
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1849

AN ORDINANCE

TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND APPROVE A DETAILED BUDGET FOR LANCASTER COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 (FY 2023-24); TO SET MILLAGE RATES FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES; TO APPROVE A SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR FY 2023-24; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Be it ordained by the Council of Lancaster County, South Carolina:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations.

The Council finds and determines that:

a. County governments are authorized by Section 4-9-30(5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), to levy ad valorem property taxes and uniform service charges and to make appropriations for the functions and operations of the county.

b. Section 4-9-140 of the Code provides that county councils shall adopt annually and prior to the beginning of the fiscal year operating and capital budgets for the operation of county government and shall identify the sources of anticipated revenues necessary to meet the financial requirements of the adopted budget and to provide for the levy and collection of taxes necessary to meet all budget requirements except as provided for by other revenue sources.

c. Sections 6-1-80 and 6-1-320 of the Code contain substantive and procedural requirements for the approval of the annual budget.

d. The budget approved by this ordinance was adopted in accordance with the applicable substantive and procedural requirements of the Code.

Section 2. Appropriations and Detailed Budget.

A. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance, the sums of money set forth below, if so much is necessary, are appropriated from the General Fund of the County and other applicable funds as specified, to meet the ordinary expenses, including debt service, of county government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 ("FY 2023-24"):

APPROPRIATIONS	AMOUNT
Airport Fund	376,738
Capital Improvement Fund	2,956,695
Capital Project Sales Tax 2 Fund	2,500,000
County Debt Fund	4,511,750
County Transportation Committee Fund	12,000,000
Court Mandated Security Fund	2,031,014
E-911 Fund	1,613,960
General Fund	84,663,323
Hospitality Tax Fund	1,900,000
Indian Land Fire Protection District Fund	350,810
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	120,000
Pleasant Valley Fire Protection District Fund	380,293
Victims Services Fund	47,000
State Accommodations Tax Fund	224,250
Stormwater Fund	2,752,975
Van Wyck Fire Protection District Fund	155,520
Capital Project Sales Tax 3 Fund	15,001,500

B. Except as may be otherwise provided in this ordinance, the appropriations contained in subsection A of this section are maximum and conditional, and are subject to reduction by action of County Council if the County's revenues fail to be sufficient to pay the appropriation, to the end that the expenditures of the County for FY 2023-24 shall not exceed its revenues and available carry forward funds.

C. Monies appropriated in this ordinance must be expended in compliance with policies adopted by Council or, at Council's direction, as formulated and implemented by the County, either existing or adopted subsequent to this ordinance.

D. The detailed operating budget for the County, as contained in the Annual Financial Plan, is incorporated into this ordinance by reference as if it were set out in this ordinance in its entirety and it is adopted and approved as the detailed budget for Lancaster County.

E. 1. Certain monies are to be received by the County in the form of federal, state and local grants from non-county sources for specified public purposes and these monies, including any match, are budgeted for the specified public purpose upon the acceptance of the monies by majority vote of Council.

2. Donations received by the County from non-county sources for specified public purposes are budgeted for the specified public purpose.

3. The County may enter into a “lease financing agreement” to purchase capital items and the monies from these other financing sources and uses are budgeted upon approval by Council.

4. Budget amounts for encumbrances from the prior year will be automatically rolled forward and made as additions to the adopted budget.

5. Holiday supplements are approved as budgeted and will be given to each employee who meets the requirements in a one-time, lump sum amount. All permanent, full-time employees who are actively working with Lancaster County for at least three months and who have a start date on or before July 1, 2023 will be eligible to receive a supplement in the amount of \$500. All permanent, part-time employees who are actively working with Lancaster County with a start date on or before July 1, 2023 will receive a supplement in the amount of \$250.

Section 3. Tax Levy.

A. The County Auditor shall levy, and the County Treasurer shall collect, ad valorem taxes based on the following millage rates, which reflect the sales tax rollback factor:

General Fund	88.6
Capital Improvement Fund	5.30
County Debt	6.90
USC-L	4.60

B. The County Auditor shall levy, and the County Treasurer shall collect, ad valorem taxes based on millage imposed pursuant to Section 6-1-320(B):

Courthouse Fire – New Security Requirements	3.80
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The millage imposed pursuant to this subsection is imposed to address funding needs arising from the courthouse fire and solicitor’s office fire, both of which Council determines are catastrophic events within the scope of Section 6-1-320(B), and to comply with the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated September 12, 2008 requiring the County to provide security for all County buildings housing court operations and records.

Section 4. Fee Schedule.

For FY 2023-24, the taxes, fees and charges for the County are set at the levels provided in the Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges, attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A which is incorporated into this ordinance by reference as if it were set out in this ordinance in its entirety and it is adopted and approved for use in FY 2023-24.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon Third Reading.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, this 26th day of June, 2023

Ordinance No. 2023-1849

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Steve Harper, Chair, County Council

Billy Mosteller, Secretary, County Council

ATTEST:

Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

1 st reading:	May 22, 2023
2 nd reading:	June 12, 2023
3 rd reading:	June 26, 2023
Public Hearing:	June 12, 2023

Approved as to form:

County Attorney

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