
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF LANCASTER

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1851

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AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE LANCASTER COUNTY CODE RELATED TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Administrator (“County Administrator”), pursuant to SC Code 4-9-630, is charged with the statutory power and duty to direct and coordinate operational agencies and administrative activities of the county government; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, pursuant to SC Code 4-9-620, shall be responsible for the administration of all departments of the county government which the Council of Lancaster County (“County Council”) council has the authority to control; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that it should remove certain prescriptive and restrictive language from the County Code related to residency requirements for certain positions to increase the applicant pool for management positions within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina:

Section 1. Section 2-132.1 of the Lancaster County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-132.1. – Residency Requirements for Certain County Staff

- (a) On or after February 1, 2016, the county administrator, ~~the deputy county administrator and the county’s director of economic development~~ shall reside permanently within the boundaries of Lancaster County during the entire period of employment.
- (b) Unless otherwise modified by council because of unusual circumstances, permanent residency shall be established within six (6) months following the ~~staff member’s~~ county administrator’s acceptance of employment.

(Ord. No. 1382, § 3, 1-25-2016; Ord. No. 1611, 10-28-19)

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

Section 3. Conflicting Provisions.

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained in the Lancaster County Code or other County ordinances, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon third reading.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Steve Harper, Chair, County Council

Billy Mosteller, Secretary, County Council

ATTEST:

Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

First Reading: May 22, 2022
Second Reading: June 12, 2023
Third Reading: June 26, 2023

Approved as to form:

Virginia L. Merck-Dupont, County Attorney