

CITY OF MULLINS

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City Council Meeting Raymond Pridgen Auditorium Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Miko Pickett
Pledge of Allegiance: Member of Council
Invocation: Mullins Ministerial Alliance
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - (a) Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2025 - City Council Meeting
 - (b) Approval of Minutes - Approval of Monthly Bills
4. **Old Business:**
 - (a) Final Reading Ordinance #25-003, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-328 MULLINS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2 – ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2.04 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES".
5. **New Business:**
 - (a) Proclamation – Kennis Goodman, Mullins Hero saved lives in Columbia, SC
 - (b) First Reading Ordinance #25-004, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #08-262, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ANIMAL CONTROL" - TABLE
 - (c) Resolution #20-005, ADOPTING THE 2024 PEE DEE REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
 - (d) First Reading Ordinance #20-006, "AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUNSECTION 5.30 – MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS"
 - (e) First Reading Ordinance #2025-007, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8.08.30 – BURNING PRHIBITED TO OPEN BURNING / BURNING PROHIBITED"
 - (f) Resolution # 2025-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MULLINS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO SUPPORT EMERGING AND EXISTING BUSINESSES"

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

- 5. Administrative Report:** City Administrator Holly Jackson
 - (a) Northeast Mullins Drainage Project
 - (b) Request for Delegation Support – Letter Attached
 - (c) Department Reports
- 6. Mayor Reports:**
- 7. Comments:**
 - (a) Kiersten White – Trinity Behavioral
- 8. Adjournment:**

**Minutes
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

The special meeting of the Mullins City Council was held Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Mayor Miko Pickett and Members of City Council, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn Wilson, Council Members: Albert Woodberry, Eddie Kitchen, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Terry Davis, Luke Gasque, City Administrator Holly Jackson, Clerk Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Spencer Jordan, Mary White, Bobby Thompson, Cynthia Ford, Mike Hartson, Pam Anderson, Michelle Brewton-Smith, Ronda Bain, Maxine White, Barbara Legette, Domonique Pickette, and many others.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Mayor Miko Pickett called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Council Member Luke Gasque gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary White gave the invocation.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Mayor Miko Pickett the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the City Council meeting for January 14, 2025.

3. Consent Agenda:

- (a) Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2024 – Special City Council Meeting
- (b) Approval of Minutes - Approval of Monthly Bills

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Terry Davis seconded the motion.

4. New Business:

- (a) CDBG Grant Presentation – Curtis Richardson

Mayor Miko Pickett recognized Ogleretta White for the CDBG check presentation in the amount of \$567,000.00

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- (b) RIA Grant Presentation (Mullins Housing Authority Flooding Alleviation Project – City Administrator Holly Jackson)

Council Member Holly Jackson stated the City has been awarded \$1.5 million in grant money for flooding at Mullins Housing Authority.

- (c) 2025 Council Meeting Calendar

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to accept the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded the motion. The calendar was approved.

- (d) Committee Appointments

Mayor Miko Pickett noted the committee appointments.

- (e) Mayor Pro Tem Election

Council Member Kindra Brewton-Pompey nominated Carolyn Wilson for Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded. Council Member Carolyn Wilson was elected to Mayor Pro Tem.

- (f) Risk Management Resolution #25-001

Mayor Miko Pickett explained Risk Management Resolution #25-001.

- (g) First Reading Ordinance #25-002, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TIME FOR MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS".

Ordinance #25-002, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TIME FOR MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS" WAS TABLED.

- (h) First Reading Ordinance #25-003, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-328 MULLINS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2 – ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2.04 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES".

Council Member Luke Gasque made a motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance #25-003, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ADMINISTRATION,

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CHAPTER 2.04 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES". Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson seconded the motion.

5. Administrative Report: City Administrator Holly Jackson

Mayor Miko Pickett recognized City Administrator Holly Jackson. Attached is a copy of Jackson's report.

6. Mayor Reports

Mayor Miko Pickett noted the following:

- Façade grants
- Monthly newsletter
- PDRTA bus – Stop will be added to Little Pee Dee Manor
- Mullins Ministerial Alliance
- Workforce Housing
- Russell Fry will be in Mullins on January 23rd
- Next City Council Meeting will be held on February 11th at 6:00 PM

7. Comments:

There were no comments.

8. Adjournment:

Council Member Terry Davis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Eddie Kitchen seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Miko Pickett

ATTEST:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

Ordinance Number 25-003

**TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-328
MULLINS MUNICIPAL CODE
Title 2 – Administration
Chapter 2.04 Appointment of Committees**

The following amendments to the Mullins Municipal Code Ordinance Title 2 Administration and Personnel Chapter 2.04.130 Appointment of Committees

Amend Section 2.4-130 Appointment of Committees: The Mayor shall appoint all Committees and especially a standing committee of Administration, Building Code, Public Works, Police, Fire, Recreation, Court, and Museum.

Please noted the following changes:

- Finance – Administration
- Street/Sanitation – Public Works
- Court, Museum & Building Code – New committees by Ordinance

This amendment shall be effective upon the Final Reading by City Council.

Mayor Miko Pickett

City Council

Attest:

City Attorney

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

Robert H. Corley

1st Reading: 1-14-2025

Final Reading: 2-11-2025

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WHEREAS, Kennis is the son of Ollice “Steve” & Dianne Goodman and the father of Kaylin M. Goodman; and

WHEREAS, Kennis graduated from Mullins High School in 2008. Kennis continued his education at South Carolina State University where he graduated Cum Maude in 2014. He continued his studies at Winthrop University; and

WHEREAS, Kennis is a veteran from the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025 Kennis acted heroically and risked his life to save others from an attacker in Columbia, South Carolina. Kennis was willing to lose his life that day to saves others. Kennis stated “God gave me a chance to prove myself”.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mullins, on behalf of the Mullins City Council and all citizens hereof, I do hereby proclaim February 11, 2025, as:

“Kennis Goodman Day”

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mullins to be affixed this 11th day of February 2025.

Miko Pickett
Mayor

Attest:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-004

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-262 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ANIMAL CONTROL:

- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS AND/OR CATS PER RESIDENCE (g)
- DOMESTIC FOWL – SECTION 6.04.010 (1)
- REGISTERING DANGEROUS ANIMALS – SECTION 6.01.130 (e)
- ENFORCEMENT / FINES – SECTION 6.01.180 (6)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY OF MULLINS

Resolution #25-005

ADOPTING THE 2024 PEE DEE REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, an amendment to the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, local governments are required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan to guide local governments through a post disaster recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Emergency Management Department contributed to the development of the Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan written by the Pee Dee Council of Government to include hazard mitigation goals and actions; and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require that local government adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funds that may be allocated for use by local governments to implement actions that are included in the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Mullins South Carolina, the Mullins City Council, that the Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby approved and adopted this date, January 29, 2025

Mayor Miki Pickett

Attest: _____

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

ORDINANCE # 2025-06

"AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION 5.30 - MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS"

Chapter 5.30 – Mobile Food Vending

Section 5.30.20 through Section 5.30.900 – Reserved

Section 5.30.10 – Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Mobile food vendor is defined as any person selling food from a mobile vehicle.

Mobile food vendor vehicle is defined as any motorized vehicle that is used for the preparation or the sale of food products or both.

Section 5.30.20 – General Requirements.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as a mobile food vendor within the City of Mullins without first obtaining all necessary approvals by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Department of Revenue, or any other applicable state agency, a City business license, and a mobile food vendor license. Upon being granted a mobile food vendor license, the vendor must comply with the affirmative mandates and must not violate the prohibitions regarding sales, operations, locations and restrictions contained in this chapter.

(b) At the time of application for a mobile food vendor license, the mobile food vendor must provide proof of general liability to operations of the vehicle as a motor vehicle and the conduct of the business in amounts reasonably determined by the Business Department or his designee. This insurance must be maintained for as long as the mobile food vendor is in operation.

(c) Each licensed mobile food vendor must maintain, for patrons' use, a litter receptacle of sufficient size to accept the litter being generated by the sales from the vendor's vehicle at the point of sales. The receptacle must be maintained in such manner as to preclude an overflow of refuse. Each vendor shall pick up litter which is associated with the vendor's sales in the vicinity of the vendor's mobile food vehicle prior to departing a sales location.

(d) Mobile food vendors shall be limited to the sale of edibles and beverages. The selling of nonfood or drink items shall be limited to merchandise displaying the mobile food vendor company logo and/or branding.

(e) All mobile food vendors shall prominently display the original SCDA food inspection report that shows a posted grade, unless exempt.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person to operated or work for a mobile food vendor who has ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude.

Section 5.30.03 – Mobile Food Vendor License Application.

Applicants for a mobile food vendor license shall file with the Business License Department an application furnished by the Business Department or designee, which shall give the following information:

(a) SLED background checks for the applicant, if an individual, and for all persons working for the applicant.

(b) The names, permanent addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of the applicant and all persons working for the applicant.

(c) A description of the applicant's mobile food vendor vehicle and a copy of the vehicle registration.

(d) A brief description of the nature of the business and goods to be sold.

(e) For each person that will be driving the mobile food vendor vehicle , a ten year driving record for the SCDMV or comparable state agency of any state said person has lived in for the past 10 years.

(f) Such other relevant information as may reasonably acquired by the Business License Department or designee after a review of the submission of the above material in order to ensure a full review of information needed to assess the impact of the proposed operation on the health, safety; and well-being of the public.

Section 5.30.04 – Submitting False Information

It is unlawful for any person to provide any false or misleading information in connection with an application for a permit required by this chapter or to withhold relevant information otherwise required.

Section 5.30.05 – Mobile Food Vendor License Decals

Each applicant, upon being issued a Mobile Food Vendor License under this chapter, shall also be issued decal, which the vendor must display on the front right windshield's lower corner, or at such location as the Business License Department of designee shall approve in writing. The license and decal are issued to a specific vendor for a specific vehicle. No vendor may transfer a license or decal to another vehicle owned or controlled by the same vendor. In the event the vendor acquires during a calendar year a replacement vehicle to serve the same purpose as the vehicle for which the City issued a license and decal; then a replacement license and decal shall be issued and the original license and decal shall become null and void and must be returned to the City prior to the issuance of replacements.

Section 5.30.06 – Mobile Food Vendor License Fees.

There shall be due at the time of the application for a Mobile Food Vendor License in an amount set by the Business License Department or designee in a schedule of fees. When the annual license expires on April 30th of any given year, the fee shall also be due upon the applicant submitting a renewal application.

Section 5.30-07 – Records

The Business License Department or designee shall keep a permanent record of all licenses issued under this chapter.

Section 5.30.08 – Term.

Every permit is issued under the provisions of this article shall expire on April 30th of each year.

Section 5.30.09 – Mobile Food Vendors on Public Property.

It shall be unlawful for any mobile food vendor to operate on and City owned property or public property including, but not limited to public streets, parks, trails, and sidewalks, except for areas of public property that shall be specifically authorized for mobile food vending by the Business License Department or designee. The Business License Department or designee may also authorize specific dates and times, rules, and regulations for the operation of mobile food vendors in specifically authorized areas of public property that must be adhered to by all mobile food vendors operating in said areas.

Section 5.30.110 – General Maintenance Requirements for Mobile Food Vendor Vehicles.

- (a) All exterior body work and mechanical equipment shall be maintained in good and clean condition and free of excessive wear or damage.
- (b) All exterior paint work shall be in good condition,, free of substantial scratches, chips, rust, dents, and abrasions.
- (c) All windshield and window glass shall be maintained free from cracks, scratches, pitting, abrasions, or any other conditions that may cause a hazard or reduce clarity of vision below the level specified by the manufacturer.
- (d) All interior equipment and food service equipment shall be kept in proper repair and sanitary conditions at all times.
- (e) The Business License Department or designee may prohibit the operation of any mobile food vendor vehicle with any other type of damage or condition that may pose public health hazard.

Section 5.30.120 – Inspections.

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as limiting or replacing the role of DHEC, which has the primary task of inspecting mobile food vendors.

(b) The Business License Department or designee shall have the right, at any time, after displaying proper identification, to enter into or upon any mobile food vendor vehicle for the purpose of whether or not any of the provisions of this chapter are being violated.

(c) Any mobile food vendor vehicle which is found, after any inspection, to be unsafe or in any way not compliant with this article may be directed to be out of operation until the cited deficiency is corrected, and before again being placed in service shall be delivered to the Business License Department or designee at a designated point for re-inspection.

Section 5.30.130 – Public Nuisance

The operation for a mobile food vendor business in violation of this chapter shall constitute a public nuisance.

Section 5.30.140 – Violations.

Any person in violation of this chapter shall be guilty of an ordinance violation, and upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of an ordinance violation, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in accordance with Section 1-12 of the City of Mullins Code of Ordinances. The Business License Department or designee may also suspend or revoke the mobile food vendor license and/or business license of any person operating a mobile food vendor business in violation of this chapter.

Section 5.30.150 – Section 5.30.190 – Reserved.

Mayor Miko Pickett

City Council

First Reading: 2-11-2025

Final Reading: 3-11-2025

ATTEST:

City Attorney:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

Robert H. Corley

ORDINANCE #2025-7
“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8.08.30 – BURNING PROHIBITED TO
OPEN BURNING / BURNING PROHIBITED
EXCLUDING THE BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Mullins Fire & Rescue Department is a division of the City of Mullins and the Marion County Emergency Services Department. The Mullins Fire & Rescue Department is charged with enforcing the provisions of governing fire codes, as promulgated in Section 23-9-30 of South Carolina State Law and Title/Chapter 8 of the City of Mullins Code of Ordinances in the Mullins Fire & Rescue response area in Marion County. Mullins Fire & Rescue ensures compliance with governing building and fire codes through education, inspection, and enforcement.

1. Purpose:

Each year illegal or unprescribed burns contribute to increased fire calls and emergency responses. These responses can often result in loss of life, property, and property damage. In addition, aid in hiding unnecessary pollutants and carcinogens to the air thereby stressing the environment for the residents of the City of Mullins. This ordinance is designed to inform contractors and residents of the rules of safety regulations concerning open burning in the City of Mullins. To prevent, abate, and control air pollution from air contaminants released by the open burning of refuse or other combustible materials in making efforts to improve the living conditions and overall quality of life for the citizens of Mullins.

2. Application:

This ordinance shall apply to all operations involving open burning, except those specifically exempted in this chapter.

3. Definitions:

(a) Clean Wood – natural wood charcoal, natural wood or cull cut lumber which has not been painted, varnished, or coated with similar material; has not been pressure treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products; provided however, commercially available fireplace logs, starter logs, and similar products are also considered clean wood.

(b) Construction and demolition waster – building waste materials, including but not limited to waste shingles, insulation, wood to which any protective coating, chemical treatment or fixative has been applied, or in any nail, tack, or similar fixative is embedded, wiring, plastics, packaging, and rubble that results from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on a house, commercial, or industrial building or other structure.

(c) Cull lumber – construction lumber which has not been treated, had any varnish, paint, resin, glue, or other fixative applied to its surface, and has not nails or tacks. Cull lumber specifically does not include press wood, plywood, composite wood, or similar wood-based products.

(d) Fire Chief – the Chief of the Mullins Fire & Rescue Department, or any other person designated by the Fire Chief.

