

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



## ORDINANCE REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE

October 27, 2015  
3:00 PM  
Legal Department Conference Room

*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

Ms. Dixon called the meeting to order at approximately 3:32 PM

**An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site and Performance Standards; Section 26-173, Off-Street Parking Standards; Subsection (F), Parking of Recreational Vehicles, Boats, and Travel Trailers; so as to add utility trailers**

Mr. Malinowski moved to eliminate the above-referenced ordinance due to this being a private matter that should be dealt with by individual communities or homeowners groups.

Ms. Dixon inquired of legal, how the elimination of the ordinance will affect the communities that do not have an active HOA or Management company.

Ms. McLean stated the County will have no right to go in and help them since the County will no longer be regulating off-street parking standards. If the communities do not have deed restrictions or covenants as a part of their subdivision then they can park wherever they want unless it is in violation of another County ordinance.

Ms. McLean stated if there is a safety issue then the resident would need to contact the Sheriff's Department and let them know there is a vehicle blocking the driveway, right-of-way, etc.

Presently the County's Code Enforcement officers enforce this matter.

Ms. McLean inquired at to what kinds of complaints are received regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Price stated the majority of the complaints deal with not wanting the trailers, boats, etc. visible in the front yards.

Ms. Linder stated she needs to research the amendment to Section 17-10(a)(4) to insure consistency with deletion of the above-referenced ordinance.

### Committee Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair  
Bill Malinowski

### Others Present:

Sparty Hammett  
Geo Price  
Amelia Linder  
Elizabeth McLean  
Michelle Onley

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Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**In suburbs or subdivision the maximum height for grass should be 12 inches similar to the City of Columbia, Richland County has one of the tallest height in the Midlands of 24 inches [JACKSON]** – Mr. Hammett stated this already takes a lot of code enforcement's time. The owners are usually out-of-state and Public Works ends up cutting the grass.

Ms. McLean stated a lien cannot be placed on the property for these services and ultimately the County foots the bill for mowing the grass.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to defer this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Citizens' Input and Public Hearing Sign-In Sheets [REFERRED FROM RULES & APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE]** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to move and oppose up to the top of the Public Hearing form and move the boxes to check up to the top on the Citizens' Input form. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Music Festival Commission [REFERRED FROM RULES & APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE]** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to defer until the Legal Department can provided additional information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**The next meeting will be held November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.

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