

# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



### ORDINANCE REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE

March 24, 2015  
2:00 PM  
Admin 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 2:01 PM

#### ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to elect Ms. Dixon as Chair by acclamation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 18, Offenses; Section 18-3, Noise; so as to limit noise in the unincorporated areas of Richland County**

Mr. Harley stated Councilman Rose made a motion to amend the ordinance to strengthen the language regarding enforcement of the noise ordinance.

Ms. Linder stated the matter came to Mr. Rose attention due to a citizen complaint about a business abutting a residential area. The business existed prior to the residential area, but the citizen felt the air conditioning noise was intrusive when it runs at night.

Major Cowan stated the Sheriff's Department has an issue with fireworks. One of the major "sticking points" is that the Sheriff's Department has no way of measuring decibel levels.

Mr. Rush is concerned with the language being too restrictive.

Major Cowan stated the Sheriff's Department currently responds to hundreds of calls on holidays, but there is nothing that the Sherriff's Department can presently do when they respond.

Mr. Malinowski suggested implementing the ordinance according to zoning classifications.

Mr. Rush inquired about the penalties associated with the ordinance. Major Cowan stated the penalty will be a misdemeanor County citation.

#### Committee Members Present

Julie-Ann Dixon, Chair  
Torrey Rush  
Bill Malinowski  
Seth Rose

#### Others Present:

Warren Harley  
Larry Smith  
Geo Price  
Amelia Linder  
Chris Cowan  
Monique McDaniels  
Michelle Onley

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Ms. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Rush, to table this in committee and have the Sheriff's Department, Planning, and Committee members submit proposed changes to Ms. Linder. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**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 inquired as to what is considered a residentially zoned lot. Residentially zoned would include the RS and RM zoning designations.

Ms. Dixon suggested that if camping and/or travel vehicles are parked in the front or side yard they must be covered.

Mr. Malinowski suggested including the language "does not infringe on the sidewalk, gutter or curb area."

Mr. Price suggested contacting the Ombudsman's Office to determine how many complaints have been received regarding boats.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to table this item in committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:39 PM.

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