

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF MCCORMICK )

**ORDINANCE 23-09**

**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. THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY THE ITEM ON WHICH THEY WILL BE SPEAKING. NO SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON MULTIPLE ITEMS. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR PRESIDING OFFICER, THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR ANY SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION MAY BE LIMITED AND THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ALSO MAY BE LIMITED.**

**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 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.
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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.**

**MCCORMICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Jennings, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

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Crystal B. Barnes, Clerk to Council

1st Reading: November 21, 2023  
2nd Reading: December 19, 2023  
3rd Reading: January 16, 2024  
Public Hearing: Not required.