(e) Open burning – kindling or maintaining a fire where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack, chimney, or filtering system. This includes burning areas which are self-contained, such as burn barrels, in ground or above ground burn pits, or fire rings of masonry or metal construction, patio wood burning units or other similar contrivances, as well as non-area contained campfires.

(f) Patio wood-burning unit – chiminea, patio warmer, or other portable wood-burning device used for outdoor recreation and/or heating.

(g) Recreational fire – the burning of clean wood and wood charcoal contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill, masonry or metal fire pit, or ring for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, or similar purposes, bonfires

(h) Refuse – anything that can be fuel or fire other than clean wood or cull lumber, and includes cardboard, paper or plastic rubbish, debris or trash, and any putrid, unhealthy or unwholesome part of any animal, broken furniture, or waste material.

(i) Yard waste – all trees, all shrubbery, hedge trimmings, leaves and limbs, yard cleanings, and other similar items which are not cultivated nor cared for by persons owning or controlling the premises.

4. General Prohibitions.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to engage in open burning in the City of Mullins unless the burning is specifically permitted by this article, or under the International Fire Code.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a person to engage in the open burning of refuse and yard waste in the City of Mullins. The City of Mullins provides yard waste collection services.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a person to engage in the open burning of construction and demolition waste on a job site in the City of Mullins; provided however, cull lumber which has not been treated, painted, glued, or had resin applied, and contains no nails, tacks or other fixatives, may be burned only if Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regulations are followed.

5. Permissible Burning, generally:

While recognizing that open burning contributes to air pollution, the City of Mullins is aware that certain types of open burning may be reasonably allowed in the public interest; therefore, the following types of open burning are permissible as specified. If burning is not prohibited by ordinances and regulations of governmental entities having jurisdiction, if atmospheric conditions or local circumstances do not warrant or deem open burning hazardous, and the burn meets the requirements of the International Fire Code - NO PERSON shall kindle or maintain any open fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private property, or in any public ground, without a permit or other proper authorization/ Open burning is allowed, without a permit, for the following

circumstances: decorative, cooking and/or heating on private property. The diameter of the decorative, cooking and/or heating surface shall not be greater than four feet (48 inches). Natural vegetation (i.e., firewood), liquid propane, natural gas, or charcoal is the only allowable fuel source. During construction or demolition of buildings or structures, no waste materials or rubbish shall be disposed of by burning on the premises or in the immediate vicinity.

Open Burning, Recreational Fires, Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

(a) **General.** A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with the City of Mullins Code of Ordinances, International Fire Codes, and the Department of Environmental Control (DHEC) where applicable, and any other codes or standards set forth by any other governmental agency or bureau that may be appropriate for the situation.

(b) **Prohibited open burning.** Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous. Exception: prescribes burning for the purpose of reducing the impact of wildland fire when authorized by the fire code official.

(c) **Nature of material being burned.** Open burning is limited to natural and ordinary combustible materials. The burning of heavy smoke producing materials, including leaves, limbs, and yard debris is prohibited. The City of Mullins provides curb side pick-up services for this type of rubbish. No processed or demolition debris or construction products (wood, plastic, vinyl, or shingles) shall be burned.

(d) **Meteorological conditions.** Open burning shall not be initiated until at least one (1) hour after sunrise and shall be extinguished at least two (2) hours prior to sunset. Burning shall be restricted to periods when surface wind is less than 15 m.p.h.

(e) **Open burning near airports.** All burning operations within one (1) mile of an airport must obtain approval from the airport authority. The fire code official reserves the right to request such approval in writing.

(f) **Commercial open burning operations.** Commercial open burning is defined as burning conducted on a commercial property, not including agricultural open burning. All open commercial open burning permits will be required to have an air curtain destructor and pit.

(g) **Agricultural open burning operations.** Agricultural burning is defined as the burning of vegetation such as grass, woody species, crop residue, and other dry plant growth for agricultural purposes.

(h) **Residential open burning operations.** Residential open burning is defined as burning land clearance materials on one (1) or two (2) family residential property.

6. Locations and Distance:

The location for open burning shall not be less than the distances specified in this section for the type of open burn being conducted.

(a) Residential open burning. The location for residential open burning shall not be less than one hundred (100) feet from any structure, vehicle, fence, or public roadway. The open burning shall not be within two hundred (200) feet of any structure which is not on the same property. **Exception:** Fires in approved containers that are not less than thirty (30) feet from a structure or public roadway; and not less than one hundred (100) from any structure which is not on the same property.

(b) Commercial open burning. The location for commercial burning shall not be less than five hundred (500) feet from any structure or public roadway, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within five hundred (500) feet from any structure or public roadway.

(c) Agricultural open burning. The location for any agricultural open burning shall not be less than two hundred (200) feet from any structure or public roadway, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within two hundred (200) feet of any structure or roadway. **Exception:** Where it is not feasible to maintain agricultural burning two hundred (200) feet from public roadways or structures on the same property, the fire code official shall have the authority to reduce setback requirements for special cases after verifying that adequate safety measures have been met and controls in place.

(d) Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within fifty (50) feet of a structure, public road or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within fifty (50) feet of a structure, public road or combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Bonfire dimensions shall not exceed six (6) feet in diameter and six (6) feet in height.

(e) Recreational fire. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure or combustible material shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

(f) Portable outdoor fireplaces and fire pits. Portable outdoor fireplaces and fire pits shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated on a combustible deck or within fifteen (15) feet of a structure or combustible material. **Exception:** portable outdoor fireplaces and fire pits used at one-and two- family dwellings shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(g) Attendance. Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires, and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of (1) portable

fire extinguisher complying with section 906 of the International Fire Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization

7. Right of entry and inspection:

The fire chief or any authorized officer, agent, employee or representative of the municipality, who presents credentials may inspect any of the grounds or property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, and such entry and inspection shall be in compliance with state and local law regarding code inspections.

8. Enforcement and penalties:

Permits. Permits are required to conduct open burning within the City of Mullins and must be obtained from the fire code official. These include but are not limited to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by, and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled. Permits may be applied for at Mullins City Hall. At least twenty-four (24) hours' notice is required for all permits to allow ample time for notification of the fire official and allow scheduling for inspection of the location the open burn will be conducted, and permit issued upon fire official approval.

Exception: Permits are not required for recreational fires or portable outdoor fireplaces used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Fires exempt from permits must still comply with all safety requirements of this ordinance and the International Fire Code.

Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulation, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority (DHEC), provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed. Approvals from (DHEC) will be included with the burn permit application where applicable.

Permit validity. Open burn permits have an operational period of up to three (3) days as noted on the permit unless restricted by state or local authorities. Permits shall not be transferable. Any permission granted in this section will be subject to continued review and may be withdrawn at any time. The fire code official for the city of Mullins will issue all permits for open burning in the city limits and may place conditions and limitations on the permit to protect the public. No permit will be issued for the burning of yard waste, the city provides for the collection of yard debris. Burning for the purpose of clearing land shall be prohibited.

9. Compliance with all laws:

The authority to conduct open burning under the provisions of this ordinance does not exempt or excuse any person from the consequences, damages, or injuries which may result from such conduct, nor does it excuse or exempt any person from complying with all applicable laws,

ordinances, regulations and orders of the governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the open burning is conducted in compliance with this ordinance.

10. Enforcement and penalties:

The Fire Chief is authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by immediate extinguishment of any open burning that negatively impacts public health, safety, or welfare, or that is not in compliance, or at his/or her discretion, and to issue ordinance summons for violations. The fire code official will act as the extinguishment authority. When open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation. If the responsible party refuses or is non-compliant with the fire code official's order, law enforcement will be notified to respond to the location, and issue the appropriate fines or penalties set forth in the City of Mullins Municipal Code.

Mayor Miko Pickett

Council Members

1st Reading: 2-11-2025
Final Reading: 3-11-2025

ATTEST:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

Robert H. Corley, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MULLINS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO SUPPORT EMERGING AND EXISTING BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Mullins is committed to fostering economic development and supporting both emerging and existing businesses within the community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) to provide technical assistance, training, and other financial support to businesses in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mullins, through its Mayor and City Council, seeks to apply for RBDG funding to aid in assisting local businesses in their growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator, Holly Jackson, will oversee the financial and administrative oversight of the grant to ensure compliance with USDA regulations and responsible stewardship of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Special Projects Coordinator and Mullins Downtown Manager, Ogleretta White, will manage the project, implement approved activities, and ensure the successful execution of the grant-funded initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mullins recognizes the importance of securing financial resources to bolster economic opportunities, create jobs, and enhance the overall business environment within the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Mullins, duly assembled, as follows:

1. The City of Mullins authorizes the application for the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) through the USDA to support emerging and existing businesses.
2. Mayor Miko Pickett, on behalf of the City of Mullins, is authorized to execute and submit the necessary applications, agreements, and supporting documents as required for the grant.
3. City Administrator Holly Jackson is designated to oversee financial management and compliance with grant requirements.
4. Special Projects Coordinator and Mullins Downtown Manager, Ogleretta White, is authorized to manage the project activities, ensure proper implementation, and provide necessary reporting.
5. The City of Mullins commits to the responsible administration of grant funds and adherence to all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2025, by the City Council of the City of Mullins, South Carolina.

Mayor Miko Pickett

City Council Members

City Administrator, Holly Jackson

Attest:

Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

Robert H. Corley, City Attorney

Committee	Year	Council	Chairman
Building Code	2025	Albert Woodberry	
Building Code	2025	Ed Kitchen	
Building Code	2025	Terry Davis	Y
Court	2025	Ed Kitchen	Y
Court	2025	Terry Davis	
Court	2025	Luke Gasque	
Finance (Administration)	2025	Terry Davis	
Finance (Administration)	2025	Luke Gasque	Y
Finance (Administration)	2025	Miko Pickett, Mayor	
Fire	2025	Carolyn Wilson	Y
Fire	2025	Kindra Pompey	
Fire	2025	Luke Gasque	
Museum	2025	Albert Woodberry	
Museum	2025	Kindra Pompey	Y
Museum	2025	Terry Davis	
Police	2025	Carolyn Wilson	Y
Police	2025	Kindra Pompey	
Police	2025	Luke Gasque	
Public Works	2025	Albert Woodberry	
Public Works	2025	Ed Kitchen	
Public Works	2025	Terry Davis	Y
Recreation	2025	Albert Woodberry	Y
Recreation	2025	Carolyn Wilson	
Recreation	2025	Ed Kitchen	

Zoning Board

1	Jean Marie Buffmoyer	
2	Virgina Ellerbe	V Chair
3	Cheryl Bailey	
4	Ross Gerald	
5	Graylin Howard (?)	
6	Monica Ellerbe (?)	
Mayor	Roosevelt Stackhouse	Chair

Planning Board

1	Helga Floyd	Chair
2	Edla Vaughn	
3	Bobby Thompson	
4	Carolyn White	V Chair
5	Bo McMillian	
6	Leslie P Godbolt	
Mayor	Zerrane White	



MONTHLY SUMMARY

A total of 16 permit applications were processed in January.

\$280.770.00 Projects Value submitted and approved in the month of January.

\$1451.00 Total Building Fees collected for the month of January.

Commercial Applications

Building Permits 2

Residential Applications

Building Permits 15

Residential Demo 1

Commercial Demo 0

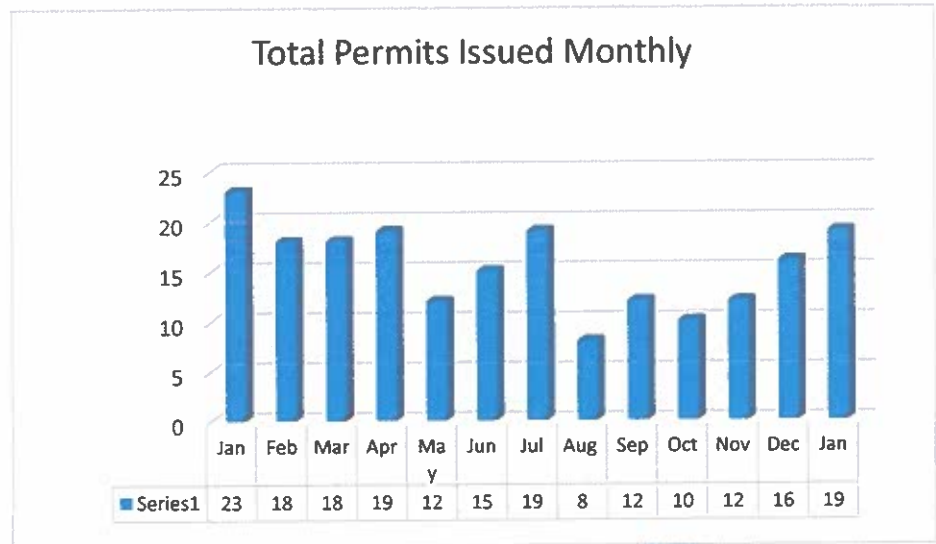
Mobile Home Park

Setup 0

Building Permits 0

MEP Permits 0

Pools 0



Projects or Programs

1. One New homes under construction.
2. One Duplex under construction.
3. One church in planning stage.
4. One commercial renovation (Continuation)
5. Several residential renovation, additions or repairs
6. Vacant Property notification (Ongoing)
7. 25 Properties identified for Demolition Grant. Grant approved. Deed Search to commence
8. 81 Homes identified and processing. (Unfit)
9. Asbestos Abatement program – DHEC requiring additional certifications to perform demolition activities. Awaiting school availability.

Code Violations

1. Seven Code Violations Cited – Pending corrections or further sanctions.
2. Two (2) "Stop Work" orders – Pending corrections.

January 2025



Administration

Research for February walking tour.

We were awarded litter grant.

Metadata for 1936-1945 meeting minutes 70% completed.

Application for Nazarene Baptist Church completed.

Photo selection for three traffic cabinets completed.

Building Maintenance

Anderson Brother Bank and Quality Flooring have committed to a complete remodel of the Mullins Room.

Gift Shop/donations

January donations and gift shop sales of \$169.

Publicity/Media/Outreach/Programs

Created timeline of events for SC250 Committee.

Visitors

We had 63 visitors in January.

Coming in February:

An evening with Professor Felton Eaddy @ City Hall on February 21st at 5:30 pm

Black History Month Walking Tour on February 27th at 5:30 pm

Black History Month events February 4 - Jackie's on Main; February 12 - High School; February 14 - Palmetto Middle;

February 20 - North Mullins Primary (3 programs).

Tobacco Board Annual Meeting February 25th.

SC250 meeting February 11th.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bain

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Prof. Felton Eaddy's

IF I HOLD MY TONGUE

POEMS, SONGS, SAYINGS,
& POETRY MASH-UP

...accompanied by whistles, drums, shakere, rain stick & kalimba.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Friday, February 21, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium

151 E. Front Street, Mullins

Call 843-464-8194 for more info

It Happened in Mullins

A Walking Tour

As part of this guided Walking Tour of Downtown, designed to commemorate Black History Month, you will explore locations that continue to echo the injustices, challenges, and victories of African American residents in Mullins.

Sign up: rbain@mullinssc.us or 843-464-8194

Thursday, February 27th @ 5:30 pm

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

