances to vote by proxy at any Council or Committee meeting.
- 7-2. Any member may request a roll call vote at any time.
- 7-3. No member shall vote on any question where his/her private interest in the matter presents a conflict of interest (according to the South Carolina State Ethics Act). Members shall declare their conflict of interest in an issue and refrain from participating in the discussion or the vote on the issue. The meeting minutes shall reflect any conflict of interest declaration.

ARTICLE EIGHT

COUNCIL DECISIONS

- 8-1. The members of Council have the responsibility to establish policy, make Council decisions, and adopt ordinances which in the majority view will be in the best interest of Georgetown County and all its citizens. Council members thus have an obligation to expect differences of opinion and to respect the views of each individual member of Council. At the same time, individual members should recognize that when the Council has made a decision, the issue has been decided whether or not they were in the majority or the minority.

ARTICLE NINE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 9-1. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN GENERAL:** The Council shall take legislative action by Ordinance. Executive action shall be taken by Resolution.
- 9-2. **READINGS:** With the exception of emergency ordinances, all ordinances shall be read at three public meetings of Council on three separate days with an interval of not less than seven days between the second and third reading. A verbatim reading of an ordinance shall not be required unless such reading is requested by a member.
- 9-3. **FIRST READING:** An ordinance may be introduced for first reading by title only at any meeting of Council. No debate or amendment shall be in order unless a

member makes a motion to invoke the pending ordinance doctrine for a zoning ordinance matter. The ordinance may be referred by the Chairperson to an appropriate committee or to the Council as a whole.

- 9-4. **SECOND READING:** Reports on a proposed ordinance shall be presented at the next regular meeting after the first reading. Prior to second reading, a draft of the text of the ordinance shall be delivered to every member. After the proposed ordinance has been read, amendments shall be in order, but shall not be considered unless they are germane to the proposed ordinance. Any member of the Council may require that amendments be in writing. After all amendments and privileged motions, if any, are disposed of, the question shall be, shall the ordinance receive second reading.
- 9-5. **THIRD READING:** After the ordinance has been given second reading, and if a public hearing has been held if required by law or action of Council, it shall be given third reading at a subsequent public meeting and amendments may be offered on third reading the same as on second reading. After all amendments and privileged motions, if any are disposed of, the question shall be passage of the ordinance.
- 9-6. **VOTES REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE:** With the exception of those items requiring a 2/3rd majority or alternate majority type for approval as found in State law, no ordinance or amendment shall be adopted unless at least a majority of the members present shall have voted for its passage on second and third readings. The repeal or amendment of ordinances shall follow the same procedure set forth for adoption.
- 9-7. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES:** To meet public emergencies, affecting life, health, safety of the property of the people, Council may adopt emergency ordinances, but such ordinances shall not levy taxes, grant, renew, or extend a franchise or impose or change a service rate. Every emergency ordinance shall be designated as such and shall contain declaration that an emergency exists and shall describe the emergency. An emergency ordinance is effective immediately upon its enactment without regard to any reading, public hearing, publication requirement, or public notice. Such ordinances shall expire automatically as of the 61st day of the following enactment.
- 9-8. **CODIFICATION:** All ordinances enacting general law shall be compiled, indexed, codified, and made available online. Further, all ordinances, regardless of type, shall be kept by the Clerk and maintained in a permanent record of all ordinances adopted. Nothing herein prevents any requirement of this section from being satisfied by electronic means.

- 9-9. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES:** Ordinances shall take effect on the day the ordinance is given third reading unless another date is specified in the ordinance.
- 9-10. **RESOLUTIONS:** A resolution shall require only one reading for its adoption, and may be adopted at either a regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.
- 9-11. **STANDARD CODES OR TECHNICAL REGULATIONS:** The Council may adopt any standard code or technical regulation by reference.

ARTICLE TEN **COMMITTEES**

- 10-1. **APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES:** All members of Council shall be appointed to serve on at least one of the Council standing committees. Standing committee appointments shall be made by the Chairperson no later than the second regular meeting of Council in January following each general election and the Chairperson shall also designate the respective Chairperson of each committee. Members of the standing committees shall serve until the next general election of Council, unless they are removed by their consent or cease to be member of Council. Each standing committee shall consist of not less than three members.
- 10-2. **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Standing committees of the Council shall be as follows:
- 10-2.1 An Administration and Finance Committee which shall consist of not less than three members of the County Council.
 - 10-2.2 A Health, Education, and Leisure Committee which shall consist of not less than three members of the County Council.
 - 10-2.3 A Justice and Safety Committee which shall consist of not less than three members of the County Council.
 - 10-2.4 A Public Works Committee which shall consist of not less than three members of the County Council.
 - 10-2.5 Ad-Hoc Committees: Upon the authorization of Council, their Chairperson may appoint ad-hoc committees composed of Council members, a combination of council members and citizens, or citizen members only to study and advise council on a specific issue. Such committees shall function for a specific time periods and shall be dissolved at the end of the time period or when their business is finished, whichever is the earliest. The time period for

existence of such committees may be extended for a time certain by action of the Council.

- 10-2.6 Committee Meetings and Reports: Committee meetings shall be held on the call of the Chairperson of the committee upon two days' notice of such meeting to each committee member, unless all of the members of the committee waive such notice and agree upon an earlier time for such meeting but no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the meeting. A quorum for each committee shall consist of a majority of its members. The Chairperson of a standing committee shall report upon the activities of the committee at a regular council meeting, and a time for such reports shall be deemed to be included in every agenda when the subject matter of the report has previously been referred to the committee. Each committee shall function as an advisory committee to the County Administrator when the Administrator so requests and to the County Council. Each committee shall investigate, gather information, make inquiries, and study the issues under its jurisdiction with a purpose of keeping the Council fully informed. Committees may make reports to the Council with recommendations for action by the Council. Action taken by any committee shall not be construed as action taken by the Council until the subject matter of the committee's action has been presented at a regular or special meeting of the Council and acted upon by the Council in accordance with these rules.
- 10-2.7 Recall of Referred Matters: Any matter which has been referred to a committee may be recalled by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of Council in attendance of a Council meeting.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

- 11-1 **CHAIRPERSON TO VOTE:** The Chairperson shall vote in all cases except where a personal conflict exists.
- 11-2 **PRIVILEGE OF COUNCILMEMBERS:** A Council member shall have the privilege of having an abstract of the member's statement on any subject under consideration by the Council member entered in the minutes.
- 11-3 **STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:** No Council member shall make or issue any statement which purports to speak on behalf of the entire Council or the Council as a body at any time unless the issue is question has been duly adopted by the Council. The Chairperson shall thereupon be the official spokesman for

Council unless the Chairperson has recommended and the Council has approved another person to serve as the spokesman on a particular issue.

- 11-4 **WHEN MOTIONS ARE DEBATABLE:** All motions, except motions to adjourn, to recess, to lay on the table, and questions of order or privilege, shall be debatable. No motion shall be debated until it has been stated by the Chairperson. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chairperson without debate, subject to an appeal to the Council.
- 11-5 **MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER:** A motion to reconsider any action taken by the Council may be made only on the day such action was taken or at the next regular meeting of Council. Such motion must be made by a Council member voting on the prevailing side, but may be seconded by any other Council member, and may be made at any time.
- 11-6 **MOTIONS THAT INTERRUPT A SPEAKER:** Only the following motions shall be permitted to interrupt a speaker:
- 11-6.1 A question of order. This question is to the effect that the rules of Council are not being adhered to. It is not debatable and does not require a second.
- 11-6.2 A question of privilege. This question relates to the rights and privileges of a member of the Council, i.e., charges made against the official character of a member; that the member has not been furnished with pertinent information available to other members of Council; that the member did not hear or understand a statement presented to Council, etc. It does not require a second.
- 11-6.3 A motion to adjourn. This motion is not debatable but does require a second.
- 11-7. **MOTIONS THAT CANNOT INTERRUPT A SPEAKER BUT MAY INTERRUPT THE PROCEEDINGS:** The following motions cannot interrupt a speaker without the speaker's consent but may interrupt the proceedings and shall be received during debate:
- 11-7.1 A motion to lay on the table. The motion removes the subject from consideration until the Council votes to again consider the subject. It is not debatable but does require a second. Any item remaining on the table at the adjournment of the regular meeting following the meeting where the motion to lay on the table was approved shall be permanently removed from Council consideration.

- 11-7.2 A motion for the previous/to call the question. This motion is to the effect that the debate now cease, and the Council immediately proceed to vote on the pending question. It is not debatable but does require a second.
- 11-7.3 A motion to adjourn debate to a subsequent meeting. The effect of this motion is to postpone the subject to the time specified in the motion and until which time it cannot be taken up except by majority vote of the Council. It is debatable and does require a second.
- 11-7.4 A motion to commit or recommit. The effect of this motion is to refer the subject to a committee. It is debatable and requires a second.
- 11-7.5 A motion to amend. This motion is debatable and requires a second.

The above motions have precedence in the order listed.

11.8 MOTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A SECOND: The following motions do not require a second.

- 11.8-1 Inquiries of any kind.
- 11.8-2 Leave to withdraw a motion.
- 11.8-3 Nominations.
- 11.8-4 Point of order.
- 11.8-5 Question of privilege.

ARTICLE TWELVE

DOCUMENTS

- 12-1. **DOCUMENTS OF THE COUNTY:** All documents, files, correspondence, reports, records, and other written, printed or electronic material or information pertaining to the business of Georgetown County or to any of its departments or personnel, prepared, received or used by the County Administrator or any other County official or employee in the course of County employment shall be the property of Georgetown County. No such material or information shall be removed from the custody of Georgetown County at any time. Individuals seeking

to obtain information related hereto shall may be able to do so in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

- 12-2. **PERSONNEL FILES:** Personnel files are confidential information and shall be available to Council members only as a part of an official inquiry or investigation authorized by Council.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

SEAL

- 13-1. **SEAL OF THE COUNTY OR COUNCIL:** The seal of Georgetown County or the Georgetown County Council shall not be required upon execution or attestation of any document.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

SUSPENSION OF RULES

- 14-1. **SUSPENSION OF RULES:** Any of these rules may be suspended except those which are matters of State law, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

AMENDMENT OF RULES

- 15-1. **AMENDMENT OF RULES:** Amendment of these ruled shall be by ordinance.

ANY PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURE BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER ORD. 99-30 ARE HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by a vote of Georgetown County Council.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd, Clerk

This ordinance is approved as to form and content.

H. Thomas Morgan, Jr., Esq.
Interim Georgetown County Attorney

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Georgetown County Council finds it necessary to conduct the public’s business in a forthright manner that can be clearly understood by everyone involved and being so desires to adopt the following rules of procedure; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, Georgetown County Council shall adopt and utilize the following rules of procedure to govern the conduct of meetings of council and other matters provided therein:

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ARTICLE ONE

RULES

- 1-1. The following set of rules shall be in effect upon adoption by the Georgetown County Council (hereinafter “Council”). These rules shall pertain to all meetings and proceedings. ~~These rules shall take precedence over other rules of Council.~~ Items not ~~specifically~~ covered in these rules shall be decided in accordance with the South Carolina Association of Counties *Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, 3rd–2nd Edition* (hereinafter “Model Rules”). Any question of parliamentary procedure that cannot first be concluded from these adopted rules and then second from the Model Rules, will be decided utilizing the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.
- 1-2. All committees of Council or advisory boards and commissions shall adopt and enforce rules of procedure and decorum consistent with the rules of Council.

ARTICLE TWO

OFFICERS

- 2-1. **CHAIRPERSON:** At the first meeting of the Council in January following each general election, the Council shall select one of its members to serve as Chairperson for a two year term. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Council and may execute on behalf of Council all official instruments or documents unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of Council. The Chairperson shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings, and shall state every question coming before Council, announce the decision of the Council, and

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decide questions of order. Any Council member may appeal the decision of the Chairperson on a question of order, and two thirds of those members present shall conclusively determine such question of order.

- 2-2. **VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** At the first meeting of the Council in January following the general election, the Council shall select one of its members to serve as Vice-Chairperson for a two year term. In the event that the Chairperson is absent or unable to serve, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson. In the event that the office of Chairperson is vacated, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to that office and another member shall be elected by Council to serve as Vice-Chairperson. When the Chairperson is absent from a regular or special meeting of the Council, or unavailable at the time execution on behalf of the Council is necessary, the Vice-Chairperson may execute on behalf of the Council all official instruments or documents unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of Council.

- 2-3. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** The Council, via a contract agreement, shall employ an Administrator, not a member of the Council, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the County Government and shall be responsible for the administration of all the departments of the County Government which the Council has the authority to control. The County Administrator shall be apolitical, refraining from participation in the election of the members of the employing Council and from partisan political activities which would impair performance as a professional administrator. The Administrator shall be employed with regard to executive and administrative qualifications only, and need not be a resident of the County at the time of employment. The term of the employment shall be for a definite term, or at the pleasure of the Council. Before the Administrator may be removed from the position-office, the Council shall deliver to the Administrator a written statement of the reasons for the proposed removal, including and notice of the Administrator's right to a public hearing at a public meeting of the Council. Within five (5) days after delivery of the notice of removal, the Administrator may file with the Council a written request for a public hearing. This hearing shall be held by Council not earlier than twenty (20) days nor later than thirty (30) days after the request is filed. The Administrator may also file with the Council a written reply not later than five (5) days before the hearing. The removal of the Administrator shall not be effective until after the decision of the Council following the public hearing if one is held.

- 2-3.1 **POWERS AND DUTIES:** —The power and duties of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. To serve as the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer of the County Government;

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- b. To execute the policies, directives and legislative actions of the Council;
- c. To direct and coordinate operational agencies and administrative activities of the County Government;
- d. To supervise expenditure of appropriated funds;
- e. To prepare annual, monthly, and other reports for Council on finances and administrative activities of the County;
- e. To be responsible for the administration of the County personnel policies including salary and classification plans approved by the Council;
- f. To be responsible for the employment and discharge of personnel in those departments in which the employment authority is vested in the County Council. This authority shall not extend to any personnel employed in departments or agencies under the direction of an elected official nor to personnel appointed by the Council.
- g. To prepare annual operating and capital improvement budgets and submit them to the Council at such time as the Council determines, including with the submission a statement describing the important features of the proposed budget such as all sources of anticipated revenue and the amount of tax revenue required to meet the financial requirements of the County. The Administrator shall offeraffix a certification stating that, in the Administrator's opinion, the proposed budget does not exceed anticipated revenues for the period concerned and he/she shall assure that there is full compliance.
- h. To execute on behalf of the Council official instruments or documents, including the power to contract and bind the County;
- i. To take all actions to provide for the County's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and to maintain the physical properties of the County in good and safe state of repair and condition; and
- j. To perform such duties as may be required by the Council or authorized under the Council-Administrator form of government found in the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

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- 2-3.2 **NO AUTHORITY OVER ELECTED OFFICIALS:** With the exception of organizational and administrative policies established by the Council, the County Administrator shall exercise no direct authority over any elected official of the County whose offices were created by the Constitution or by the general law of the state.
- 2-3.3 **COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH EMPLOYEES THROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:** Except for the purposes of official Council approved inquiries and investigations in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws Ann. § 4-9-660, the Council shall deal with County directors officers and employees who are subject to the supervision of the County Administrator solely through the Administrator, and neither the Council nor its individual members shall give orders or instructions directly to any such officers or employees.
- 2-3.4 **ABSENCE OR DISABILITY:** During the extended absence or disability of the Administrator, the Council shall designate another person to serve as acting Administrator.
- 2-3.5 **THE RELATIONSHIP TO COUNCIL:** ~~—~~ The Administrator shall maintain high standards of integrity and confidence and adhere to the highest ethical and moral principles in the execution of duties. It shall be the Administrator's duty to continue to keep abreast of advances and developments in County Government administration. When the Council has established a policy in reference to any matter the County Administrator is directed to execute and administer supervise that policy without further action by Council. In the event that any policies established by Council shall need changes or further definition it shall be the duty of the County Administrator to recommend to County Council in writing the proposed changes or definitions. It shall be the duty of the County Administrator to promulgate, implement and execute administrative policies for the management of operational functions of county government, and to propose necessary legislative and public policies for adoption by Council in order that such policies shall be executed without further action by Council.
- 2-3.6 **ACTIVITY REPORT:** The County Administrator is authorized and directed to develop and require submission of activity reports from all departments and agencies at such intervals and in such form as the County Administrator shall determine.
- 2.37 **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT:** The County Administrator will devote his/her full time to the administration of the County Government. Outside employment is prohibited unless approved by a majority vote of the

members of Council and may be reflected in the Administrator's employment contract.

