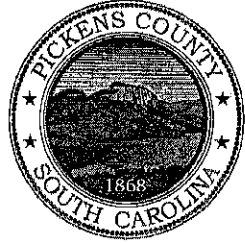


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TREY WHITEHURST, VICE CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM
ALEX SAIITA
R. ENSLEY FEEMSTER
HENRY WILSON

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
Ken Roper
CLERK TO COUNCIL
Meagan Nations

PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 7, 2022

6:30 PM

**Auditorium, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens SC 29671**

This agenda is not inclusive to everything the council may discuss

***Please note that in response to the increased cases of COVID-19 in Pickens County,
Council Chambers will have limited seating.***

***Council and staff encourages citizens to please call 864-898-5242 and leave a voicemail for
public forum comments. All voicemails will be shared with each member of Council.***

***Council and staff also encourage the public to view the live meeting on the
Pickens County YouTube page by clicking on the link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM7wCefzV8owGaQ2ughlnBg>***

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Chris Bowers
INVOCATION: Councilman Ensley Feemster
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Veteran Walt Carter
2. PUBLIC FORUM:
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - October 3, 2022
4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
5. COMMITTEE REPORT: October 17, 2022
 - a) **Log No. 80-** COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM
 - b) **Log No. 205-** AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 11 SCENIC BYWAY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

6. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:
7. MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:
8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2022-28 CELEBRATING MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION GREEN LIGHT
9. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2022-29 ESTABLISHING A CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF PICKENS COUNTY
10. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a) Annual Capital Improvement Plan Update
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (A):
 - Personnel – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)
 - Pinnacle Performer Program
 - Economic Development – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)
 - Project Efficiency
12. ACTIONS AS NEEDED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
13. ADJOURN:

No. 3:

Approval of Minutes

October 3, 2022

Regular Pickens County Council Meeting
October 3, 2022
6:30 PM

County Council met in regular session, in the Auditorium of the County Administration Facility, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Final agendas, bearing date, time, and location of meeting were mailed to members of council and local news media on September 8, 2022

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem
Alex Saitta
Ensley Feemster
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the meeting of October 3, 2022 to order and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman Chris Bowers led the Invocation and Veteran Randy Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bowers presented Veteran Dusen with a Certification of Honor and thanked him for his service.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the Public Forum and requested the Clerk to call upon the citizens signed up to speak.

1. Vickie Perez: Ms. Perez addressed Council regarding the Highway 11 Ordinance.
2. Steve Anderson: Mr. Anderson addressed Council regarding the Highway 11 Ordinance.
3. Elizabeth Meyers: Mr. Meyers addressed Council regarding the Highway 11 Ordinance.
4. Karen Martinez: Ms. Martinez addressed Council regarding the Highway 11 Ordinance.
5. Joel Smith: Mr. Smith addressed Council regarding the Highway 11 Ordinance.
6. Colleen Schumer: Ms. Schumer addressed Council regarding Highway 11 Ordinance and the Beautification Committee.
7. Charles Monroe: Mr. Monroe addressed Council regarding the Highway 11 Ordinance.

8. Josh Martin: Mr. Martin addressed Council regarding the Library.
9. Brittany Arsinega: Ms. Arsinega addressed Council regarding the Library.
 - o Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to allow Rick Synakowski to speak for Brad White. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).
10. Rick Synakowski: Mr. Synakowski stepped in for Brad White, who was originally signed up to speak but had to leave early due to an emergency. Mr. Synakowski gave information on Brad White who is running for District 1 seat on County Council.
11. Linden Ellenburg: Mr. Ellenburg addressed Council regarding Highway 11 Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- o September 12, 2022 Regular-Called Council Meeting
- o Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta. Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Roper addressed Council on the following:

- Operation Green Light – Shine a Light of Hope and Support for Veterans
 - Veteran Specific Job Fair Coming Soon
- Solid Waste Update – New Shredder
- Update on Hagood Mill Bridge Replacement
- Tax Notices

Council asked Mr. Roper questions that included, but was not limited to:

- PTI Litter Pickup Information (*as mentioned in Public Forum*)
- Pickens Proud Litter initiative funding (*as mentioned in Public Forum*)
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COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committee of the Whole:

PROVISION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR – Log No. 191

- Travis Smith, Stuart Bedenbaugh and Kimberly Perry, with McGriff, were present at the meeting.
- Council, County Staff and McGriff Staff had discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - o McGriff Staff did a very informative review of Fully Insured and Self-Funded Arrangements – with a renewal on January 1, 2023
 - o Discussion on Fully Insured vs. Self-Insured
 - o Third Party Administrator Discussion
 - o Pharmaceuticals
 - o Rebates – Self-Insured
 - o Primary Care, Urgent Care, etc. for Self-Insured
 - o Procurement Process for Pickens County

Minutes for October 3, 2022 Pickens County Council Meeting

- After much more discussion, Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to pursue the fully-insured process as initially stated and see what final opportunities can be resolved in a negotiation process with our broker. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. The motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Trey Whitehurst opposed.
- ❖ Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to pursue the fully-insured process as initially stated and see what final opportunities can be resolved in a negotiation process with our broker. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. The motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Trey Whitehurst opposed.

Council Action on Log No. 191 - Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to pursue the fully-insured process as initially stated and see what final opportunities can be resolved in a negotiation process with our broker. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. The motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Trey Whitehurst opposed.

Chairman Chris Bowers stated this does not need a second motion as it comes as a recommendation from the Committee. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated he believes we should go towards becoming self-insured. He asked for Council's thoughts but he is of the opinion that we still should move forward going self-insured to save money.

