

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT TRESPASSING OR LOITERING OR REFUSING TO LEAVE GREENVILLE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina:

Section 1. **Findings.** County Council finds that the safe and secure operation of the Greenville County Detention Center is hindered by people who trespass or loiter in the Detention Center or otherwise refuse to leave upon request. County Council further finds that an ordinance addressing this activity is warranted to provide the safe and secure housing of people incarcerated in the Detention Center, to protect the employees and contractors who provide services within the Detention Center, and to maintain the public peace, safety, and welfare.

Section 2. **Violation.**

It is unlawful for a person to:

- a) trespass or loiter in or around the Greenville County Detention Center after the Greenville County Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety or his authorized agent gives the person notice to leave; or
- b) refuse to leave, after lawful entry, the Greenville County Detention Center after notice to leave is given by the Greenville County Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety or his authorized agent; or
- c) incite, solicit, urge, encourage, exhort, instigate, or procure a person to violate the provisions of items (a) or (b) of this subsection.

Section 3. **Penalties.** A person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

Section 4. **Severability.** Should any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. **Repeal.** Any ordinance, resolution, or order, the terms of which conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

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

Willis H. Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator