

Amendment 1: Amend Rule I (A) on Vice-Chairman document execution

SECTION I. OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

(A) Chairman

At its first meeting in January following each general election, the Council, as specified by law, shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairman for a term of two years. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council. A member may only serve as Chairman for a maximum of two consecutive terms; but will be eligible to be elected Chairman again after having been out of the office of ~~chairman~~Chairman for at least two years. With the County Administrator, ~~hethey~~ shall, on behalf of the Council, execute all ordinances, resolutions, directives, deeds, bonds, contracts, and other official instruments or documents unless execution is otherwise directed by ordinance or other Council action. The Chairman at his discretion may designate the Vice-Chairman to execute the above documents. The Chairman shall also have such other duties and perform such other functions as these rules specifically set forth or as the Council specifically directs. If the office of Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman will serve as Chair for the remainder of the current term. Council, at its next meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy, shall choose one of its members to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Amendment 2: Amend Rule II (D) on employee contact

SECTION II. EMPLOYEES OF COUNCIL

(D) Other County Employees

Except for the three (3) employees referred to in this section, the Council employs no other person. Except for the purposes of investigations, as authorized by the Council, Council members shall deal with County ~~officers~~Officers and employees solely through the County Administrator. Neither the Council nor its members shall give orders or instructions to any such officer or employee. This rule shall not prevent direct contact with officers or employees when the request is related to information that would be in reference to investigations or inquiries where obtaining information directly from departments would be required for their oversight functions. Nothing herein shall prevent the Council from contracting from time to time with such other persons as it deems appropriate.

Amendment 4: Amend Rule III (A) on remote attendance

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(A) Meetings

The Council shall ordinarily hold its regular meetings for the transaction of official business on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at such time and place as the Chairman may specify. Either the Chairman or a majority of the members of the Council may call special meetings, which may be held after twenty-four hours public notice, which specifies the hour, date, and place of the special meeting and its agenda. No item may be considered at the special meeting unless it appears on this agenda. All meetings of the Council will be held in-person with members able to participate by remote means as ~~needed~~required. If a member is participating remotely, that member shall be able to be visually seen and heard at the discretion of the Chairman.

Amendment 6: Amend Rule III (D) on decorum, member time, and debate

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(D) Conduct of Meetings

(1) **Recognition of a Member:** Before making a motion or addressing the Council, a member must first address the presiding officer by saying, “Mr. (or "Madam") Chairman,” and be recognized. When addressed by a member, the Chairman shall name the member by using the appropriate title, "Mr., Mrs., or Miss."

(2) **Decorum in Speaking:** When speaking, no Council member may indulge in personalities, use personally offensive language, arraign the motives of other Council members, charge deliberate misrepresentation, or use language tending to hold the Council or a member of the Council in contempt. The members shall confine themselves to the question under consideration.

(3) **Decisions of the Chair:** All questions of order shall be determined by the Chairman without debate. Any member may appeal to the Council ~~from~~regarding the decision of the ~~Chair~~Chairman. The motion to appeal is debatable. The Chairman, in ~~his/her~~their discretion, may require and allow time for any member to reduce a motion to writing and read it before debate begins.

(4) **Debate:** All motions except motions to adjourn, to recess, to close debate and to lay on the table, shall be debatable. No debate on a motion shall ~~be debated~~begin until the ~~Chair~~Chairman has stated that motion for debate-; considering this, the Chairman must allow any member to speak on any motion if they so desire to do so. Each member shall have a maximum of five (5) ~~minutes to speak on the motion under debate, with additional time given by the Chairman at his discretion.~~

(5) **Interruption of Debate:** When a question is under debate, the ~~Chair~~Chairman may entertain no motions other than those to adjourn or recess, to lay on the table, to close debate, to postpone, to commit or recommit, and to amend.

Amendment 7: Amend Rule III (D) on voting and roll calls

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(D) Conduct of Meetings

(6) **Roll Call Votes:** Any ~~member may request a roll call~~ vote on ~~anya~~ question ~~prior to where~~ the ~~vote. When ordered~~ result is not unanimous will require a Roll Call Vote.

(7) **Roll Call Votes:** All roll call votes shall be recorded and displayed electronically in the chamber immediately following a two (2) minute consideration period. If because of unforeseen circumstances the electronic means of recording is not functional, the Clerk shall call the roll and enter in the minutes the names of each member and whether that member voted in favor of the question or against it. ~~The Clerk shall make known the order of roll call votes that will be taken during any meeting of Council by placing a copy of the roll in the agenda package for the coming meeting. The roll will be a rotating list that varies the order in turn before each regular meeting. The results shall be posted with the minutes for public review on the County website. If manual recording is required, the roll will be a rolling start with the lowest number precinct be first, and then for the next roll call vote the next highest precinct in numerical order being first and so on, and then repeating as required.~~