- 2-4. **CLERK:** The Council shall appoint a Clerk for an indefinite term. The Clerk shall record all proceedings of the Council and keep a journal of the proceedings which shall be open to public inspection; deliver copies of the minutes of each Council meeting to all members of Council prior to the next regular meeting; keep a register of all Ordinances and Resolutions, assigning them a number and arranging them in order of introduction, and shall assist in their indexing and codification; attest the signature of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or County Administrator on official instruments or documents. During the disability or extended absence of the Clerk, the Council may designate an acting Clerk.

- 2-4.1 **PERMANENT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:** Minutes of all Council meetings and work sessions shall be taken in summary form. All Council members' votes shall be recorded in the minutes. The recording tapes of all Council meetings shall be permanently maintained by the Clerk for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the meeting. Minutes of Council meetings will be transcribed verbatim only when requested by a Council member for a particular meeting or a portion of a meeting.

- 2-5. **COUNTY ATTORNEY:** The Council shall retain ~~establish the position of a~~ County Attorney who shall provide general counsel to the County Administrator and Council. ~~and serve at the pleasure of County Council.~~ The County Administrator shall hire and supervise the County Attorney on behalf of County Council.

The County Attorney shall prepare or review all drafts of ordinances or resolutions as authorized by Council or the County Administrator for legal sufficiency, advise Council and the County Administrator on legal matters, and provide such other legal assistance to county departments and agencies as the County Administrator may authorize.

The County Attorney shall attend all regular meetings of Council and shall attend all special meetings of Council upon the request of the County Administrator. The County Attorney is not required to attend Committee meetings unless requested to do so by the County Administrator. The County Attorney shall refrain from participation in the election of the members of Georgetown County Council or other Georgetown County elected officials.

ARTICLE THREE

MEETINGS

3-1. **MEETING ATTENDANCE:** The Council shall convene its regular meeting for the transaction of official business in the Georgetown County Council Chambers, unless otherwise specified by Council, with each member of Council generally making every effort to attend. If, however, for any reason a member of Council cannot attend any scheduled public meeting, he/she should notify the Clerk to Council prior to the beginning of the meeting to notify the Council and the public of the reason for the absence.

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3-2. **MEETINGS, REGULAR**

3-2.1 Regular meetings of Council shall be held in accordance with a schedule prescribed by Council and made public at the beginning of each calendar year. The Council may vary the schedule upon concurrence of a majority.

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3-2.2 Requests for agenda matters and supporting materials shall be provided to the County Administrator no later than 12:00 o'clock p.m. sevenon Thursday, (7)12 days prior to the regular meeting date. Upon approval of the Chairperson, the agenda is set by the County Administrator, upon approval of the Chairperson, no later than Friday Tuesday of the week preceding the regular Council meeting. Publication of the agenda shall be on FridayThursday prior to the regular meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter, and, pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (as amended) the agenda is posted online the bulletin board of the Courthouse and the County Administrative Office Building and available upon request no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting.

3-3. **MEETINGS, SPECIAL**

3-3.1 The Chairperson or the majority of the members of Council may call special meetings of the Council.

3-3.2 All Council members shall be given written notice of a special meeting that specifies the subject matter to be discussed.

3-3.3 Twenty four (24) hours' notice must be given for a special meeting and the agenda is -posted online the bulletin board of the Courthouse and the County Administrative Office Building no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting.

3-4. **MEETINGS, EMERGENCY**

3-4.1 The Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson, may call an emergency meeting.

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3-4.2 An emergency meeting notice must be supported by a subject matter found in the South Carolina Code of Laws as constituting an emergency.
~~documentation of the emergency.~~

3-4.3 Only the items specified as constituting the emergency shall be considered at the emergency meeting.

3-4.4 Notice to all the Council of an emergency meeting ~~will~~ may be by telephone, email, or other means as soon as practicable by no less than
~~not less than two~~four (24) hours before the meeting.

3-5. MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS, AND WORK SESSIONS

3-5.1 The Chairperson may call a Briefing Meeting or Work Session or such meeting may be scheduled at a regular Council meeting.

3-5.2 All Council members shall be given written notice of a Briefing or Work Session Meeting that specifies the subject matter to be discussed at least two (2) ~~working~~ days before the meeting. The agenda shall be posted online the bulletin board of the Courthouse and the County Administrative Office Building, no later than twenty four (24) hours before the meeting.

3-5.3 The primary purpose of a Briefing or Work Session meeting shall be to present in-depth information and to provide an opportunity for the Council to raise questions for the purpose of making more informed decisions on complex issues that would take undue time at a regular meeting.

3-6. MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARING

3-6.1 The Council shall hold public hearings for those matters required by law and may hold public hearings for any purpose the Council deems appropriate. Public hearings shall be held before final action is taken to:

~~a.~~ Adopt annual operational and capital improvement budgets;

~~a.~~

~~b.~~ Make appropriations, including supplemental appropriations;

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~~c.~~ Adopt building, housing, electrical, plumbing, gas, and other regulatory codes involving penalties;

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~~d.~~ Adopt zoning and subdivision regulations;

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~~e. Levy taxes; and~~

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f. Sell, lease or contract to sell or lease real property owned by the County.

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3-6.2 Such public hearings shall be advertised as required by law. If there is no applicable law, public hearings shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the community at least fifteen (15) days prior to such hearing with notices and agenda posted online the bulletin board of the County Courthouse and the County Administrative Building no later than twenty four (24) hours before the hearing.

3-6.3 A public hearing is understood to be a forum for people interested in the subject matter to present information to the Council for their consideration as they deliberate an issue. It is not a forum for opponents and proponents to debate their differences nor is it a forum for debate or argument between members of Council and opponents or proponents, or each other.