Councilman Trey Whitehurst went into discussion, stating we need to make a real effort to get a broker who specializes in getting people to self-insured. He stated Council has the ability to change the contract and broker at any time – you have to give a 30-day notification.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to amend the recommendation from Committee, stating to pursue a fully-insured process as the original motion states, and add “to instruct the Administrator to work towards hiring a broker who specializes in self-insured.” Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

After much more discussion between Council, the motion, as amended, carried unanimously (6-0).

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 11 SCENIC BYWAY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO– Log No. 205

- The Committee had very detailed discussion on this Ordinance. Discussion was included but was not limited to:
 - 2014 Design Guidelines Information for Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Byway
 - Appalachian Council of Government Highway 11 Corridor Study
 - Personal Property Rights
 - Shoulder and View sheds of the Highway
 - Buffer
 - Economic Impact
 - Some Items that Council would like to see changed in Ordinance:
 - Land Bank

- Best Practices on Buffer
 - No Industrial
 - Hwy 11 in Pickens County to North Carolina Line + 2 Miles
 - Commercials at Intersections
 - Guidelines for Commercials behind the Buffer
- After much discussion between Council & Staff, Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion for this item to stay in Committee and for Staff to bring back the proposed changes in the Ordinance to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.
- ❖ Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion for this item to stay in Committee and for Staff to bring back the proposed changes in the Ordinance to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

Council Action on Log No. 205 - Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion for this item to stay in Committee and for Staff to bring back the proposed changes in the Ordinance to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

No second is required as this comes as a recommendation from the Committee.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Chris Bowers announced the following:

- The Committee of the Whole meeting will take place on Monday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Administration Facility.
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers of the Administration Building.

Chairman Bowers called for other council correspondence. Seeing no other correspondence, Chairman Bowers announced moving to Motion Period and New Business.

MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Chris Bowers opened the floor for motion period and new business.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add "Pinnacle Performer Program" Discussion to tonight's agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).

Seeing no discussion, Chairman Bowers closed the floor.

8. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR:

- a) AIRPORT PLAYGROUND ADDITIONAL AMENITIES**
- b) PICKENS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION WALKING TRAIL**
- c) MILE CREEK PARK DAY USE PICNIC AREA IMPROVEMENTS**
- d) HAGOOD MILL FOUNDATION *(updated information requested by Council)***

Airport Playground Additional Amenities

Vice Chairman Costner stated he read through the application/recommendation and he understands the concern on pinch points with the particular swing but we did have a lot of conversation about putting swings at the playground. He stated he would like for us to submit an application for a request for a disabled capable swing set.

Mr. Roper stated he will take this information back to staff to work on some alternatives.

Pickens County Administration Walking Trail

- After some discussion on the walking trail, Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to fund \$3,000 out of District 6 funding, and \$7,000 out of District 3 funding, for the Pickens County Administration Walking Trail. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0).

Mile Creek Park Day Use Picnic Area Improvements

- After some discussion on the Mile Creek Park Picnic Area, Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to fund 10% out of District 5 funding (\$1,900), 10% out of District 6 funding (\$1,900), and the remainder of funds out of District 2 funding (\$15,200). Motion was seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0).

Hagood Mill Foundation

Councilman Alex Saitta stated he made a motion last year for the County to pay for half of the cost for the bathroom at Hagood Mill and he believes the county general fund should pay that rather than the recreation funds because that was the motion that was made.

Mr. Roper stated the agreement was that the county would fix the underlying drainage issue, which we have done, and then we would split the cost of the floor. The general fund would be where we would pay for it from unless Council directed us otherwise. He stated they are waiting on an invoice from Hagood Mill so they can pay half of it.

- ❖ Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to accept the recommendation, but instead of the \$4,000 coming out of the recreation funding, it should come out of the general fund as stated in the original motion made last year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion.
 - Chairman Bowers stated if Council made this motion last year to pay for half out of general fund, so this motion is not needed, unless Councilman Saitta wants to make the motion for clarity.
 - After more discussion regarding Hagood Mill, Councilman Alex Saitta tabled the motion for the application to go through the Recreation Committee. Councilman Henry Wilson agreed with the motion. Councilman Saitta withdrew his original motion.

9. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ATAX COMMITTEE FOR:

a) MILE CREEK PARK CAMPGROUND REPAIRS AND NATURE TRAIL

b) CLEMSON PADDLE JAM (*updated information requested by Council*)

Mile Creek Park Campground Repairs and Nature Trail

Council and Staff review the ATAX Application and Recommendations for the Campground Repairs and Nature Trail at Mile Creek Park.

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to approve \$46,000 of ATAX funding to go towards the Mile Creek Park Campground and Nature Trail. Motion was seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).

Clemson Paddle Jam

Council did not move to vote on any funding for Clemson Paddle Jam at this meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD AND LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Stephanie Howard, Library Director, had detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:

- ❖ PCLS Connect
 - (Play. Connect. Learn. Share.)
 - Connecting the Community beyond the physical branches
 - Pick up of PCLS materials
 - Check out of Wi-Fi hotspots
 - Children's programming
 - Authors, History presentations
- ❖ PCLS Digital Archives Lab
 - Discovering, recording, protecting and providing access to Pickens County History
 - Audit & organize what we have
 - Create policies, & forms, protect collection
 - Assess needs (now and future)
 - Doing this as new items are donated
- ❖ Library Spaces
 - Amazing programing and opportunity to reserve community spaces
 - Room Reservations for 4th Quarter FY 22 (April-June, 2022): 2,200
 - Programs for 4th Quarter FY 2022: 667
 - Total Room Reservations and Programs for 4th Quarter FY 2022: 2,867

CONSIDERATION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE

Chairman Bowers stated there were new election machines coming to Pickens County from the state, and the one thing the county was going to be responsible for, in order for us to receive these machines, was going to be the service contract for these machines. Council did vote to move forward at the time, but due to the process of the Elections office changeover, it did not make it to the budget this year to be approved. It is a \$14,000 service contract.

After more discussion Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to approve the \$14,000 service contract for the Elections Budget. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2022-26 RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to consider Resolution 2022-26.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 2022-27 DECLARING OCTOBER 2022 AS FIRST RESPONDER MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY

Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to consider Resolution 2022-27.

- Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE No. 619 THAT PROVIDES FOR STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR DEVOLVING SURPLUS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY RELATED TO THE MORE ACCURATE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM.

Chairman Chris Bowers asked for a motion to constitute third reading of Ordinance 619.

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, and seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Chairman Bowers asked if there was any discussion.
 - Councilman Alex Saitta explained while he will be voting against this ordinance.
 - Mr. Roper went into discussion on what this Ordinance is intended for.
 - The motion carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. County Constables & Certification Processes – *Committee of the Whole*

- Councilman Alex Saitta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Henry Wilson seconded the Motion and carried unanimously (6-0).

PINNACLE PERFORMER PROGRAM *(as added during Motion Period and New Business)*

Vice Chairman Roy Costner stated we originally designed this program to recognize those employees that are part of the County and doing something exemplary. He stated a second component of this program, when we originally created it, was to have a “citizen type award” that still follows the same guidelines. Vice Chairman Costner asked if this would be something where we nominate someone in Executive Session.

Mr. Roper stated he does not have any standard for a citizen area without Council giving him that standard.

Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add “Pinnacle Performer Program” to Executive Session at the November Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a):

Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to convene into Executive Session as defined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a). Chairman Bowers further stated that each issue would be discussed as the Law provides.

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Beautification Committee

Economic Development – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

- Project Farmhouse
- Project Smaller Dog

- Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Trey Whitehurst and carried unanimously (6-0), to convene in executive session for the stated purposes after a five-minute recess.

ACTION AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Public Session back to Order and advised the following:

Boards and Commissions – Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

- Beautification Committee – **No Action Taken**

Economic Development – Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

- Project Farmhouse – **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to authorize moving forward with presented information on option 1 for Project Farmhouse. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.**
- Project Smaller Dog – **No Action Taken**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Council business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Ensley Feemster, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0). Pickens County Council stood adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council

No. 5:

Committee Report

October 17, 2022

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson
Ensley Feemster

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Contract Attorney
Billy Gibson, Emergency Services Director
Richard Crowe, E-911 Technical Specialist
Allison Fowler, Community & Tourism Development Director

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, October 17, 2022. All members of the committee were in attendance, with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:07 P.M., and Chairman Bowers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM – Log No. 80

- Mr. Roper stated that Council determined in previous Committee meetings that the first priority regarding ARPA funding was to try to come up with a solution to the County radio system. He stated we engaged a consultant to come in and study our current system to make recommendations on how to move forward with a new radio system. He stated that ARPA laws are very specific to where we have to have inquire the expense by December 31, 2024, and have to have completely expended our ARPA funds by December 31, 2025.
- Council, County Staff and McGriff Staff had discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on the three conceptual solutions presented:
 - Project 25 UHF Standalone System
 - Project 25 800 MHz Standalone System
 - Project 25 Palmetto 800 Existing System (with additional sites)
 - Partner with other Counties
 - How much money has been allocated towards this project -- \$14,000,000
 - Advantages vs. Disadvantages of each solution
 - Council would like a “cheat sheet” of pros vs. cons of each solution to better understand each system
- After much more discussion, Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to put out an RFP for either/or the Project 25 UHF Standalone System and the Project 25 800 MHz Standalone

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

System. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).

- ❖ **Chairman Chris Bowers made a motion to put out an RFP for either/or the Project 25 UHF Standalone System and the Project 25 800 MHz Standalone System. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried unanimously (6-0).**

COUNTY CONSTABLES AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS – Log No. 209

- The Committee had very detailed discussion on Officer Certification for the Litter Control Officers. Discussion was included but was not limited to:
 - Review of Resolution 2021-24, *TO APPOINT CERTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS COUNTY CONSTABLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-9-145 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS*
 - Staff's recommendation is for our Litter Officers and Code Enforcement Officers remain peace officers, and updating the existing litter ordinance to more closely match the state ordinance
 - Class 3 Officers vs. Constables
 - Review of Minutes from October 4, 2021 Council Meeting
 - Employee's opinions on carrying
- After much discussion between Council & Staff, Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to table for future consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.
- ❖ **Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to table for future consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 11 SCENIC BYWAY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO – Log No. 205

- The Committee had very detailed discussion on this Ordinance. Discussion was included but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on considerations for Council to consider (handout from the Attorney):
 - Area and Scope of Limitations
 - Name of Area: The Pickens County Natural Heritage Area name was created by staff
 - Size of Area
 - Size of Buffers
 - Exclusions from Buffers
 - Other Exclusions not in draft ordinance
 - Building and Site Design Limitations
 - Specific uses allowed
 - Specific design limitations
 - Agritourism
 - Conservation Bank
 - Council approves all grants

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

- Criteria
- No eminent domain
- Discussion between Council & Staff that included, but was not limited to:
 - Conservation Bank Discussion
 - Moratorium
 - 250 ft buffer discussion
 - Commercial design discussion
 - Properties impacted by 100ft buffer, 200ft buffer, etc. on Hwy 11 and back roads off of Hwy 11
- After much discussion between Council & Staff, Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion for the following recommendations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried (5-1), with Councilman Henry Wilson opposed. The recommendations are:
 - A 250ft buffer on Highway 11 (no limitation behind buffer)
 - Council to task Staff to get the total number of houses a 100ft buffer would affect on the backroads off of Highway 11
 - No industrial north of Highway 11
 - Establish a Conservation Bank (no \$)
 - Commercial design standards for anything north of Highway 11
 - To include exemptions as listed at major intersections (1, 2, and 3) for access to property behind the buffer and any private roads
- ❖ **Councilman Trey Whitehurst made a motion for the following recommendations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and carried (5-1), with Councilman Henry Wilson opposed. The recommendations are:**
 - **A 250ft buffer on Highway 11 (no limitation behind buffer)**
 - **Council to task Staff to get the total number of houses a 100ft buffer would affect on the backroads off of Highway 11**
 - **No industrial north of Highway 11**
 - **Establish a Conservation Bank (no \$)**
 - **Commercial design standards for anything north of Highway 11**
 - **To include exemptions as listed at major intersections (1, 2, and 3) for access to property behind the buffer and any private roads**

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Chris Bowers called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Roy Costner, seconded by Councilman Henry Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**Log No. 205- AN ORDINANCE
TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS
AND LIMITATIONS ON FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTH
CAROLINA HIGHWAY 11
SCENIC BYWAY AND MATTERS
RELATED THERETO**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF PICKENS)

ORDINANCE # _____

WHEREAS Pickens County, South Carolina (the "County") is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina and is thereby authorized to enact regulations, resolutions, and ordinances, not inconsistent with the Constitution and general law of this State, including the exercise of these powers in relation to health and order in counties or respecting any subject as appears to them necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of counties or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government in them; and

WHEREAS, as such the County is further authorized by state law to establish and enforce reasonable land use regulations and/or restrictions, official maps, regulations on structures or changes in land use, building sites or open spaces, and other development and/or use standard in order to promote and preserve the public safety, economy, good order, appearance, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Highway 11 ("HWY 11") follows part of the historic Cherokee Path through the Blue Ridge Escarpment of South Carolina, spanning 118 miles through five counties, including Pickens County and was designated the "Cherokee Foothills Scenic Byway" on June 9, 1998, establishing it as a National Scenic Byway under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to recognize, protect, and promote America's most outstanding roads; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the requirement that a National Scenic Byway must possess characteristics of regional significance within at least one of the intrinsic quality categories of scenic, natural, historic, recreational, archaeological, or cultural, the byway must demonstrate strong community support and a corridor management plan must be developed that describes in detail the preservation, marketing, and improvement strategies for the byway; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor Management Plan was developed in 1997 as a collaborative effort between the Appalachian Council of Governments, the appointed Advisory Committee and various residents and businesses from the Highway 11 corridor area and across the region; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the state South Carolina enacted the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act in 1994 that allows for local governments to engage in planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Standards Ordinance of Pickens County (hereinafter the "UDSO") sets forth in Article 1 that its purpose is to conserve and ensure access to the County's natural and scenic resources for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County Council adopted the Pickens County Comprehensive Plan in March of 2022 that states an objective to preserve natural beauty; protect mountain vistas, lakes and river watersheds, and forest preserves; increase green space areas; protect pristine land all in a manner that respects the rights of property owners as well as an objective to continue to protect and market the SR 11 corridor and

the County's lakes and mountains to create economic and recreational opportunities related to recreation and tourism in a way that minimizes impact to these natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County Council established a vision for the County that emphasizes the importance of protecting and enhancing our unique nature; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this vision, County Council authorized a 2020 Branding and Marketing Study by the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor ("SCNHC") to conduct an analysis of our County-wide strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; and

WHEREAS, one of the key recommendations provided in the SCNHC study was to investigate and consider protections for HWY 11 through the adoption of a scenic overlay ordinance for The Cherokee Foothills Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the SCHNC study, County Council requested a further study of HWY 11 Corridor by the Appalachian County of Governments ("ACOG"); and

WHEREAS, County Council voted for a Moratorium on development along the corridor until such time as the ACOG-led Corridor Study could be completed and considered; and

WHEREAS, during the study, ACOG and the County's Division of Community and Tourism Development scheduled numerous public meetings to receive public comment from citizens and stakeholders, both in person and online; and

WHEREAS, ACOG completed its study, and presented its findings and recommendations to County Council in April of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the results of the ACOG study and its extensive community engagement resulted in a series of recommendations, including 1) preserving the natural and remote characteristics of the corridor's unique driving experience, 2) buffering and/or sighting residential uses so as to limit impact on the visual characteristics of the corridor, 3) limiting commercial development to maintain the rural and natural features of the corridor, 4) excluding industrial impacts, 5) recognizing and protecting the historic, environmental, and cultural significance of the corridor and its features, and 6) preserving the corridor's unique driving experience; and

WHEREAS, the Pickens County Planning Commission also held a public hearing on the ACOG study and its recommendations, and subsequently voted unanimously to advance and endorse the study's recommendation to County Council; and

WHEREAS, as part of the study and public comments the HWY 11 view shed was identified as a desirable natural asset that should be preserved for future generations and that the preservation of the viewshed can be fostered by methods that require further consideration and/or regulation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above referenced recitals, public inputs, studies, and approvals, the County Council of Pickens County has found, and does hereby find, that the preservation of the unique nature of the Natural Heritage Area is in the best interest of the County, its citizens, and the region's natural environment,

and is necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of County and/or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government in the County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pickens County Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

ORDINANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PICKENS COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE AREA

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

A. Pickens County Natural Heritage Area

1. Natural Heritage Area (hereinafter "THE HERITAGE AREA") is the area bound by a line One Thousand (1000) feet in a southern direction from the center line of Highway 11 northward to the North Carolina state line. The area is bound by Greenville County on the east and Oconee County on the west. A map of the above described area is incorporated herein and shall be dispositive to any ambiguity in the description as Exhibit A.
2. Exclusions
 - a. Areas within Subdivisions which have filed covenants and restrictions created prior to the passage of this Ordinance are excluded from THE HERITAGE AREA.
 - b. Areas within Subdivisions which have filed covenants and restrictions approved by the Pickens County Planning Commission as conforming to the character of THE HERITAGE AREA subsequent to the passage of this Ordinance are excluded from THE HERITAGE AREA.
 - c. Areas within 1000 feet of the shoreline of Lake Keowee are excluded from THE HERITAGE AREA.

