

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2474, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE.

WHEREAS, for almost 25 years Greenville County and its citizens have benefitted from the use of the road maintenance fee as a dedicated source of funding to support the maintenance and improvement of its public road system across the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the road maintenance fee and determined that although the number of registered vehicles in Greenville County has increased, the additional revenue generated is insufficient to overcome increased maintenance costs, and the buying power of \$15.00 in 1993 is estimated to be the equivalent of \$8.88 in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County strives to maximize the life expectancy and riding surface condition of the County's road infrastructure, however, maintenance demands continue to climb due to growth of our community, increased traffic volume, sustaining pavement conditions against deterioration, along with the addition of 300+ miles of public roads under the County's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the decreased buying power of the current fee is insufficient to keep up with increased costs of maintenance and County Council finds it necessary to increase the Road Maintenance Fee to \$25.00; and

WHEREAS, with funding for a local match, Greenville County has an opportunity to apply for available South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank funds to accelerate major local GPATS road improvement projects that would alleviate traffic congestion and benefit the citizens of Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-9-30(5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, the County is authorized and empowered to levy uniform service charges to provide for operations and functions of the county, including, but not limited to public works and roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. **Authority.** Greenville County Council is authorized by Section 4-9-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, to levy uniform service charges to provide for public works, including roads, and public safety.

Section 2. **Road Maintenance Fee Amendment.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2474, as amended by Ordinance No. 2513, is hereby amended to change the road maintenance fee to Twenty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$25.00) and the references to the "Department of Revenue and Taxation-Division of Motor Vehicles" is amended to the "South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles."

Section 3. Severability. Severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, or inconsistent with its provisions, are hereby repealed or superseded to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. Ordinance No. 4885 is hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Theresa Kizer
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator