



# **RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Norman Jackson	Damon Jeter	Julie-Ann Dixon (Chair)	Bill Malinowski	Seth Rose
District 11	District 3	District 9	District 1	District 5

**MAY 26, 2015  
5:00 PM**

**2020 Hampton Street**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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3. Creation of a new Chapter entitled "Vector Control" and creation of the Department of Vector Control [PAGES 17 - 25]

4. Amend Section 6-84d(1), Boarded-up Structures, to remove the permit fee amounts [26 - 30]

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5. Fund and/or seek a partnership with SCE&G to plant indigenous flowers and plants along transmission line corridors in Richland County [PAGE 31]
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**ADJOURNMENT**



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# Richland County Council Request of Action

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## **Reviews**

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## SOUTH CAROLINA



### DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 28, 2015  
5:00 PM  
County Council Chambers

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building*

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Session: March 24, 2015** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed.

Mr. Malinowski pointed out that answers to Council member's questions need to be reflected in the minutes.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION

**Solid Waste Service Charge for Vacant Dwelling Units** – Mr. McDonald stated this item originated from a motion made by Mr. Jackson. The committee requested that staff recommend ways to address the tracking of vacant dwellings. Staff has proposed proof of the termination of electric service to meet the definition of vacancy in order for the service fee to be waived.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about how many requests are made annually to waive the solid waste fee due to vacancy.

Mr. Curtis responded in the 2 ½ years he's been with the County, there have been approximately 5 requests for waiver of fees.

Mr. Malinowski stated the costs to the County to implement the proposed waiver practice seems to be more than warranted by the small amount of requests.

#### Council Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair  
District Nine

Bill Malinowski  
District One

Seth Rose  
District Five

Norman Jackson  
District Eleven

#### Others Present:

Tony McDonald  
Sparty Hammett  
Warren Harley  
Monique Walters  
Brandon Madden  
Michelle Onley  
Monique McDaniels  
Larry Smith  
Tracy Hegler  
Amelia Linder  
Rudy Curtis  
Quinton Epps  
Nancy Stone-Collum  
Kecia Lara  
Geo Price  
Brad Farrar

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Mr. Malinowski cited the 1984 letter in the agenda packet which states, "The residence is to be charged for the type of service received. Therefore, if a home or mobile home is habitable, it is immaterial as to whether it is occupied. The ordinance was never intended as a recordkeeping device for occupancy of homes."

Mr. Malinowski further stated, he could see this practice being used as a means to escape paying the service fee. Although the utilities could have been turned off, it does not mean there is no one residing there. Also, there could be yard waste since the yards will need to be maintained.

Mr. Jackson stated those individuals who are on fixed incomes and inherit property are the residents that are being penalized by having to pay for services they are not utilizing or receiving.

Ms. Dixon inquired as to what the cost for the solid waste setup fee.

Mr. Curtis stated the setup fee is \$48.00 and the service charge is \$249.00 per year.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the motion not to charge property owners for a service they do not use or receive. This alternative will likely require redevelopment of critical sections of the ordinance. When the house becomes unoccupied, the owner of the property shall (1) be responsible for notifying the County that the house is no longer vacant; (2) pay the solid waste set-up fee; and (3) pay the prorated solid waste service charge to re-establish service. The vote was in favor.

#### **Conservation Department: Endorsement of Cabin Branch Conservation Corridor –**

Mr. Epps stated the request is to extend the riparian corridor along Cabin Branch. The riparian areas are defined as areas adjacent to streams where overbank flooding, wetlands and low areas are present.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if all of the easement had been obtained along the corridor.

Mr. Epps stated not all of the easements have been obtained.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the source of the harmful levels of chemicals, bacteria, and medicine found in the Congaree National Park has been identified. *{No answer was provided at the committee meeting.}*

Mr. Epps stated this item is more of a "Cabin Branch Conservation Corridor Plan". The Conservation Commission has a certain amount of funding to purchase easements, and easements could be donated as well.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if the project would be able to move forward if all of the easements were not obtained.

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Mr. Epps stated he believes the project could move forward and the Conservation Commission would continue to work with the property owners to obtain the remaining easements.

Mr. Malinowski inquired what happens once the easements have been obtained by the County.

Mr. Epps stated the property owner will still retain ownership. The easement guarantees that property will be maintained (i.e. trees will not be taken down, the land will not be developed, etc.)

In response to Mr. Washington's inquiry regarding the process of obtaining easement, Mr. Epps stated the Conservation Commission typically has citizens that donate or request the County purchase easements. This request is a change wherein the Conservation Commission has decided to focus on a particular corridor, predominantly owned by Richland County, and approach the property owners to obtain the necessary easements.

Mr. Epps responded to Mr. Malinowski's inquiry regarding the costs of the remaining easement by stating, it would be difficult to determine since easements may be donated to the County. Although, the purchase of easements would be limited to the amount of funding the Conservation Commission has available.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to endorse the creation of a Cabin Creek Conservation Corridor to provide for an organized effort to acquire easements along the creek. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Hosting the 2017 Neighborhoods USA Conference** – Mr. McDonald stated the County has been requested to partner with the City of Columbia to host the 2017 Neighborhoods USA Conference, which is a nationwide conference dedicated and related to neighborhoods and neighborhood improvement programs. Staff would recommend moving forward with the partnership because the conference would be a great asset to County.

Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve the partnership with the City of Columbia, and provide details on how much time it would like staff to commit to co-host the 2017 Neighborhood USA conference.

Mr. Malinowski stated the comments by the Planning Director, Ms. Hegler, and Assistant Administrator, Sparty Hammett, led him to believe there would be a significant amount of Neighborhood Improvement staff time involved, would reduce the amount of time available for neighborhood projects and staff was not aware if many of the neighborhoods are members of the NUSA. Since the estimated conference cost is



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\$231,000 and would attract about 700 people to the conference, it does not seem very practical use of County resources.

Mr. McDonald stated the amount of County staff time requested is to be minimal and there has not been a request for funding at this time.

Ms. Hegler stated since drafting the ROA she has had an opportunity to review the bid application and the County is not listed as a 50/50 partner in the event.

The City of Columbia has put forth \$30,000 and it is likely they will approach the County for a match. At this time, the request is for staff assistance, which Ms. Hegler equates to time. The City is dedicating one full-time employee and 13 part-time employees before, during and after the event.

Ms. Hegler stated the County has attended conference and won awards, but the City and City neighborhoods are much more involved with NUSA than the County.

Ms. Dixon expressed the desire to see the County be an equal partner in the event.

Mr. Malinowski made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to hold this item in committee to receive feedback on the benefits to County, the costs to the County, the level of partnership required, and time and/or salary required for County staff to assist with the event. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Removal of Lien off of Property** – Mr. McDonald stated the request was for the removal of a lien on property located at 2045 Smith Street. The lien was placed on the property due to the building having been demolished by the County under the Unsafe Building Program. Upon removal of the lien, the property is to be turned over to a neighborhood group.

Mr. Malinowski inquired of the property value and if any restrictions will be placed on the particular use. *{Staff was not able to answer the questions at this time.}*

Mr. McDonald emphasized the point that the County will not be donating the land to the neighborhood association, but the property owner. The only involvement the County has is the removal of the lien.

Mr. Livingston stated he would suggest a policy when handling these requests in the future.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward to Council with a recommendation to have Richland County remove the lien off of the property located at 2045 Smith St., (Parcel # 13516-03-21) contingent on the property owner donating the land to the Atlas Road Community Organization. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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### ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Fund and/or seek a partnership with SCE&G to plant indigenous flowers and plants along transmission line corridors in Richland County – Held in committee.

Comprehensive Youth Program – Held in committee.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:46 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council





# Richland County Council Request of Action

## **Subject**

Hosting the 2017 Neighborhoods USA Conference [**PAGES 9 - 16**]

## **Reviews**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Richland County Council

CC: Sparty Hammett, Holland Leger

FROM: Tracy Hegler

DATE: May 18, 2015

RE: Co-hosting Neighborhood USA Conference with the City of Columbia

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An ROA to request direction from County Council on the County's involvement in hosting the Neighborhood USA (NUSA) Conference in 2017 with the City of Columbia was discussed at the April 28<sup>th</sup> D&S Committee. The item was held in Committee for staff to address several questions.

Please see staff's response to those questions below.

1. Who will benefit in Richland County from the NUSA Conference?

Created in 1975, NUSA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Each year, NUSA holds conference as a place for neighborhood citizens to share information and experiences used to build stronger communities. The County has approximately 200 neighborhoods whose citizens could benefit from attendance at the 2017 NUSA Conference, if held in Columbia. I received an estimate from the NUSA Board President, Tige Watts, that there are around a dozen individuals attending the 2015 conference in Houston from the Midlands (this includes City residents).

Midlands's restaurants, hotels, shops and the Convention Center would also benefit from the approximately 700 people who are estimated to attend the multi-day event.

2. What type of cost will the County incur as a result of hosting the NUSA Conference (i.e. financial contribution, staff time, staff salaries, associated costs)?

**Staff Time:**

The City of Columbia has offered to commit one full-time staff member to coordinate the conference starting one year prior to the event and thirteen additional staff persons on a part-time basis before, during and after the event.

**Financial contribution:**

The following is an idea of the costs the County could incur depending on the level of involvement.

Full time staff – \$53,000 (inclusive of benefits)  
100 hours total for other staff on a part time basis (average hourly rate of \$21) – \$2,100  
Hospitality funding request to match City’s input (if Columbia is selected to host) - \$30,000

- 3. What level of assistance/partnership is the County expected to provide and what type of cost will the County incur regarding time needed from staff during the Conference planning process?

I believe the level of participation is up to the County. The City submitted the bid to host the conference without specifying the County’s involvement.

Actual costs for staff involvement are described above, but the other thing Council should consider is what staff would be assisting with the planning of the conference and what day-to-day job responsibilities would be impacted? For example, if a neighborhood planner were to be asked to perform these functions, their attendance at neighborhood meetings would likely decrease as would their time allocated to implementing the five Master Plans they manage.

**Staff Recommendation:**

In consideration of the overall positive impacts, hosting the NUSA conference would have on the region, I would suggest it is important to show our support and assist the City in the planning and execution of the conference. Should Council agree, the level of involvement could be managed by preparing a clear set of duties for the County staff directly involved in it and coordinating that with their existing workload; something that could be managed by their Supervisor and Department Head. Another option that could be considered, should Columbia succeed in their bid to host, is to add a part time position in FY 17 to assist solely with this task.

## Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:** Request to seek Council's desire to partner with the City of Columbia in an application to potentially host the 2017 Neighborhoods USA Conference

### **A. Purpose**

The City of Columbia has requested that the County, through the Planning and Development Services Department, partner with the City of Columbia to co-host the 2017 Neighborhoods USA Conference. This Request of Action seeks County Council direction regarding that request.

### **B. Background/Discussion**

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is a national non-profit organization that puts out for bid their annual conference to a host site. Since 1975, NUSA was created to build and strengthen neighborhood organizations through networking, information-sharing, and collaborations with the government and the private sector. City of Columbia is preparing an application to compete as a finalist in May 2015 for the 2017 year event, usually held Memorial Day weekend. The City of Columbia's Community Development Department is leading the application process and has extended an invitation to Richland County to partner as the conference's co-host, if the City is awarded as the host site. The national conference is usually held on Memorial Day weekend. The Conference lasts several days and would attract nearly 700 people to the area, requiring a significant time and funding commitment to assist in organizing the event.

The national conference would be a large undertaking and would require a highly significant allocation of County staff time, potential funding and fund-raising efforts.

Overall, hosting the conference is estimated to require one full-time and thirteen part-time staff members and an additional 100 volunteers to handle the planning and logistics. As a result of the magnitude of this event and the potential recognition attributed thereof, Richland County staff would have to contribute at some capacity on this level. The City of Columbia would invite volunteers from unincorporated Richland County and the area's community leaders to assist and participate.

The conference is estimated to cost approximately \$231,692.00 with various potential funding sources: City of Columbia, Richland County, exhibitor fees, and registration fees.

Richland County's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) staff has been members of NUSA for several years and has attended previous NUSA conferences at multiple past host sites. Several of the conference's tasks includes fundraising, conference logistics, marketing, volunteer recruitment, neighborhood pride tours and a mayor's reception.

### **C. Legislative / Chronological History**

This is a staff-initiated request. Therefore, there is no legislative history.

### **D. Financial Impact**

At this time there is no financial impact for receiving direction from County Council on how they would like the County to be involved in this effort.

It is expected, however, that Richland County would be asked to contribute to the conference budget, under a separate request. This amount might potentially be an equivalent match to the contribution from the City of Columbia (\$30,000), if they were awarded as the host site.

**E. Alternatives**

1. Approve the partnership with the City of Columbia, and provide details on how much time Council would like staff to commit, to co-host the 2017 Neighborhood USA conference.
2. Do not approve the request to partner with the City of Columbia to co-host the 2017 Neighborhoods USA conference.

**F. Recommendation**

This action is at Council discretion.

Prepared by: Tracy Hegler, AICP  
 Department: Planning and Development Services  
 Date: April 7, 2015

**G. Reviews**

(Please replace the appropriate box with a ✓ and then support your recommendation in the Comments section before routing on. Thank you!)

Please be specific in your recommendation. While “Council Discretion” may be appropriate at times, it is recommended that Staff provide Council with a professional recommendation of approval or denial, and justification for that recommendation, as often as possible.

**Finance**

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 4/10/15  
 Recommend Council approval  Recommend Council denial  
 Comments regarding recommendation:

As stated in the ROA, the request is at Council discretion.

**Planning**

Reviewed by: Tracy Hegler Date: 4/13/15  
 Recommend Council approval  Recommend Council denial  
 Comments regarding recommendation:

As stated in the ROA, the request is at Council discretion. While this is a great opportunity for the region, please note that the Neighborhood Improvement Program has two full time Neighborhood Planners who oversee the implementation of nine (9) master plans; review and make recommendations for annual Neighborhood Matching grants; staff RCNC; plan bi-monthly leadership trainings for County citizens; attend multiple neighborhood meetings a month; and plan/carry out an annual Planning Conference. Committing to assist with the planning of the NUSA Conference would be a substantial additional time commitment for this staff. Also, as a point of information, I am not aware that many of the unincorporated neighborhoods are members of NUSA, so I cannot predict to what levels they would be willing to volunteer.

**Legal**Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

Date: 4/21/15

 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: At this point, as no specific agreement is being presented, this is a policy decision left to Council's discretion.

**Administration**Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date: 4/22/15

 Recommend Council approval Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: This is a policy decision for Council. If Council decides to participate with the City of Columbia, and the City is selected to host the event, this would require a significant amount of Neighborhood Improvement staff time and reduce the amount of time available for County neighborhood projects.



## Columbia to compete to be host site for 2017 Neighborhoods USA conference

March 18, 2015 By [Kelly Petty](#)

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Columbia City Council members reluctantly approved the Community Development Department's request to bring a national neighborhood conference to the city with the promise that planning for it would not interfere with daily work.

"This is a citywide obligation not just community development," said Community Development Director Deborah Livingston. "It would be a significant undertaking."

The city will compete to host the 2017 [Neighborhoods USA Conference](#). The event brings together nearly 700 people from across the country to discuss issues affecting neighborhoods like improving neighbor relations, zoning issues or getting potholes fixed a community.

"It definitely promotes collaboration," said Neighborhoods USA President Tige Watts. "I think it's a great idea."

Watts has been the president of the national non-profit neighborhood organization since 2010, and he [recently announced his intention to run](#) for Columbia City Council.

This is the second time Columbia officials have tried to bring the event to the city. The city lost a bid in 2013 for the 2015 conference to Houston. The 2016 NUSA conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

Columbia would be the first city on the east coast in seven years to host the conference, according to a Community Development Department memo.

Livingston said hosting the event would take a significant time commitment from her staff and the whole city. The conference would need 100 volunteers in addition to 1 full-time and 13 part-time staffers to handle planning and logistics for the event estimated to bring 500 visitors to downtown.

The conference is usually held Memorial Day weekend, which also would mean volunteers and staff could not take that time for vacations. Livingston said she would seek support from Richland County by tapping into the county's 200 neighborhoods for help from community leaders.

"We are asking Richland County to participate so it's not just a city of Columbia event," she said.

If the city hosts the event, staff would be tasked with fundraising, conference logistics, marketing, volunteer recruitment, neighborhood pride tours and special events like a mayor's reception, luncheons and breakfast.

The city also would have to provide shuttle transportation and coordinate with the Columbia Convention Center, which will host 13 different concurrent conference sessions at one time.

The city plans to commit \$30,000 in hospitality and accommodation tax funds for the conference. Livingston will seek a match from Richland County. She also is relying on \$3,000 in exhibitor fees and more than \$125,000 in registration fees to cover most of the budget.

The conference still comes with big ticket expenses including over \$76,000 in food costs, \$20,000 for transportation, \$20,000 for audiovisual equipment, \$10,000 for entertainment and \$32,500 in Neighborhood USA fees. The total cost for the conference comes out to \$231,692. Livingston said her department would seek sponsorships to cover the \$40,000 needed to cover some expenses.

City officials will submit the bid application by May 2 and will attend the Neighborhoods USA conference in Houston to make a formal presentation to be a host site.

# Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject**

Creation of a new Chapter entitled "Vector Control" and creation of the Department of Vector Control [**PAGES 17 - 25**]

**Reviews**

## Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:** Creation of a new Chapter entitled “Vector Control” and creation of the Department of Vector Control

**A. Purpose**

County Council is requested to approve an ordinance to create a new Chapter 8, entitled “Vector Control” and an ordinance to create the Department of Vector Control.

**B. Background / Discussion**

As a part of the FY14 Budget approved by Council, Vector Control became an independently acting county budgeted department. The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) withdrew its support and relinquished control of the department to Richland County in June of 2013.

While Vector Control was under DHEC’s administration, the department was responsible for enforcing the State Nuisance Regulation 61-46. In May of 2013, DHEC ceased enforcement of that regulation and submitted that it be repealed. This meant that not only was the Vector Control Department unauthorized to enforce the regulation, but no one at DHEC would enforce the rules to which the county’s citizens were accustomed. The citizens still expect the same services as before from the Vector Control Department, but the employees have no official authority to require corrections be made on a property as before. The attached ordinances will put vector control regulations in Richland County’s Code of Ordinances (which will allow the Vector Control employees the authority to require that corrections are made), and it will create the Department of Vector Control under Chapter 2.

**C. Legislative/Chronological History**

None.

**D. Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with this request, as County Council has funded Vector Control for the 2015 fiscal year.

**E. Alternatives**

1. Approve the ordinances to create Vector Control regulations and the Department of Vector Control as submitted.
2. Approve the ordinances, with amendments, to create Vector Control regulations and the Department of Vector Control as submitted.
3. Do not approve the ordinances to create Vector Control regulations and the Department of Vector Control.

**F. Recommendation**

It is recommended Council approve the ordinances to create Vector Control regulations and the Department of Vector Control as submitted.

Recommended by: Tammy Brewer  
Department: Vector Control  
Date: January 16, 2015

**G. Reviews**

(Please ***SIGN*** your name, ✓ the appropriate box, and support your recommendation before routing. Thank you!)

**Finance**

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 5/7/15  
✓ Recommend Council approval  Recommend Council denial  
 Council Discretion (please explain if checked)  
Comments regarding recommendation:

**Legal**

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean Date: 5/20/15  
 Recommend Council approval  Recommend Council denial  
 Council Discretion (please explain if checked)  
Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision left to Council's discretion.

**Administration**

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett Date: 5/20/15  
✓ Recommend Council approval  Recommend Council denial  
 Council Discretion (please explain if checked)  
Comments regarding recommendation:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_-15HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; SO AS TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 8: VECTOR CONTROL”.

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

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 8, Reserved; is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 8: VECTOR CONTROL**

**Sec. 8-1. Intent and application.**

The intent of this chapter is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by preventing or controlling the spread of vector-borne disease through the use of regulations, intervention, enforcement, education, advice and assistance. Where practicable and not likely to cause injury to the public health, in the sole opinion of the Director of Vector Control, the Vector Control Department shall first attempt to use education, intervention, and assistance to encourage voluntary compliance with the provisions of the chapter.

This chapter shall be applicable to all premises in unincorporated Richland County regardless of the use or zoning classification. In instances where a specific property use is regulated by the laws and regulations of the State of South Carolina, the Vector Control Department shall work in conjunction with the proper regulatory authority to remediate any violations of this chapter.

**Sec. 8-2. Definitions.**

*Harborage.* Any area, interior or exterior, where vectors can live, nest, breed or seek any form of shelter.

*Insect.* Any of the numerous small invertebrate animals generally having the body more or less obviously segmented, for the most part belonging to the Class Insecta, comprising six-legged, usually winged forms, as for example, beetles, bugs, bees, flies, mosquitoes, and to other allied classes of arthropods whose members are wingless and usually have more than six legs, as for example, spiders, mites, ticks, centipedes, and wood lice.

*Person.* An individual, partnership, co-partnership, cooperative, association, firm, company, public or private corporation, trust, estate, joint structure company or any other legal entity or its legal representative, agent or assigns.

*Premises.* A parcel of real property, including all buildings and structures located thereon. This term is used interchangeably with “Property.”



*Structure.* All parts of a building, whether vacant or occupied, in all stages of construction.

*Vector.* An organism that has the ability to transmit disease, including, but not limited to, mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, rats, etc..

*Waste.* Garbage, household trash, debris, commercial waste, industrial waste, yard waste, sewage, white goods, ashes, rubbish, paper, junk, building materials, glass or plastic bottles, other glass, cans and any other discarded or abandoned material, including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous matter.

### **Sec. 8-3. Minimum requirements.**

The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum requirements required to keep premises in a clean and sanitary condition so as not to adversely affect the public health or safety.

### **Sec. 8-4. Sanitation.**

All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition to the extent necessary to prevent vector breeding and harborage.

### **Sec. 8-5. Accumulation of waste.**

No person shall allow the accumulation or discharge of waste on any premises to the extent and in such manner as to create a harborage or breeding ground for rodents or other vectors.

### **Sec. 8-6. Insect and rodent harborage.**

(a) All premises, structures, and exterior property shall be kept free from insect and rodent harborage and infestation. All structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated in such manner as will not be injurious to human health. After pest and rodent elimination, proper precautions shall be taken by the occupant to prevent re-infestation.

(b) The accumulation of water in which mosquito larvae may breed is prohibited.

(c) All premises shall be kept free from the excessive growth of weeds and rank vegetation where mosquitoes harbor.

(d) The maintenance of any barn, stable, chicken yard, manure pile, garbage receptacle, etc., in such manner that flies are in excess of reasonable acceptable levels is prohibited.

(e) No dead animals or parts thereof shall be left on any exterior premises for more than forty-eight (48) hours or thrown upon any street, road, or public place.

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**Sec. 8-7. Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs.**

Privately owned swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition to the extent and in such manner so as to prevent vector breeding and harborage.

**Sec. 8-8. Duty to abate.**

It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee, occupant, agent, or representative of the owner of any property to comply with the requirements of this chapter and take whatever action as may be necessary as often as may be necessary to prevent the breeding and harborage of vectors.

**Sec. 8-9. Enforcement; Abatement; penalties.**

(a) The Vector Control Director, or his/her authorized representative, shall have the authority to investigate threats or potential threats to the public health relating to vectors and potential vector transmitted diseases on any premises in unincorporated Richland County and to require abatement of conditions which violate the provisions of this chapter. As such, the Vector Control Director, or his/her authorized representative, shall have the right of entry upon any premises where entry is necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. If consent for entry is not given or obtained by an authorized person, a search warrant shall be obtained by the Vector Control Director from a court of competent jurisdiction before entry onto the premises made.

(b) Whenever and wherever a condition shall exist which is determined by the Vector Control Director, or his/her authorized representative, to be a violation of this chapter, notice shall be given to the owner, lessee, occupant, or agent or representative of the owner setting forth the violation, and advising that the violation(s) must be corrected, the time allowed for such correction, and the necessary methods or means to be employed in the correction. It shall be sufficient notification to deliver the notice to the person to whom it is addressed or to deposit a copy of such in the United States mail, properly stamped, certified, and directed to the person to whom the notice is addressed, or to post a copy of the notice upon such premises.

(c) Whenever and wherever a condition shall exist which, in the opinion of the Vector Control Director, or his/her authorized representative, constitutes a public health nuisance, it shall be his/her duty to notify in writing the person or persons, firm or corporation, responsible for its continuance, of the character of the public health nuisance and give the person, persons, firm, or corporation a reasonable length of time to abate it. However, whenever and wherever a nuisance is of a character as to require, in the interest of the public health, immediate abatement or discontinuance, the Vector Control Director may bring a proceeding for immediate action in the magistrate's court for the abatement of such nuisance and the court may upon hearing and for good cause enjoin the continuance of the condition creating the nuisance, irrespective of all other remedies at law.

(d) Any person who fails to abate the public health nuisance after notice shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, issued a Uniform Ordinance Summons, and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both. Each day's continuing violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION II. Severability. 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 III. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Torrey Rush, Chair

ATTEST THIS THE \_\_\_\_ DAY

OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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S. Monique McDaniels  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_-15HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE V, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS; BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION ENTITLED 1A. VECTOR CONTROL; SO THAT A NEW DEPARTMENT WILL BE CREATED.

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

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; Division 1, Utilities, Sections “2-189 – 2-191. Reserved” is hereby deleted in their entireties.

SECTION II. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, County Departments; is hereby amended by the creation of a new Division, to read as follows:

DIVISION 1A. VECTOR CONTROL

**Sec. 2-189. Creation; director.**

There is hereby created the department of Vector Control and the position of director of Vector Control. The director shall be appointed by and report to the county administrator, and his/her term of office shall be at the pleasure of the county administrator. The director of Vector Control shall be a person with education, training, skills, and/or experience that is satisfactory to the county administrator.

**Sec. 2-190. Staff; personnel; compensation.**

The Director of Vector Control shall have such staff and assistants as are necessary to the operation of the department and the performance of his/her duties. They shall be subject to the county personnel system and their compensation determined accordingly.

**Sec. 2-191. Responsibilities; powers; duties.**

Vector Control, and such employees of the department as are assigned to it, shall be charged with the following duties:

- (a) Management of the mosquito control program, including abatement in accordance with the policies of the program.
- (b) Provide technical advice, education and assistance about vectors to the county’s citizens.
- (c) Conduct vector-borne disease surveillance and response.

- (d) Enforce county ordinances related to vector control.
- (e) Commensal rat abatement in accordance with department policies.
- (g) Respond to inquiries, investigate complaints, conduct evaluations to help reduce or eliminate public hazards and nuisance conditions associated with vectors and disease transmission.
- (h) Other programs or functions assigned to the department by the county administrator or county council.

SECTION III. Severability. 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 IV. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Torrey Rush, Chair

Attest this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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S. Monique McDaniels  
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# Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject**

Amend Section 6-84d(1), Boarded-up Structures, to remove the permit fee amounts [26 - 30]

**Reviews**



## Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:** Amend Section 6-84d(1), Boarded-up Structures, to remove the permit fee amounts

### **A. Purpose**

County Council is requested to approve an ordinance amendment to the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Section 6-84, Boarded-up Structures; so as to change the language, “The permit fee shall be \$25.53 for residential buildings and \$51.05 for mixed-use and commercial buildings.” to “The permit fee shall be charged at the rate on the current Richland County Fee Schedule, which is on file with the Building Codes and Inspections Department”.

### **B. Background / Discussion**

Richland County Council approved an increase in fees when the FY 2014-2015 Annual Budget went into effect on July 1, 2014. However, the permit fees in Chapter 6; Section 6-84, Boarded-up Structures; are inconsistent with the new fees. Changing the language in this section of the Richland County Code of Ordinances so that there is no dollar amount, will avoid future amendments within the Code and will lessen confusion that may arise with citizens.

### **C. Legislative / Chronological History**

This is a staff-initiated request. Therefore, there is no legislative history.

### **D. Financial Impact**

None. The current permit fees, as set by the Richland County Fee Schedule for FY 2014-2015, are \$25.91 (residential) and \$51.82 (mixed use and commercial).

### **E. Alternatives**

1. Approve the request to amend Section 6-84 to change the language regarding the permit fee, so as remove the inconsistency in fee amounts.
2. Do not approve the request to amend Section 6-84 to change the language regarding the permit fee, and allow the inconsistency to remain.

### **F. Recommendation**

It is recommended that Council approve the request to amend Section 6-84 to change the language regarding the permit fee.

Recommended by: Donny Phipps

Department: Building Services

Date: April 15, 2015

### **G. Reviews**

(Please replace the appropriate box with a ✓ and then support your recommendation in the Comments section before routing on. Thank you!)

Please be specific in your recommendation. While “Council Discretion” may be appropriate at times, it is recommended that Staff provide Council with a professional recommendation of approval or denial, and justification for that recommendation, as often as possible.

**Finance**

Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers

Date: 4/30/15

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

**Legal**

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

Date: 5/20/15

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision left to Council’s discretion.

**Administration**

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

Date: 5/20/15

Recommend Council approval

Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_-15HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 6, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; ARTICLE III, BUILDING CODES; SECTION 6-84, BOARDED-UP STRUCTURES; SUBSECTION (D), PARAGRAPH (1); SO AS TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE, “THE PERMIT FEE SHALL BE \$25.53 FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND \$51.05 FOR MIXED-USE AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS” TO “THE PERMIT FEE SHALL BE CHARGED AT THE RATE ON THE CURRENT RICHLAND COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS ON FILE WITH THE BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT”.

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

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations; Article III, Building Codes; Section 6-84, Boarded-up Structures; Subsection (d), Covering of Any Means of Egress and Ingress of Structures; Paragraph (1); is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to cover any means of egress or ingress of a structure so as to secure the structure without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Building Codes and Inspections Department. ~~The permit fee shall be \$25.53 for residential buildings and \$51.05 for mixed use and commercial buildings. The permit fee shall be charged at the rate on the current Richland County Fee Schedule, which is on file with the Building Codes and Inspections Department.~~ The permit shall authorize the owner to board the structure in conformance with the “National Arson Prevention Initiative” Board-Up Procedures. No later than five (5) days after boarding the property, the owner shall register the structure with the Property Maintenance Division.

SECTION II. Severability. 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 III. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Torrey Rush, Chair

Item# 4

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# Items Pending Analysis

## **Subject**

Fund and/or seek a partnership with SCE&G to plant indigenous flowers and plants along transmission line corridors in Richland County [**PAGE 31**]

## **Reviews**

## **Notes**

At the February Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to explore potential partnership opportunities with the Electricity Companies, explore potential grant funding opportunities, perform a cost analysis and identify the manner in which this request may impact farmers that traverse through transmission line corridors. Staff is working to complete the Committee's directives regarding this item. Staff will report this information back to the Committee for their consideration at a future Committee meeting.

# Items Pending Analysis

## **Subject**

Comprehensive Youth Program [**PAGE 32**]

## **Reviews**

## **Notes**

This item was held in Committee at the December D&S Committee meeting. The Committee directed Staff and the Clerk's Office to develop a plan of action for developing a comprehensive youth program for Richland County. Staff and the Clerk's Office are working in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, Magistrate's Office, Solicitor's Office and the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center to develop a plan of action regarding a comprehensive youth program. Once completed, Staff and the Clerk's Office will report this information back to the Committee for their review and action.