

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL REPORTS TO GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICES PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE AND INSIDE OF THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Greater Greenville Sanitation District (“District”) is a special purpose district created by the South Carolina General Assembly to collect refuse, garbage and trash in certain unincorporated areas of Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, the District is governed by a five-member Commission appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of Greenville County Council and is funded by a millage levied on all taxable property within the District and fees imposed on all real property within the District; and

WHEREAS, market conditions have changed in the 54 years since the District was created in 1968, and now, multiple private businesses offer trash collection services at competitive rates; and

WHEREAS, by law, individuals and businesses located within the District are a “captured market” required to pay the sanitation tax millage and service fees to the District; and

WHEREAS, although the District is authorized by its governing legislation to negotiate and contract with individuals and businesses outside of the District boundaries to collect refuse, garbage and trash, such services shall not be rendered at rates less than rates for comparable services within the District; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council has an oversight responsibility to assure that Greater Greenville Sanitation District is charging its customers outside of the District comparable rates to what it charges customers within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s governing legislation requires the District to routinely provide information to Greenville County Council including its budget, audit, schedule of fees, and a comprehensive report of the District’s affairs; and

WHEREAS, County Council and members of the public need to be able to determine whether the District’s taxpayers are being correctly taxed for the services they receive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville County Council requests that the District include in the information it annually submits to Greenville County Council:

- (1) A yearly statement of rates and other charges for services being billed to customers located (a) inside the District and (b) outside the District, specifying the number of customers served in each category, description of services, number of contracts in effect, negotiated rates for each contract and revenue collected; and

- (2) A breakdown of the District's sources and uses of revenues by the Sanitation and Recycling service elements to provide a better evaluation of services provided to customers inside and outside of the District; and
- (3) That the District submit this information to the Clerk to Council on or before May 15, along with the District budget, fee schedule, millage request (if any) and copy of related public notices; and
- (4) That the Greater Greenville Sanitation Board of Commissioners consider including these schedules as part of the audited financial statements of the District in an unaudited data section to help the reader understand how information in the financial report relates to the performance of services and activities of the District.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Willis Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator