

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2015  
6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – The Honorable Torrey Rush**
- 2. SECOND READING**
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE, MAKE APPROPRIATIONS, AND ADOPT A  
BUDGET FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.**

**WHEREAS**, 4-9-120 and 4-9-140 of the Laws of South Carolina require that a County Council shall adopt an annual budget, and shall act by Ordinance to adopt a budget and levy taxes.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by County Council of Richland County in Council, duly assembled, and by the authority of the same:

**SECTION 1.** That the following appropriations by activity be, and the estimated revenue to support these appropriations, as well as other supporting documents contained in the recommended budget are hereby adopted, such supporting documents being made part thereof and incorporated herein by reference:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Transfer In</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Transfer Out</b>	<b>Total Uses</b>
1100 General Fund Operating	\$141,457,128	\$2,513,590	\$3,999,337	\$147,970,055	\$148,304,155	\$4,012,132	\$152,316,287
1101 Capital Replacement & Dep	\$5,028,145	\$0	\$0	\$5,028,145	\$0	\$0	\$0
1102 RC Industrial Park	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$674,391	\$0	\$674,391
1151 Taxes at Tax Sale	\$964,109	\$0	\$0	\$964,109	\$971,631	\$0	\$971,631
1154 Probate Court Advertising	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$147,499,382</b>	<b>\$2,513,590</b>	<b>\$3,999,337</b>	<b>\$154,012,309</b>	<b>\$150,000,177</b>	<b>\$4,012,132</b>	<b>\$154,012,309</b>
<b>Special Revenue</b>							
Victim's Rights	\$700,000	\$428,622	\$0	\$1,128,622	\$1,029,622	\$99,000	\$1,128,622
Tourism Development	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,180,000	\$20,000	\$1,200,000
Temporary Alcohol Permits	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$130,000	\$124,210	\$5,790	\$130,000
Emergency Telephone System	\$2,000,000	\$2,492,660	\$1,011,648	\$5,504,308	\$5,492,660	\$11,648	\$5,504,308
Fire Service	\$22,250,000	\$0	\$2,157,951	\$24,407,951	\$23,218,000	\$1,189,951	\$24,407,951
Stormwater Management	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$429,000	\$3,429,000	\$2,975,034	\$453,966	\$3,429,000
Conservation Commission Fund	\$725,000	\$0	\$0	\$725,000	\$706,673	\$18,327	\$725,000
Neighborhood Redevelopmnt Fund	\$590,000	\$0	\$125,974	\$715,974	\$680,999	\$34,975	\$715,974
Hospitality Tax	\$5,900,000	\$0	\$135,000	\$6,035,000	\$3,775,200	\$2,259,800	\$6,035,000
Accommodation Tax	\$645,000	\$0	\$3,075	\$648,075	\$648,075	\$0	\$648,075
Title IVD - Sheriff's Fund	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$69,176	\$5,824	\$75,000
Drug Court Program	\$57,000	\$0	\$0	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$0	\$57,000
Road Maintenance Fee	\$5,850,000	\$0	\$484,089	\$6,334,089	\$5,978,814	\$355,275	\$6,334,089
Public Defender	\$1,101,791	\$1,567,650	\$0	\$2,669,441	\$2,669,441	\$0	\$2,669,441
Mass Transit	\$0	\$14,229,000	\$0	\$14,229,000	\$14,229,000	\$0	\$14,229,000
Transportation Tax	\$50,640,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,640,000	\$1,245,000	\$49,395,000	\$50,640,000
<b>Special Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$94,863,791</b>	<b>\$18,717,932</b>	<b>\$4,346,737</b>	<b>\$117,928,460</b>	<b>\$64,078,904</b>	<b>\$53,849,556</b>	<b>\$117,928,460</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>							
General Debt Service	\$14,356,949	\$0	\$0	\$14,356,949	\$14,356,949	\$0	\$14,356,949
Fire Protection Debt Service	\$1,606,850	\$0	\$0	\$1,606,850	\$1,606,850	\$0	\$1,606,850
Hospitality Refund 2013A B/S	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,489,800	\$0	\$1,489,800
East Richland Public Svc Dist	\$842,320	\$0	\$0	\$842,320	\$842,320	\$0	\$842,320
Recreation Commission Debt Svc	\$3,311,901	\$0	\$0	\$3,311,901	\$3,311,901	\$0	\$3,311,901
Riverbanks Zoo Debt Service	\$2,900,381	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,381	\$2,900,381	\$0	\$2,900,381
School District 1 Debt Service	\$35,765,784	\$0	\$0	\$35,765,784	\$35,765,784	\$0	\$35,765,784
School District 2 Debt Service	\$54,505,054	\$1,489,800	\$0	\$55,994,854	\$54,505,054	\$0	\$54,505,054
Transportation BAN 2013	\$0	\$50,500,750	\$0	\$50,500,750	\$50,500,750	\$0	\$50,500,750
<b>Debt Service Total</b>	<b>\$113,289,239</b>	<b>\$51,990,550</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$165,279,789</b>	<b>\$165,279,789</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$165,279,789</b>
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>							
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$30,355,000	\$0	\$1,961,759	\$32,316,759	\$32,041,178	\$275,581	\$32,316,759
Broad River Enterprise Fund	\$6,043,884	\$0	\$0	\$6,043,884	\$5,945,566	\$98,318	\$6,043,884
Lower Richland Sewer Fund	\$157,504	\$184,000	\$0	\$341,504	\$312,036	\$29,468	\$341,504
Lower Richland Water	\$170,421	\$158,200	\$0	\$328,621	\$299,153	\$29,468	\$328,621
Parking Enterprise Fund	\$110,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$205,000	\$205,000	\$0	\$205,000
Hamilton-Owens Airport Oper	\$270,000	\$340,000	\$0	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$0	\$610,000
<b>Enterprise Funds Total</b>	<b>\$37,106,809</b>	<b>\$682,200</b>	<b>\$2,056,759</b>	<b>\$39,845,768</b>	<b>\$39,412,933</b>	<b>\$432,834</b>	<b>\$39,845,768</b>

<b>Millage Agencies</b>								
Richland Cnty Recreation Comm	\$12,814,400	\$0	\$0	\$12,814,400	\$12,814,400	\$0	\$12,814,400	
Columbia Area Mental Health	\$1,957,200	\$0	\$0	\$1,957,200	\$1,957,200	\$0	\$1,957,200	
Public Library	\$23,764,000	\$0	\$0	\$23,764,000	\$23,764,000	\$0	\$23,764,000	
Riverbanks Zoo	\$2,061,277	\$0	\$0	\$2,061,277	\$2,061,277	\$0	\$2,061,277	
Midlands Technical College	\$7,302,498	\$0	\$0	\$7,302,498	\$7,302,498	\$0	\$7,302,498	
School District One	\$192,927,437	\$0	\$0	\$192,927,437	\$192,927,437	\$0	\$192,927,437	
School District Two	\$133,208,281	\$0	\$0	\$133,208,281	\$133,208,281	\$0	\$133,208,281	
<b>Millage Agencies Total</b>	<b>\$374,035,093</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$374,035,093</b>	<b>\$374,035,093</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$374,035,093</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$766,794,314</b>	<b>\$73,904,272</b>	<b>\$10,402,833</b>	<b>\$851,101,419</b>	<b>\$792,806,896</b>	<b>\$58,294,522</b>	<b>\$851,101,419</b>	

**SECTION 2.** Mileage rate paid to County employees shall be the same as the U.S. Federal reimbursement rate per mile for the fiscal period stated above.

**SECTION 3.** All fees previously approved by the County Council, either through budget ordinances or ordinances apart from the budget, will remain in effect unless and until the County Council votes to amend those fees.

**SECTION 4.** All county set fees for services shall be adjusted based on the current year inflationary adjustment (CPI). (Fees established by specific statute would not be covered by this policy.) The CPI adjustment shall be the same as that used for other budget adjustments.

**SECTION 5.** At fiscal year-end, any funds encumbered for capital purchases shall reflect as a designation of fund balance in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and shall be brought forward in the subsequent fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** Continuation grants and those with no personnel or match requests are considered approved as presented with budget adoption up to available budgeted match dollars. All other grants will require individual Council approval prior to award acceptance.

**SECTION 7.** Commensurate with budget authority, the County Administrator may approve purchases in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less. Purchases in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be reviewed and approved by the County Council prior to acceptance. The County Administrator is granted authority to transfer up to \$100,000 between all General Fund direct report budgets.

**SECTION 8.** All non-exclusive contracts exceeding \$100,000 and existing at the time of budget adoption shall be renewed for the subsequent fiscal year provided the following conditions exist; The services provided under the contract will continue to be required in the subsequent fiscal year; the contract was originally procured through the County's Procurement Department utilizing the competitive procurement method, where appropriate, and following all other procurement ordinances, regulations and guidelines; The contract is within a five-year period during which contracts may be renewed annually upon mutual agreement by both parties not to exceed five years; The performance of the contractor has been confirmed, in writing, by the user department and by the Director of Procurement to be satisfactory; Budget dollars have been appropriated by the County Council to fund the contract for the subsequent fiscal year. All items included on the State contract >\$100,000 are considered as reviewed and approved therefore will not be required to go back to Council for additional approval.

**SECTION 9.** Designated fund balance allocated in prior years for the establishment of an emergency disaster fund, economic development fund and an insurance reserve fund shall remain so designated, but only to the extent of available fund balance as approved by the County Administrator.

**SECTION 10.** All One-percent funds collected through established Multi-County Industrial Park agreements or the funds from the completed sale of any county-owned property in a multi-county park shall be placed in the Richland County Industrial Park Fund and be immediately appropriated for the purpose of continued Economic Development. This appropriation shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** In lieu of a hiring freeze or a reduction in force, the budget includes a vacancy recovery plan. The plan requires that all general fund departments, inclusive of public safety, that have a vacated position during the fiscal year be adjusted to remove the associated budget dollars for the duration of the vacancy.

**SECTION 12.** Richland County hereby enacts the implementation of an Administrative Service Fee of up to \$15.00 per hour, to be collected by the Sheriff from parties who request special duty services, and which are authorized by the Sheriff for the duration of fiscal year 2015-2016. Funds collected by the Sheriff that are derived from the up to \$15.00 per hour administrative fee for special duty services shall be deposited as follows: \$5 into the General Fund to cover administrative costs of operating the plan; \$5 into the General Fund to cover the rank structure increases for the Sheriff's Office (this will be incorporated as a bonus payment and not add to the base salary of the employee); \$5 to deposited into the Victim's Assistance program to cover additional program cost.

~~**SECTION 13.** In lieu of any market rate adjustment (MRA) or merit salary increase the budget includes a one-time salary payment equal to 1.5 percent of annual pay to all full-time eligible employees as of December 1, 2014 and payable December 19, 2014. Eligible employees must be active and off probation on or before December 1, 2014.~~

**SECTION 14.** Funds awarded to the Sheriff's Department through forfeiture are included as part of this ordinance and Council designates, as the governing body, that the Sheriff shall maintain these funds in accordance with Federal, State and County guidelines. All forfeited funds will be audited along with the General Fund and posted at that time.

**SECTION 15.** The County will be self-funded against tort claim liability and shall no longer carry an excess liability insurance policy. Funding shall be established through the annual automatic re-budgeting of these County funded accounts. The amount to be carried forward shall not exceed the unspent portion of the current year appropriation and shall be used only for the original intended purpose as identified in the year of appropriation. This shall increase the original appropriated budget and shall not require a separate budget amendment.

**SECTION 16.** The Sheriff and Finance Director will assess the status of fees collected through the Special Duty Program prior to the end of fiscal year 2016. All excess funds collected for the administrative cost over cost incurred shall reflect as a designation of fund balance and shall be brought forward in the following fiscal year as budgeted fund balance. This automatic re-budgeting shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance. Continuation of the Special Duty Program and associated fees shall be evaluated each year during the budget process.

**SECTION 17.** All funds collected by the Sheriff's Department as a cost reimbursement from employees shall be credited back to the sheriff's budget and allowed to utilize for other operational cost.

**SECTION 18.** Rollover policy: The following are the guidelines that will be applied in identifying the projects and/or contracts that are appropriate for budget dollars to be rolled over:

- Items are considered eligible for rollover if the department's total expenditures and the specific account number have unspent funds greater than or equal to the requested rollover amount.
- Budget dollars must be included for the project in the current year appropriated budget and funds encumbered prior to June 30th of the current fiscal year.
- Requested rollover must include only funds for capital non-recurring costs; costs for recurring expenditures are not eligible.
- Funds must have been presented to, and appropriated by Council, for a multi-year capital project or contract.

**SECTION 19. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 20. Separability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 21. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2015.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: Torrey Rush, Chair

First Reading: May 05, 2015

Public Hearing: May 21, 2015

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_-**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE PRIOR YEAR'S CARRYOVER AND OTHER STATE LEVIES AND ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2015, WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.**

**Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the general Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:**

**SECTION 1.** That a tax for the General Fund to cover the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, both inclusive, is hereby levied upon all taxable property in Richland County, in a sufficient number of mills not to exceed fifty-six and five tenths (56.5) to be determined from the assessment of the property herein.

**SECTION 2.** That the additional taxes, besides that noted above in Section 1, to cover the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, both inclusive, are hereby levied upon all taxable property in Richland County for the funds:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MILLS</u>
General Fund Debt Service	11.0
Solid Waste – Landfill	3.3
Capital Replacement	3.4
Library	16.0
Mental Health	1.3
Riverbanks Zoo	1.4
Conservation Commission	.5
Neighborhood Redevelopment	.5

**SECTION 3.** That the additional taxes, besides that noted in Section 1 and 2, to cover the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, both inclusive, are hereby levied upon all taxable property located within each of the following respective Special Tax Districts in Richland County for the following Funds:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MILLS</u>
Fire Service – Operations	21.1
Fire Service – Debt Service	1.8
School District One – Operations	247.9
School District One – Debt Service	53.0
School District Two – Operations	298.0
School District Two – Debt Service	108.0

Recreation Commission – Operations	12.6
Recreation Commission – Debt Service	3.0
Midlands Technical College – Operations	3.4
Midlands Technical College – Capital & Debt Service	1.5
Riverbanks Zoo – Debt Service	1.3
Stormwater Management	3.4
East Richland Public Service District – Debt Service	4.0

**SECTION 4. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5. Separability.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: Torrey Rush, Chair

FIRST READING: May 05, 2015  
PUBLIC HEARING: May 21, 2015  
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