3-6.4 Each speaker shall be limited to threefive (35) minutes. unless the Chairperson authorizes one (1) extension of three (3) minutes.

3-6.5 The presiding officer may terminate a presentation that is covering the same information covered by a previous speaker. Such speakers shall be encouraged to simply state their agreement with a previous speaker and bring new information to the subject.

3-6.6 In addition to verbal presentation, written material may be submitted to the Council for their consideration but the receipt and handout of written material shall not cause the flow of the meeting to stop.

3-6.7 ~~Proponents and opponents will each~~The public hearing will be limited to a total of thirty (30) minutes for formal presentations. ~~on any agenda item. Notwithstanding the time limitation in Section 3-6.4, the proponents or opponents may opt to devote their entire time allocation to one or more speakers with the total time of all speakers not exceeding thirty (30) minutes. The presiding chairperson shall determine if this approach will be used by either side prior to recognizing the first speaker.~~
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3-7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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3-7.1 The Council may hold an executive session only for a purpose permitted by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as amended, from time to time.

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These purposes are defined in the South Carolina Code of Laws and are generally are limited to:

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a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or a person regulated by a public body, or the appointment of a person to a public body.

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a. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal of advice, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against said agency of a claim.

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b. Discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices.

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c. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

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d. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of an industry or other business in the area served.

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3-7.2 To hold an executive session, a motion must be made stating the specific purpose of the executive session or referring to the published agenda wherein the specific purpose is listed, seconded, and adopted to go onto executive session for a permitted purpose.

3-7.3 No vote shall be taken in executive session.

3-8. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

3-8.1 Upon authorization and vote, and in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (also referred herein as "the Act"), Council and all Georgetown County Boards and Commissions (collectively referred to throughout as "the Governing Body") conduct public meetings exclusively in electronic form, provided the medium for such meeting, whether telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media,

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or any combination of these, and the conduct of the electronic meeting, allows for the following standards and practices to be met:

(a) At the beginning of any electronic meeting, the presiding officer shall poll the members of the Governing Body to confirm attendance, and any member of the Governing Body attending by way of electronic media shall be considered present for the purposes of constituting a quorum.

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(b) Throughout the duration of the electronic meeting, all members of the Governing Body, as well as any officials or staff required to speak at such meeting, must have the capability to be heard at all times by any other member of the governing body and by the general public.

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(c) Any vote of the Governing Body must be conducted by individual voice vote of the members of the Governing Body, who shall verbally indicate their vote on any matter by stating "yay" or "nay." All individual votes shall be recorded by the clerk, secretary, or presiding officers, as appropriate.

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(d) Meetings shall be recorded or minutes kept in the same manner as an in-person meeting as required by the Act; provided, however, any digital broadcast of the meeting is not required to be kept as a record by the Governing Body.

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(e) All members of the governing body, officials, staff, and presenters should identify themselves and be recognized prior to speaking. Members of the Governing Body shall comply with the rules of the Governing Body as they relate to procedural matters in order to preserve order and allow for the effectiveness of electronic meetings.

(f) Electronic executive sessions shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governing Body shall properly announce its reason for going into any executive session in conformance with Section 30-4-70 of the Act. Upon the entry into any electronic executive session, meeting minutes need not be kept and the electronic meeting utilized for such executive session may be held by (i) a separate telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media, or any combination of these wherein the public shall not be permitted to participate, or (ii) on the initial telephonic, broadcast video, computer-based, or other electronic media, or any combination of these, with the implementation of necessary participation or listening restrictions, provided that in either instance all members of the Governing Body must have the capability to be heard at all times.

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(g) With respect to any electronic meeting, any public comment periods provided for by local ordinance, resolution, policy, or bylaws are hereby suspended. In lieu of public comment periods, members of the public may submit their written public comments via email to the Clerk to Council – tfloyd@gtcounty.org - which shall be distributed to the members of the Governing Body.

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(h) With respect to public hearings required by the South Carolina Code of Laws, said public hearings shall be conducted electronically as provided herein. All public comments made during such hearing shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk to Council via either:

1) U.S. Mail addressed to:

Clerk to Council

Georgetown County Council

716 Prince Street

Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

2) Email addressed to tfloyd@gtcounty.org

All comments must be received one (1) hour prior to the scheduled hearing. The comments shall be distributed to the members of the Governing Body prior to the public hearing and read into the record at the time of the public hearing. The comments shall be limited to three hundred (300) words or less. In the event more than ten (10) comments are received, the Chairperson is authorized to paraphrase the reading of the comments into the record in order to optimize time efficiency of the public hearing.

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ARTICLE FOUR

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QUORUM

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- 4-1. **QUORUM:** A majority of the seven members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to begin a meeting for the transaction of official business.

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ARTICLE FIVE

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~~PUBLISHED AGENDA~~ORDER OF BUSINESS

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- 5-1 **~~PUBLISHED AGENDA~~ORDER OF BUSINESS:** For all regularly scheduled meetings, the Council shall address itself to an established, published agenda. The Council shall approve the published agenda, including the Consent Agenda and the

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Executive Session agenda. ~~Once the agenda is published, requests to change the agenda will only be granted upon a majority vote of Council.~~

~~Once an agenda for a regular, special, called or rescheduled meeting is posted, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional 24-hour notice to the public. The notice must be made in the same manner as the original posting.~~

~~After a meeting begins, an action item which is not a final action and for which public comment has been or will be received at a publicly noticed meeting, may be added to the agenda by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.~~

~~After a meeting begins, an action item which is a final action or for which there will be no opportunity for public comment, may be added to the agenda by~~

