

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF MCCORMICK)

ORDINANCE 23-09

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AN ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION THAT ESTABLISHES AN OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL, AT THE BEGINNING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS, WITH SIGN-UPS TO SPEAK ACCEPTED AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DOOR UNTIL THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME OF THE MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, SC Code Sections 4-9-1210 and 4-9-1230 allow at least 15% of the qualified electors of McCormick County to propose an ordinance by initiated petition not inconsistent with the Constitution and general law of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed by initiated petition signed by at least 15% of the qualified electors of McCormick County (verified by the McCormick County Voter Registration and Elections Office) that establishes an open public comment period, on matters of interest to and within the jurisdiction of County Council, at the beginning of regularly scheduled County Council meetings, with sign-ups to speak accepted at the Council Chambers door until the scheduled starting time of the meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of McCormick County, South Carolina, as follows:

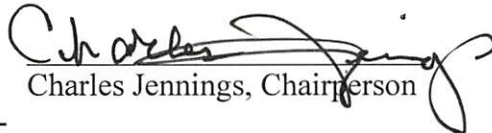
1. Pursuant to the initiated petition referenced herein, there is hereby established a thirty (30) minute open public comment period, on matters of interest to and within the jurisdiction of County Council, at the beginning of regularly scheduled County Council meetings, with sign-ups to speak accepted at the Council Chambers door until the scheduled starting time of the meetings. The public comment period established by this Ordinance 23-09 shall be limited to Thirty (30) minutes unless extended by the Chairman.
2. The Code of Ordinances for McCormick County shall be amended to reflect the adoption of this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption after three (3) readings and any required public hearing.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2024.

MCCORMICK COUNTY COUNCIL

By:


Charles Jennings, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crystal B. Barnes

Crystal B. Barnes, Clerk to Council

1st Reading:	November 21, 2023
2nd Reading:	December 19, 2023
Public Hearing:	February 20, 2024
3rd Reading:	March 19, 2024