(8) **Recording of Votes:** Votes of members shall be recorded for ~~roll call votes. Anyall~~ questions. A member may have ~~his~~their vote recorded on any ~~question. motion.~~

Amendment 9: Amend Rule III (D) on reconsideration

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(D) Conduct of Meetings

(10) **Motions to Reconsider:** When a question has been decided, any member who ~~voted on the prevailing side of the question,~~has newly acquired information may at the same meeting of the Council, or at the next consecutive regular meeting of the Council, ~~may~~ move for reconsideration. If the Council shall refuse to consider by a three-fourths vote, or upon reconsideration, shall affirm its initial decision, the motion shall not be in order for a period of one year, except by a three-fourths vote of those members present and voting. For all meetings ~~subsequent to~~after the meeting at which a question was decided, ~~proper~~24-hour notice must be given of a Council ~~member's~~member's intent to move for reconsideration.

Amendment 10: Amend Rule III (D) on Council requests

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(D) Conduct of Meetings

(11) **Council Requests**—~~Without:~~ With consideration of S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-9-660 and Section II (D) above, without the approval of a majority of the Council, no Council member may make ~~any~~ request of a ~~Council~~County employee if fulfilling the request would require more than a *de minimis* expenditure of County funds or require more than a reasonable amount of any County ~~employee's~~employee's time. If a Council member wishes to make a request contrary to this rule their request must go through the Council and the County Administrator. This request is not required to be listed as an agenda item listed for a meeting or made during a meeting of the Council, and may be conducted either verbally or through written communication (i.e. e-mail) so as to provide a record of the request.

Amendment 12: Amend Rule III (E) on public requests to be heard and delete Rule III (G) on previous public hearings

SECTION III. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

(D) Request to be Heard

(1) For thirty (30) minutes prior to each regularly scheduled Council meeting, members of the public wishing to address the Council on a matter ~~of County business~~ on the agenda will have an opportunity to register to speak. Prior to ~~Council's~~Council's consideration of any item of business listed on the agenda, members of the public ~~registering~~registered to speak ~~on any item of business listed on the agenda for that night's Council meeting~~ will speak in the order in which they register, except that priority will be given to those persons indicating a desire to speak about an ~~item on the agenda for final consideration~~registered. Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, not to exceed ~~the~~ thirty-minute period. Items appearing on the agenda that have not come through a committee are not eligible for requests to be heard under this subsection with the exception of emergency ordinances. The Chairman, ~~at their discretion or by request of a member,~~ may ~~permit~~allow additional ~~time for speakers~~opportunities for presentations by the public and from those who ~~have signed~~were unable to sign up during the 30 (thirty) minute period before the meeting; ~~the above (3) three minute time limit will apply.~~

(2) ~~For thirty (30) minutes at the conclusion of each regularly scheduled Council meeting, members of the public, who have registered to do so during the registration period before the meeting, shall have the opportunity to address the Council on any matter under the purview of the Council or at the discretion of the Chairman wishing to address the Council on any matter will have an opportunity to register to speak.~~ At the conclusion of the Council's consideration of all ~~item of business listed on the agenda, members of the public registered to speak will speak in the order in which they registered.~~ Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, not to exceed a thirty-minute period. The Chairman, at their discretion or by request of a member, may allow additional opportunities for presentations by the public and from those who were unable

to sign up during the 30 (thirty) minute period before the meeting; the above (3) three minute time limit will apply.

(3) As scheduled by the Chairman, County Council will convene once a month to hear from citizens speaking to any matters of County business ~~not currently on published agendas.~~ Members of the public will have an opportunity to register to speak at this public input session and will be called in the order in which they register. Presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person, not to exceed a sixty-minute period. A majority of Council members present may vote to extend the time period for presentations at a public input session. The sessions will be held in-person with Council members able to participate by remote means and live-streamed to the public.

~~(2)(4)~~ No speaker may use language that is obscene, disruptive, scurrilous, or recklessly defamatory. Following any presentation from anyone addressing the Council, no person other than a member of Council will be recognized to question the speaker or to make any other statement unless a member of Council requests comment from a member of the staff for clarification. ~~The Chairman may schedule additional opportunities for presentations by the public as he deems appropriate and the above rules for registration and time limits will apply.~~

~~(G)~~ **Matters Previously Heard at Public Hearing**

~~Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, no person may address the Council about any matter Council has previously heard at a duly called public hearing, as long as Council or a Committee of Council has the item on its agenda, including tabled or held items; however, a person may appear before a Committee which is considering the item with the permission of the Committee Chairman. Additionally, a person may address a matter appearing on an agenda previously heard at a duly called public hearing if 1) that matter has been materially amended after the public hearing, or 2) where more than three (3) months have passed since First Reading of the matter.~~