B. Highway 11 Buffer

1. Highway 11 Buffer The area two-hundred-and-fifty (250) feet north of and two-hundred-and-fifty-feet (250) south of the center line of Highway 11 in Pickens County South Carolina. Highway 11 traverses Pickens County approximately 21 miles from Oconee County on the west to Greenville County on the east.

C. Major Roads

1. Major Roads. Public roads with the classification of 1, 2 or 3 as set forth by Pickens County and more particularly described in Exhibit B.

Section 2. BUFFER

- A. Setback Disturbance Prohibition
 - 1. No development other than the maintenance or approved renovation of existing construction is allowed within the Highway 11 Buffer.
 - 2. No land disturbance, such as cutting of trees, grading, paving, or other disturbance to the character and heritage of the NATURAL HERITAGE AREA may occur within the Highway 11 Buffer.
- B. Exclusions from Buffer Setback Disturbance Prohibition
 - 1. Major Road Intersection Exclusion. The Setback Disturbance Prohibition shall not apply to areas 500 feet along the roadway from the centerline intersection of Major Roads. Should the intersection be of more than two Major Roads then the exclusion shall be 500 feet along each roadway from the centerline intersection of each road.
 - 2. Access Exclusion. The Planning Commission may grant an access exclusion through the buffer upon submission of a site plan and remediation plan submitted by or on behalf of the property owner. The access exclusion shall be for access to property through the buffer. The access exclusion shall be in compliance with the remainder of the restrictions set forth herein. The access exclusion for Driveways and entrance roads shall comply with the Pickens County UDSO (Uniform Standards Development Ordinance)

Section 3. INDUSTRIAL USE PROHIBITED

All Industrial and Manufacturing Uses are prohibited in THE HERITAGE AREA. For the purposes of this ordinance, Industrial and Manufacturing Use are defined in the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance, Section 1603.

Section 4. COMMERCIAL USE AND SITE DESIGN LIMITATIONS

- A. Commercial uses including new construction, rehabilitation of construction, maintenance, and remodeling or renovation projects within the area defined as THE HERITAGE AREA and maintenance and renovation of existing commercial within the Highway 11 Buffer are subject to the limitations and requirements set forth in this Section 4. For the purposes of this ordinance, Commercial Use is defined in the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance.
- B. Compliance with the requirements set forth in this Ordinance shall be required prior to the issuance of any building, electrical, stormwater, development, and/or land use permit. A temporary permit may be issued if it is demonstrated that work necessary to bring the parcel into compliance with this Ordinance will be undertaken simultaneously with a development, rehabilitation, remodeling, or redevelopment project.
- C. All Land Use Plans and Development Plans proposed for THE HERITAGE AREA or Highway 11 Buffer shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

- D. Clearcutting of land is not allowed unless it is part of an integrated pest management program as recommended by a certified forester or the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

Section 4.1. LIMITATIONS ON BUILDING MATERIALS

All facades of buildings visible from a road in THE HERITAGE AREA, including accessory buildings, must have fenestration and articulation on all sides with the consistent and appropriate materials, detailing, and features:

- A. All buildings shall be constructed of brick, stone, exposed timber, fiber cement siding, wood siding, shingle siding, or other material that is consistent with the natural features of THE HERITAGE AREA. No building shall be covered with sheet or corrugated metal or with vinyl siding. Exterior building materials shall be continued to finished grade of any elevation in accordance with manufacturer specifications.
- B. Architectural accent materials located above the roof line shall be constructed of brick, stone, wood, pre-cast concrete, architectural quality steel, fiber cement siding or other high quality, long-lasting material that is consistent with the natural features of THE HERITAGE AREA. Accent materials shall be approved by the Planning Commission.
- C. The color of all structures must be those occurring in the natural environment of THE HERITAGE AREA, such as various natural shades and earth tone hues. Neon, unnatural, or fluorescent colors are prohibited. Colors must be approved by the Planning Commission.

Section 4.2. LIMITATIONS ON BUILDING CONFIGURATION

- A. Building facades shall have no more than one hundred (100) feet of frontage on any road in THE HERITAGE AREA and shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height from existing grade at the proposed building site location. Buildings located on steep areas shall conform to hillside topography by stepping or staggering the mass of the proposed structure up or down the slope.
- B. Building masses shall maintain a balance of scale and proportion using design components which are harmonious with natural landforms and landscaping.
- C. Proposed structures shall not be sited atop peaks or silhouetted against the sky when viewed from a road within THE HERITAGE AREA.
- D. Retaining walls visible from any public right of way shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height as measured from grade at face to top of wall. Multiple "stepped" retaining walls whose total height exceeds ten (10) feet must each be offset by at least eight (8) horizontal feet. Visible walls shall be colored and textured to complement the background land and vegetation. "Stepped" walls shall have three (3) understory trees and ten (10) 6'-8' shrubs per one hundred (100) feet of offset.

- E. Changes in existing elevation and/or slope beyond fifteen (15) degrees from existing and/or natural conditions are hereby prohibited.
- F. Sites with multiple buildings shall have a uniform design and material composition amongst the buildings.

