

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A PERSON OR ENTITY LOCATING A RECEPTACLE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR DONATED CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR OR HOUSEHOLD GOODS, TO CLEARLY DISPLAY CERTAIN INFORMATION ON THE RECEPTACLE.

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council finds there has been a recent proliferation of unattended donation boxes placed in Greenville County for the purpose of collecting used clothes or household goods or other new or used items; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that citizens often place clothing or household goods in these boxes with the belief that their donations are charitable and tax-deductible; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that a significant number of collection boxes being placed in the County are run by enterprises who may sell these donations for-profit on the secondary materials market, often overseas; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that requiring certain information on these boxes could provide information to citizens about the ownership of the boxes and assist in determining whether or not the donations will be used for a charitable purpose.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Greenville County:

Section 1. Donation Box Requirements.

No person or entity may place a public donations receptacle, whether attended or unattended, in Greenville County to collect donated clothing, footwear, or household goods unless that person or entity attaches to the receptacle a notice that is permanently and prominently displayed on the same side of the bin where the donation is likely to be made and on at least three sides of the receptacle, in bold print, with letters at least 3 inches in height and 1.5 inches in width, containing the name, physical business location address, other than a post office box number, and telephone number of the individual, business or charity.

The notice also must state one of the following, depending on the status of the person or entity placing the receptacle: “Donated items are NOT tax deductible” or “Donated items MAY be tax deductible, consult your tax advisor”.

Section 2. Penalty.

A violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable within the jurisdictional limits of magistrate’s court.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

Bob Taylor, Chairman,
Greenville County Council

Theresa B. Kizer,
Clerk to Council

Joseph Kernell,
County Administrator