Amendment 13: Amend Rule IV (B) on Readings and Rule IV (C) on Consent Agendas

SECTION IV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS

(B) Readings

Except for emergency ordinances, all proposed ordinances shall be read at three public meetings of the Council on three separate days with an interval of at least seven days between second and third readings. A verbatim reading of a proposed ordinance shall not be required unless a member specifically requests [it, at which time it shall be read in its entirety, or the specific section requested by the member.](#)

- (1) **First Reading** -- Any member or committee may introduce an ordinance for first reading at any meeting of the Council. No vote shall be taken and no debate or amendment shall be in order. The Chairman shall refer the proposed ordinance to an appropriate committee unless the proposed ordinance was introduced by a committee. All ordinances presented to Council for First Reading shall substantially set forth its subject matter in the body of said ordinance.
- (2) **Second Reading:** Committee reports on a proposed ordinance ~~ordinarily~~ shall be presented at the next consecutive regular meeting following introduction and first reading, but [the](#) second reading may be deferred by the Committee. [The Council, at the Chairman's discretion or by request of a member, shall allow public comment using the same rules and time limits outlined in Section III \(E\).](#) If the ordinance is defeated on second reading, there shall be no third reading.
- (3) **Third Reading:**
 - (a) On third reading, the question shall be the adoption of the ordinance as passed on second reading, and no amendment shall be in order unless permitted by a majority vote of ~~Council Members.~~ [the Council Members. The Council shall allow public comment using the same rules and time limits outlined in Section III](#)

(E). If the Council agrees to the introduction of an amendment on third reading, it will be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting, and its passage shall be governed by the provisions of Subsection (4) below. Amendments permitted at ~~Third Reading~~third reading must strictly pertain to the subject matter of the ordinance as it was passed at ~~Second Reading~~second reading.

(b) The Council can approve a motion at second reading amending the ordinance to allow for the introduction of amendments at third reading. If the motion to allow amendments is approved by ~~at least seven (7) members~~a majority of the Council, then amendments are eligible for immediate consideration when the ordinance comes up for third reading. Prior to consideration of an amendment at third reading, the proposed amendment must be included in the ~~Council agenda~~Council's Agenda packet.

(C) Consent Agenda

Several items of business may be considered together by ~~County~~ Council and/or County Council committees. Such items, to be considered together, must be listed on the agenda under the general heading "Consent Agenda". The Council, at the Chairman's discretion and by request of a member, shall allow public comment using the same rules and time limits outlined in Section III (E). Any item ~~placed~~ on the Consent Agenda shall be removed and considered as a separate matter upon the request of any Council or Committee member, otherwise all items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion.

Amendment 14: Amend Rule IV (B) (4) (d) on abstentions in votes required for passage

SECTION IV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS

(B) Readings

(4) Votes Required for Passage:

- (a) A ~~Majority~~majority of all Council Members shall be required to pass ordinances, amendments, and resolutions, except as provided herein.
- (b) A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of Council shall be required for passage of:
 - (i) Any ordinance or amendment authorizing a supplemental appropriation
 - (ii) Authorization for the issuance of general obligation bonds;
 - (iii) Any increase in the tax levy for Greenville County or any special purpose district or political subdivision that requires Council approval
 - (iv) Approval of rezoning a property or text amendment to the zoning ordinance wherein action of council is contrary to the recommendation of the Planning Commission or the Planning and Development Committee.
- (c) Any matter receiving a tie vote fails.
- (d) Abstentions shall be counted as ~~positive votes unless a written statement of a conflict is given to the Chairman~~if that member did not vote on the matter.

Amendment 15: Amend Rule V (A) (6) relating to the Committee of the Whole and Rule V (D) on committee numbers

SECTION V. COMMITTEES

(A) Standing Committees

(6) Committee of the Whole

This committee shall be composed of each member of Council and the Chairman of County Council shall serve as Chair.

- (a) Council Rules
- (b) Exercising Power of Eminent Domain
- (c) Boards and Commissions Policy nominations ~~responsibilities~~ as required or assigned

(D) Members

Except for the Committee of the Whole and at the Chairman's discretion, the Finance committee, each standing committee shall consist of five ~~persons~~members.

Amendment 17: Amend Rule IV to add Rule IV(F) on time requirements for public comments on ordinances and resolutions referred to committee.

SECTION IV. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS

(F) Committee Public Comment Sessions on Referrals

Unless a majority of Council members object in writing, an ordinance or resolution within the purview and jurisdiction of the Council that is referred to a committee shall be given a public comment session in that committee within 30 days of introduction.

Amendment 18: Amend Rule VI (A) to change the minimum vote requirement to amend the Council Rules.

SECTION VI. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

(A) Amendment

Certain of these rules are provisions of South Carolina statutory law and cannot be amended. Except for those provisions, ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the members of Council may vote to amend these rules at any regular meeting if notice of the proposed amendment is given at the previous regular meeting.