Section 4.3. ARCHITECTURAL LIMITATIONS

Elements of articulation shall be employed on any building visible from any public right-of-way to reduce the apparent bulk and uniform appearance of large buildings, provide visual interest and variety, and reinforce local architecture. A minimum of three (3) articulations of at least twelve (12) inches, in addition to fenestration or change of material for each fifty (50) feet of façade is required.

Section 4.4. ROOF DESIGN LIMITATIONS

The roof of any building shall present a distinctive profile and add interest to larger buildings and complement the character of other buildings included on the same lot or parcel.

- A. All structures with a footprint of three thousand (3,000) square feet or less shall incorporate a pitched roof system; all others shall be constructed of either a pitched, parapet, or mansard roof system (enclosed on all sides).
- B. Standing seam metal roofs shall be constructed of a factory-treated, non-metallic, matte finish. Metal roofs with lapped seam construction, bituminous built-up roofs, and flat, membrane-type roofs which are visible from any public right-of-way shall be prohibited.
- C. All rooftop mechanical equipment and vents greater than eight (8) inches in diameter shall be screened from the line of sight of public rights-of-way, private roads, parking lots, public sidewalks, greenways, and internal pedestrian ways except for instances where site topography precludes reasonable compliance with the minimum screening requirement. Materials used to screen equipment must be compliant with those listed in Section 3.1. This screening, if necessary, shall not be counted towards the thirty-five (35) foot maximum building height.

Section 4.5 PROHIBITION OF FRANCHISE ARCHITECTURE

To maintain the unique character of THE HERITAGE AREA, buildings shall not be constructed or renovated using franchise and/or branded architecture. Any commercial use must follow the standards of this ordinance to remain strictly compatible with the existing topography, features, and character of THE HERITAGE AREA.

Section 4.6 LIMITATIONS ON PARKING LOTS

Vehicular use areas are defined as any area used for movement, circulation, parking and/or display of any type of vehicle, including but not limited to parking lots, loading and unloading areas and sales service areas.

Vehicular use areas under the jurisdiction of this Ordinance must be located behind the front building line and screened with a ten (10) foot Class 2 buffer and shall comply with the following standards:

- A. When a parking lot contains twenty-five (25) or more spaces, an area equal to twenty (20) percent of the total interior square footage of the vehicular use area shall be dedicated to landscaping. The twenty (20) percent landscape requirement is in addition to any required buffers as outlined in this Ordinance and in Article 8 of the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance.
- B. Landscaped areas shall contain a mixture of native canopy trees, understory trees, evergreens/conifers, and shrubs. Article 8 of the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance details the minimum standards for plant sizes, substitutions, installation, and maintenance of landscaped areas.
- C. All paved area planting plans must demonstrate complete canopy coverage from hardwood trees after fifteen (15) years of growth.
- D. The minimum landscape area for each tree shall be no less than one hundred seventy (170) square feet with four (4) foot minimum distance between all trees and paving at time of planting, measured at the base of the tree.
- E. For any developments with twohundred fifty (250) feet or less of frontage on a road in THE HERITAGE AREA, only one (1) curb cut shall be allowed. Developments with more than two hundred fifty (250) feet of frontage shall be allowed two (2) curbs cuts.
- F. No drive-through windows allowed.

Section 4.7 LIMITATIONS ON EXTERIOR LIGHTING

- A. All outdoor light fixtures shall be fully shielded and Dark Sky Compliant (as defined by the International Dark-Sky Association). A fully shielded fixture must be a full cutoff luminaire or a decorative luminaire with full cutoff optics, and is defined as an outdoor lighting that is shielded or constructed so that all light emitted is projected below a horizontal plane running through the lowest part of the fixtures.
- B. No flickering or flashing lights shall be permitted.
- C. Fixtures shall be limited to twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- D. Planning staff may require submission of an exterior lighting plan if deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 4.8 LIMITATIONS ON SIGNAGE

Signs within THE HERITAGE AREA boundary shall conform to Article 7 of the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance and shall also be subject to the following standards and prohibitions:

A. In addition to the signs prohibited in Section 704 of the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance, the following signs shall be prohibited in THE HERITAGE AREA:

1. Free-standing pole signs;
2. Water towers as advertising;
3. Wall murals as advertising;
4. Any and all off-premise signs, including billboards;
5. Electronic signs;
6. Streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners and other similar devices;
7. Signs containing reflective elements that sparkle or twinkle in the sunlight; and
8. Signs containing moving parts.

B. One (1) free-standing monument sign shall be permitted per parcel of land:

1. Single tenant monument signs shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height above the finished grade elevation at the edge of the adjacent public roadway.
2. Multi-tenant monument signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area and fifteen (15) feet in height above the finished grade elevation at the edge of the adjacent public roadway.
3. Signs shall be setback ten (10) feet from public rights-of-way and property line(s) and may be located within a buffer yard, however, there shall be no reduction in the planting requirements of any buffer yard.
4. Monument signs shall be constructed of brick, stone or similar materials that are used on the principal building. Landscaping around the base of the sign shall be required.

C. Permanent signs attached to buildings shall be limited to fifty (50) square feet in size and limited to one (1) per building.

D. Signs may be externally illuminated. External illumination must be directed downward; text and logo only may be illuminated. Internally lit signs are prohibited.

Section 5. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE

- A. Single Family Residential use in THE HERITAGE AREA is subject to all requirements now existing or created in the future. Any subdivisions shall be limited to ten or fewer homes. Single Family Residential use is not further limited by the design provisions of this Ordinance.
- B. Single Family Residential is defined as a single-family residential structure.
- C. Multi-Family use is deemed to be Commercial Use.

Section 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PICKENS COUNTY CONSERVATION BANK

Section 6.1. The Pickens County Conservation Bank (hereinafter THE BANK) is hereby established

- 1) to foster the protection of lands with significant natural resources,
- 2) to aid in the preservation of historic structures and areas chosen by Pickens County Council, and
- 3) to foster the advancement of cultural structures and areas all of which must be at least partially located in Pickens County, South Carolina

Section 6.2. PROCESS TO PROVIDE FUNDS

- A. Pickens County Community and Tourism Development staff will:
 - 1. Establish guidelines and procedures necessary to establish the BANK;
 - 2. Develop a ranking system for applications pursuant to the criteria in Sections 6.3;
 - 3. Receive applications from Eligible Bank Recipients pursuant to Sections 6.3;
 - a. Eligible Bank Recipient means any of the following:
 - 1. Pickens County;
 - 2. A municipality in Pickens County;
 - 3. An agency or commission of Pickens County whose mission directly relates to the conservation of lands with significant natural resources;
 - 4. A not-for-profit charitable corporation or trust authorized to do business in South Carolina and organized and operated for natural resource conservation or land conservation, and having tax-exempt status as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and having the power to acquire, hold, and maintain interests in land for these purposes;
 - 5. Federal, state, and local agencies organized and operated for natural resource protection, or land conservation purposes.
 - 4. Evaluate applications from Eligible Bank Recipients for eligibility in the program pursuant to Section 6.3;
 - 5. Review and rank applications from Eligible Bank Recipients pursuant to the ranking system;
 - 6. Submit Eligible Bank Recipients to Pickens County Council for approval; and
 - 7. Submit an annual report of the BANK to Pickens County Council

- B. Pickens County Council may approve and award grants to Eligible Bank Recipients with such conditions as determined County Council.
- C. The County Administrator will provide the administrative resources and support needed to operate and manage the BANK.

Section 6.3. CRITERIA

Pickens County Community and Tourism Development staff shall use the following conservation criteria in developing a ranking system for applications to the BANK:

Section 6.3.1 Natural Resources Criteria

- A. Environmental Sensitivity
 - 1. Presence of wetlands;
 - 2. Frontage on USGS blue line streams;
 - 3. Water quality classification of stream by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control;
 - 4. Presence of threatened and/or endangered species;
 - 5. Habitat suitable for threatened and/or endangered species;
 - 6. Habitat suitable for native wildlife species;
 - 7. Extent of biological diversity viii. Presence of unique geological and/or natural features; or
 - 8. Percentage of Property Sharing a Boundary with Protected Land
- B. Percentage of Property Containing Prime/ Statewide Important Soil Types
- C. Extent of Active Farming on Property
- D. Extent of Public Visibility of Property
 - 1. Visibility from public roads
 - 2. Visibility from public land
- E. Scenic view from property
- F. Extent of public access
- G. Location of property
- H. Threat of development
- I. Size of property

Section 6.3.2 Historic Criteria

The criteria for determining and ranking projects for funding under the historic criteria as determined by the Pickens County Community and Tourism Development shall be set forth in writing to the Pickens County Council for approval prior to March 15, 2023.

Section 6.3.3 Cultural Criteria

The criteria for determining and ranking projects for funding under the cultural criteria as determined by the Pickens County Community and Tourism Development shall be set forth in writing to the Pickens County Council for approval prior to March 15, 2023.

Section 6.4. EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

The BANK may not be used to acquire interests in lands or other interests in real property through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or condemnation proceedings.

Section 6.5. RECREATIONAL AND ECONOMIC USE

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not be construed to eliminate or unreasonably restrict hunting, fishing, farming, forestry, timber management, or wildlife habitat management, as regulated by the law of this State, upon lands for which interests in lands are obtained pursuant to this Ordinance. These and other traditional and compatible activities may be conducted, where appropriate, upon lands protected or acquired by the BANK.

Section 6.6. BANK ACCOUNT

The Pickens County Treasurer shall establish an account for the BANK that is separate and distinct from all other funds appropriated by County Council. The BANK shall receive revenues according to one or more funding measures approved by Pickens County Council. The Council acknowledges and agrees that funding measures shall be undertaken as soon as feasible in order to avoid escalating land costs and lost acquisition and protection opportunities. Any funds not fully expended during the fiscal year shall remain in the BANK and be available for grants in subsequent years unless the Council expressly provides otherwise.

Section 7. LEGAL STATUS PROVISIONS

Section 7.1. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority conferred by the South Carolina Code of Laws upon Pickens County in Title VI, Chapter 29, Section 710 of South Carolina Code of Laws. Likewise, 4-9-25 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides counties with the police power to regulate for health, safety and welfare of local citizens.

SECTION 7.2. SEVERABILITY

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part or application so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7.3. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS

Nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended to relieve compliance with any other Ordinance or law adopted and in effect by Pickens County, South Carolina, or the United States. Where any provision or regulation contained in this Ordinance is in conflict with any other Ordinance of Pickens County, South Carolina the stricter regulation shall apply.

SECTION 7.4. CASE OF HARDSHIP

If any of the provisions or regulations contained in this ordinance impose an undue hardship on any property owner, that property owner has the right to seek relief through the Pickens County Board of Appeals. Variance procedures and criteria for determination of a hardship shall be as specified in the Pickens County Development Standards Ordinance.

SECTION 7.5. ENACTMENT

This Ordinance shall become fully enforced and binding upon its formal adoption by Pickens County, South Carolina.

Passed and approved, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

(SEAL)

Attest:

Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

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**CONSIDERATION OF A
RESOLUTION CELEBRATING
MILITARY FAMILY
APPRECIATION MONTH IN
CONJUNCTION WITH
OPERATION GREEN LIGHT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF PICKENS)

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH IN
CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

WHEREAS, Pickens County Council passed Resolution 2022-23: A Resolution Supporting
Operation Green Light for Veterans on September 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, to those who serve in the United States Armed Forces we owe a debt of gratitude we
can never fully repay for their indispensable contributions and immeasurable sacrifices in support
of our national security; and

WHEREAS, Military families also serve, supporting their service member, standing by during
long trainings and deployments; and

WHEREAS, family members continue to support their veteran when their time as an actively
serving family comes to an end; and

WHEREAS, throughout November, we show our appreciation to the spouses, partners, children,
caregivers, and survivors of our service members and veterans for their selfless sacrifice and share
their pride in our Armed Forces;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Pickens County Council recognizes and celebrates
military families for their commitment and contributions in support of our military and nation by
recognizing November as Military Family Appreciation Month.

Passed and approved, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA

Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

(SEAL)

Attest:

Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

**CONSIDERATION OF A
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A
CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR
MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR
THE PEOPLE OF PICKENS
COUNTY**

Criteria

The Pinnacle Stewardship Award recognizes citizens who exemplify community stewardship in one or more of the following areas:

- **Economic Stewardship:** Demonstrated commitment to a strong local economy
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Demonstrated commitment to ecological sustainability
- **Safety and Wellness Stewardship:** Demonstrated commitment to public safety or health
- **Acts of Selflessness or Courage:** Extraordinary act(s) of bravery or courage, service, kindness or compassion toward others
- **Leadership:** Inspires others or serves as a role model by going above and beyond what is necessary or expected

Eligibility

- Must live, work or serve in Pickens County. Those who currently reside in Pickens County will receive priority consideration.
- If nominated posthumously, must have significant history of living, working or serving in Pickens County
- Open to all ages, but written permission to publicize will be required for anyone under the age of 18
- Not open to current county employees, elected officials or their immediate families (spouses, parents, children or siblings); if a member of the judging body's eligible, non-immediate family is being considered, that member should recuse himself from voting or providing input regarding that particular candidate
- Former employees/elected officials are eligible, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria
- Finalists will be notified and must consent to a background check to advance (SLED background check is \$25 + \$1 online fee)

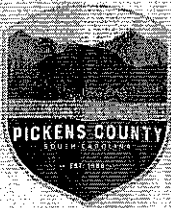
Nomination & Selection Process

- Nominations will be accepted year-round
- Nominators must be Pickens County residents or have significant presence in Pickens County (own a business, volunteer on a committee, etc.)
- County employees may nominate someone
- Groups or organizations (business, religious groups, families, etc.) may nominate someone collectively, provided they are located in or have significant presence in Pickens County and designate a single member of the group as the primary contact
- Nominators will need to provide basic contact information for the nominee in order to notify them

- If nominator is nominating someone posthumously, nominator should provide contact information for a living relative or someone they were known to be closely personally affiliated with (this can be the nominator)
- Finalists will be selected quarterly during the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, October) by the selection committee
- Finalists will be notified and required to consent to a background check; a deadline for providing consent will be included in the notification (2 weeks?)
- Rather than awarding only one, all finalists who pass the background check will be awarded (We wouldn't necessarily publicize this aspect) – there may be one or multiple recipients for each screening period

Award & Recognition Process

- On either an annual or semi-annual basis, all recipients for the time period (year or past 6 months) will be invited to a council meeting to receive their awards and be publicly recognized by council
- Media will be notified that this meeting will include a special ceremony for "Pinnacle Performers" – photo ops, interview opportunities, etc. for the press
- Council may choose to elevate the importance of this event by holding a small reception or banquet for recipients immediately before the council meeting with refreshments, opportunity to shake hands with officials, meet the press, etc.
- County may choose to elevate significance of the award by selecting one or more recipients to ride in local Christmas parades or participate in other community functions



PINNACLE STEWARD NOMINATION FORM

PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STEWARDSHIP AWARD



Nominee's Contact Info (how we'll reach them if they're selected)

First & Last Name :

Mailing Address :

Email : Phone :

Mark all that apply. If none apply, skip to "Your Information" section.

☐ Nominee is deceased

☐ Nominee is unable to represent
themselves for another reason

☐ Nominee is an organization or
group/not an individual

☐ Nominee is under the age of 18

Nominee Representative (Skip if all boxes in section above are unmarked.)

☐ I will act as the contact person for the nominee (Skip to "Your Information")

Representative Name : Relationship to Nominee :

Email : Phone :

Your Information

First & Last Name :

Mailing Address :

Email : Phone :

Relationship to Nominee:

Select a category

☐ **Economic Stewardship:** Nominee has demonstrated a commitment to maintaining a strong local economy

☐ **Environmental Stewardship:** Nominee has demonstrated a commitment to ecological sustainability

☐ **Safety or Wellness Stewardship:** Nominee has demonstrated a commitment to public health or safety

☐ **Acts of Bravery or Service:** Nominee performed a heroic or selfless act for the benefit of others

☐ **Leadership:** Nominee inspires others by behaving remarkably as a leader or role model in the community

Why does the nominee deserve to be named a Pinnacle Steward?

What activities or organizations is the nominee involved in within Pickens County?

Authorization

Information provided in this application will be used to determine whether the candidate advances in the selection process. It may also be used to notify candidates of their nomination status and/or release to the public through social media, news outlets or other promotional platforms. This may include your name and/or direct quotes. By submitting this nomination form, you certify that all information provided is true to the best of your knowledge and consent to Pickens County's use of the information you provided.

Signature

Date

Completed nomination forms should be emailed to Public Information Manager Jamie Burns at jburns@co.pickens.sc.us or mailed to or dropped off in person to 222 McDaniel Ave., Pickens, SC 29671

EXECUTIVE SESSION