- ~~▪ a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and~~
- ~~▪ a finding that an emergency or exigent circumstance exists (an exigent circumstance would be considered an urgent or time-sensitive issue).~~

The order of business shall be:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment Period
- Approval of the Agenda (including the Consent Agenda and Executive Session Agenda)
- Approval of Minutes
- Consent Agenda
- Public Hearings
- Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- Resolutions
- Third Reading of Ordinances
- Second Reading of Ordinance
- Introduction of Ordinances
- Council Briefing & Committee Reports
- Reports to Council
- Legal Briefing
- Executive Session
- Adjourn

5-1.1 ~~A~~ The public comment period ~~may shall~~ be the first item of business on the agenda and shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be limited to no more than ~~threefive~~ (35) minutes. If there are more than ~~tensix~~ speakers, time allotted will be reduced to allow all speakers ~~signed in~~ to present within the 30 minute period. No speaker may yield his/her allotted time to another speaker. Members of the public who wish to

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address Council during the public input period ~~shall~~should sign up with the Clerk of Council before the meeting is called to order by the presiding officer. Preference as to the order of the speakers shall be given to those who have notified the Clerk in advance of the meeting of their desire to speak. When there are several members of the public present to address the same issue, ~~it is recommended that~~ one spokesperson shall be chosen on behalf of the group and the presiding officer has the authority to enforce this provision. A public comment period is not required under the South Carolina Code of Laws, rather it is authorized by Council as a means for the citizenry to speak to their representatives in a public setting. Consequently, No person shall be allowed to indulge in personalities, use language personally offensive, charge deliberate misrepresentation, or use language tending to hold a member of Council, a member of the County staff, or a member of the public up to contempt or ridicule.

5-1.2 Any Council member desiring to place an item on the agenda shall notify the ~~Chairman~~Chairperson. Clerk. The Chairman shall notify the Clerk no later than 12:00 ~~e'clock~~ p.m. ~~on Thursday, 12-7~~ days prior to the regular meeting. This provision shall include the names and applications of appointees to various county boards and commissions.

5-1.3 The consent agenda may consist of items that are more than likely not likely to to be controversial as well as any ordinance proposed for first reading. Any Council member may request that an item be placed on the consent agenda, and any member may request that an item be removed therefrom. Any ordinance may be read in at first reading by title only.

ARTICLE SIX

DECORUM AND DEBATE

- 6-1. When a measure is before the Council for consideration, the presiding officer shall recognize the appropriate individual to present the case.
- 6-2. When two (2) or more members wish to speak, the presiding officer shall decide and recognize such members in turn.
- 6-3. No member of Council shall interrupt another while speaking, except to make a point of order or make a point of personal privilege.
- 6-4. The presiding officer shall not be obligated to recognize any Council member for a second comment on a subject or amendment until every Council member wishing to speak has been allowed a first comment.

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- 6-5. No member shall speak more than five (5) minutes on any subject or amendment. Such member may use his/her time in any combination, in separate speech or comments totaling five (5) minutes. Council members shall also have the right to yield a portion of their time to another member.
- 6-6. Any member wishing to speak more than five (5) minutes on any question or any amendment to the question shall be accorded the privilege without objection or upon motion supported by two-thirds of the Council members present.
- 6-7. The Council may agree to limit debate on any item of business before it. That agreement may be formalized by a majority vote of the Council.
- 6-8. The presiding officer shall not entertain any dilatory motions.
- 6-9. No Council member shall be permitted to indulge in personalities, use language personally offensive, arraign motives of members, charge deliberate misrepresentation, or use other language tending to hold a member of Council or the public up to contempt or ridicule.
- 6-10. If a member is speaking or otherwise transgressing the rules of the Council, the presiding officer shall, or any Council member may, call him or her to order. In such case, he or she shall immediately be silent unless permitted to explain. The Council shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision is in favor of the member called to order, he/she shall be at liberty to proceed, but otherwise shall remain silent.
- 6-11. Any member found in violation of the rules of Council by a majority vote of Council may be censured.

ARTICLE SEVEN

VOTING

- ~~7-1~~ 7-1. A member ~~may must be present cast his/her vote in person or by any electronic means if a member is unable to attend in person. to cast his/her vote.~~ No members of the County Council, or a committee, shall be allowed under any circumstances to vote by proxy at any Council or Committee meeting.
- ~~7-2~~ 7-2. Any member may request a roll call vote at any time.
- ~~7-3~~ 7-3. No member shall vote on any question where his/her private interest in the matter presents a conflict of interest (according to the South Carolina State

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Ethics Act). Members shall declare their conflict of interest in an issue and refrain from participating in the discussion or the vote on the issue. The meeting minutes shall reflect any conflict of interest declaration.

ARTICLE EIGHT

COUNCIL DECISIONS

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- 8-1. The members of Council have the responsibility to establish policy, make Council decisions, and adopt ordinances which in the majority view will be in the best interest of Georgetown County and all its citizens. Council members thus have an obligation to expect differences of opinion and to respect the views of each individual member of Council. At the same time, individual members should recognize that when the Council has made a decision, the issue has been decided whether or not they were in the majority or the minority.

ARTICLE NINE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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- 9-1. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN GENERAL:** The Council shall take legislative action by Ordinance. Executive action shall be taken by Resolution. ~~All Ordinances and/or Resolutions that require funding for the following and/or subsequent years shall contain an impact statement of costs and funding options stated in dollars and millage based upon the current millage value.~~
- 9-2. **READINGS:** With the exception of emergency ordinances, all ordinances shall be read at three public meetings of Council on three separate days with an interval of not less than seven days between the second and third reading. A verbatim reading of an ordinance shall not be required unless such reading is requested by a member.
- 9-3. **FIRST READING:** An ordinance may be introduced for first reading by title only at any meeting of Council. ~~by title only. No vote shall be taken and a~~ No debate or amendment shall be in order unless a member makes a motion to invoke the pending ordinance doctrine for a zoning ordinance matter. The ordinance may be referred by the Chairperson to an appropriate committee or to the Council as a whole.

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- 9-4. **SECOND READING:** Reports on a proposed ordinance shall be presented at the next regular meeting after the first reading. Prior to second reading, a draft of the text of the ordinance shall be delivered to every member. After the proposed ordinance has been read, amendments shall be in order, but shall not be considered unless they are germane to the proposed ordinance. Any member of the Council may require that amendments be in writing. After all amendments and privileged motions, if any, are disposed of, the question shall be, "shall the ordinance receive second reading."
- 9-5. **THIRD READING:** After the ordinance has been given second reading, and if a public hearing has been held if required by law or action of Council, it shall be given third reading ~~at a~~ a subsequent public meeting and amendments may be offered on third reading the same as on second reading. After all amendments and privileged motions, if any are disposed of, the question shall be passage of the ordinance.
- 9-6. **VOTES REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE:** ~~With the exception of those items requiring a 2/3rd majority or alternate majority type for approval as found in State law, No~~ ordinance or amendment shall be adopted unless at least a majority of the members present shall have voted for its passage on second and third readings. The repeal or amendment of ordinances shall follow the same procedure set forth for adoption.
- 9-7. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES:** To meet public emergencies, affecting life, health, safety of the property of the people, Council may adopt emergency ordinances, but such ordinances shall not levy taxes, grant, renew, or extend a franchise or impose or change a service rate. Every emergency ordinance shall be designated as such and shall contain declaration that an emergency exists and shall describe the emergency. An emergency ordinance is effective immediately upon its enactment without regard to any reading, public hearing, publication requirement, or public notice. Such ordinances shall expire automatically as of the 61st day of the following enactment.
- 9-8. **CODIFICATION:** All ordinances ~~enacting general law~~ shall be compiled, indexed, codified, ~~published by title and made available online. to public inspection at the office of the Clerk of Council. Further, all ordinances, regardless of type, shall be kept by the~~ ~~The Clerk and shall maintained in~~ a permanent record of all ordinances adopted. ~~Nothing herein prevents any requirement of this section from being satisfied by electronic means. and shall furnish a copy to the Clerk of Court for filing in that office.~~
- 9-9. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES:** Ordinances shall take effect on the day the ordinance is given third reading unless another date is specified in the ordinance.

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9-10. **RESOLUTIONS:** A resolution shall require only one reading for its adoption, and may be adopted at either a regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

9-11. **STANDARD CODES OR TECHNICAL REGULATIONS:** The Council may adopt any standard code or technical regulation by reference. ~~Copies of any adopted code to technical regulation shall be made available by the Clerk for distribution or for purchase at a reasonable price.~~

ARTICLE TEN

COMMITTEES

~~10-1~~ **10-1. APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES:** All members of Council shall be appointed to serve on at least one of the Council standing committees. Standing committee appointments shall be made by the Chairperson no later than the second regular meeting of Council in January following each general election and the Chairperson shall also designate the respective Chairperson of each committee. Members of the standing committees shall serve until the next general election of Council, unless they are removed by their consent or cease to be member of Council. Each standing committee shall consist of not less than three members.

~~10-2~~ **10-2. STANDING COMMITTEES:** Standing committees of the Council shall be as follows:

~~10-2.1~~ **10-2.1** — An Administration and Finance Committee which shall ~~consist of not~~

~~10-2.2~~ **10-2.2** ~~consist of not~~ less than three members of the County Council.

~~10-2.3~~ **10-2.2** — A Health, Education, and Leisure Committee which shall ~~consist of~~ not less than three members of the County Council.

~~10-2.4~~ **10-2.3** — A Justice and Safety Committee which shall consist of not less than three members of the County Council.

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~~10-2.4~~ ~~10-2.4~~ A Public Works Committee which shall consist of not less than three members of the County Council.

~~10-2.5~~ ~~10-2.5~~ ~~ADHOC COMMITTEES~~Ad-Hoc Committees; Upon the authorization

of Council, their Chairperson may appoint ad-hoc committees composed of Council members, a combination of council members and citizens, or citizen members only to study and advise council on a specific issue. Such committees shall function for a specific time periods and shall be dissolved at the end of the time period or when their business is finished, whichever is the earliest. The time period for existence of such committees may be extended for a time certain by action of the Council.

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~~10-2.6~~ ~~10-2.6~~ ~~COMMITTEES MEETINGS AND REPORTS~~Committee Meetings and Reports:

Committee meetings shall be held on the call of the Chairperson of the committee upon two days' notice of such meeting to each committee member, unless all of the members of the committee waive such notice and agree upon an earlier time for such meeting but no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the meeting. A quorum for each committee shall consist of a majority of its members. The Chairperson of a standing committee shall report upon the activities of the committee at a each regular council meeting, and a time for such reports shall be deemed to be included in every agenda when the subject matter of the report has previously been referred to the committee. Each committee shall function as an advisory committee to the County Administrator when the Administrator so requests and to the County Council. Each committee shall investigate, gather information, make inquiries, and study the issues under its jurisdiction with a purpose of keeping the Council fully informed. Committees may make reports to the Council with recommendations for action by the Council. Action taken by any committee shall not be construed as action taken by the Council until the subject matter of the committee's action has been presented at a regular or special meeting of the Council and acted upon by the Council in accordance with these rules.

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~~10-2.7~~ ~~10-2.7~~ ~~RECALL OF REFERRED MATTERS~~Recall of Referred Matters; Any matter

which has been referred to a committee may be recalled by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of Council in attendance of a Council meeting.

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ARTICLE ELEVEN

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

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- 11-1 **CHAIRPERSON TO VOTE:** The Chairperson shall vote in all cases except where a personal conflict exists.
- 11-2 **PRIVILEGE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:** A Council member shall have the privilege of having an abstract of the member's statement on any subject under consideration by the Council member entered in the minutes.
- 11-3 **STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:** —No Council member shall make or issue any statement which purports to speak on behalf of the entire Council or the Council as a body at any time unless the issue is question has been duly adopted by the Council. The Chairperson shall thereupon be the official spokesman for Council unless the Chairperson has recommended and the Council has approved another person to serve as the spokesman on a particular issue.
- 11-4 **WHEN MOTIONS ARE DEBATABLE:** All motions, except motions to adjourn, to recess, to lay on the table, and questions of order or privilege, shall be debatable. No motion shall be debated until it has been stated by the Chairperson. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chairperson without debate, subject to an appeal to the Council.
- 11-5 **MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER:** A motion to reconsider any action taken by the Council may be made only on the day such action was taken or at the next regular meeting of Council. Such motion must be made by a Council member voting on the prevailing side, but may be seconded by any other Council member, and may be made at any time.
- 11-6 **MOTIONS THAT INTERRUPT A SPEAKER:** Only the following motions shall be permitted to interrupt a speaker:
- 11-6.1 A question of order. This question is to the effect that the rules of Council are not being adhered to. It is not debatable and does not require a second.
- 11-6.2 A question of privilege. This question relates to the rights and privileges of a member of the Council, i.e., charges made against the official character of a member; that the member has not been furnished with pertinent information available to other members

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of Council; that the member did not hear or understand a statement presented to Council, etc. It does not require a second.

11-6.3 A motion to adjourn. This motion is not debatable but does require a second.

11-7. **MOTIONS THAT CANNOT INTERRUPT A SPEAKER BUT MAY INTERRUPT THE PROCEEDINGS:** The following motions cannot interrupt a speaker without the speaker's consent but may interrupt the proceedings and shall be received during debate:

~~11-7.1~~ 11-7.1 A motion to lay on the table. The motion removes the subject from consideration until the Council votes to again consider the subject. It is not debatable but does require a second. Any item remaining on the table at the adjournment of the regular meeting following the meeting where the motion to lay on the table was approved shall be permanently removed from Council consideration.

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11-7.2 A motion for the previous/to call the question. This motion is to the effect that the debate now cease, and the Council immediately proceed to vote on the pending question. It is not debatable but does require a second.

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11-7.3 A motion to adjourn debate to a subsequent meeting. The effect of this motion is to postpone the subject to the time specified in the motion and until which time it cannot be taken up except by majority vote of the Council. It is debatable and does require a second.

11-7.4 A motion to commit or recommit. The effect of this motion is to refer the subject to a committee. It is debatable and requires a second.

11-7.5 A motion to amend. This motion is debatable and requires a second.

The above motions have precedence in the order listed.

~~12-8.~~ 11.8 **MOTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A SECOND:** The following motions do not require a second.

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~~12-8-1~~ 11.8-1 Inquiries of any kind.

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~~12.8-2~~ 11.8-2 Leave to withdraw a motion.

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~~12.8-5~~ 11.8-5 Question of privilege.

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ARTICLE TWELVE

DOCUMENTS

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12-1. **DOCUMENTS OF THE COUNTY:** All documents, files, correspondence, reports, records, and other written, ~~or~~ printed or electronic material or information pertaining to the business of Georgetown County or to any of its departments or personnel, prepared, received or used by the County Administrator or any other County official or employee in the course of County employment shall be the property of Georgetown County. No such material or information shall be removed from the custody of Georgetown County at any time. Individuals seeking to obtain information related hereto shall may be able to do so in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

12-2. **PERSONNEL FILES:** Personnel files are confidential information and shall be available to Council members only as a part of an official inquiry or investigation authorized by Council.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

SEAL

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13-1. **SEAL OF THE COUNTY OR COUNCIL:** The seal of Georgetown County or the Georgetown County Council shall not be required upon execution or attestation of any document.

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ARTICLE FOURTEEN

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SUSPENSION OF RULES

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- 14-1. **SUSPENSION OF RULES:** Any of these rules may be suspended except those which are matters of State law, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

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AMENDMENT OF RULES

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- 15-1. **AMENDMENT OF RULES:** Amendment of these ruled shall be by ordinance.

ANY PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURE BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER ORD. 99-30 ARE HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by a vote of Georgetown County Council.

ChairmanChairperson

ATTEST:

Theresa E. Floyd, Clerk

This ordinance is approved as to form and content.

H. Thomas Morgan, Jr., Esq.
Interim Georgetown County Attorney

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Item Number: 16.b
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: DEFERRED OR PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED ISSUES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Coroner's Office

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Ordinance No. 21-07 - An Ordinance to Repeal, Replace, and/or Establish Certain Fees Payable to the Georgetown County Coroner's Office, and Set Guidelines for the Same

CURRENT STATUS:

Pending approval.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OPTIONS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation to defer action pending finalized information.

ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Item Number: 16.c
Meeting Date: 5/11/2021
Item Type: DEFERRED OR PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED ISSUES

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
GEORGETOWN COUNTY COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT: Finance

ISSUE UNDERCONSIDERATION:

Ordinance 21-16 - An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Ordinary County Purposes for Georgetown County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022; To Provide for the Expenditure Thereof; and To Provide for Revenues for the Payment Thereof.

CURRENT STATUS:

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OPTIONS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTORNEY REVIEW: