

# CITY OF MULLINS

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

### A G E N D A

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Miko Pickett  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Member of City 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 – February 11, 2025 - City Council Meeting
  - (b) Approval of Minutes - Approval of Monthly Bills
4. **Old Business:**
  - (a) First Reading of Ordinance # 25-003, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #12-328 MULLINS MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2 – ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2.04.130 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
  - (b) First Reading Ordinance #5-004, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #08-262, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ANIMAL CONTROL" – TABLE
  - (c) Final Reading Ordinance #20-006, "AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION 5.30 – MOBILE FOOD VENDING TO BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS"
  - (d) First Reading Ordinance #2025-007, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8.08.30 – BURNING PROHIBITED TO OPEN BURNING / BURNING PROHIBITED"
  - (e) 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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**5. New Business:**

- (a) Resolution # 2025-009, "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH"
- (b) Resolution #2025-10, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 PEE DEE REGIONAL HAZARD"
- (c) First Reading of Ordinance # 2025-11, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MULLINS TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020."

**6. Executive Session:**

- (a) HTC - Contractual
- (b) Pee Dee Community Action - Contractual
- (c) Phillips Foundation - Contractual

**7. Return to Open Session:**

**8. Special Business:**

**9. Administrative :** City Administrator Holly Jackson

**10. Mayor's Report:**

**11. Comments:**

- (a) Pee Dee Coalition - Michelle Brewton-Smith

**12. Adjournment:**

**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.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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City Council

Attest:

City Attorney

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Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

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Robert H. Corley

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1-14-2025

Final Reading: 2-11-2025

**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)**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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City Council

First Reading: 2-11-2025

Final Reading: 3-11-2025

ATTEST:

City Attorney:

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**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, barbecue 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.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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Council Members

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2-11-2025

Final Reading: 3-11-2025

ATTEST:

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Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

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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.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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City Council Members

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City Administrator, Holly Jackson

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## RESOLUTION#2025-09 FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION APRIL 2025

**WHEREAS,** the City of Mullins desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Mullins rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1998; and

**WHEREAS,** April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Mullins does designate April as Fair Housing Month.

Adopted this 11th day of March, 2025 by Mayor and City Council.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CITY OF MULLINS  
RESOLUTION # 2025-10**

**ADOPTING THE 2025 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 Mullins, South Carolina, the Mullins City Council, that the Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby approved and adopted this date, 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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## ORDINANCE # 2025-11

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MULLINS TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mullins (the "Municipality") is authorized by S.C. Code Section 5-7-30 and Title 6, Chapter 1, Article 3 to impose a business license tax on gross income;

**WHEREAS**, by Act No. 176 of 2020, known as the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act and codified at S.C. Code Sections 6-1-400 to -420 (the "Standardization Act"), the South Carolina General Assembly imposed additional requirements and conditions on the administration of business license taxes;

**WHEREAS**, the Standardization Act requires that by December thirty-first of every odd year, each municipality levying a business license tax must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule as recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (the "Association") and adopted by the Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office;

**WHEREAS**, following the enactment of the Standardization Act, the Municipality enacted Ordinance No. 21-019 on 12/13/2021], in order to comply with the requirements of the Standardization Act (the "Current Business License Ordinance");

**WHEREAS**, the Mullins Council of the Municipality (the "Council") now wishes to amend the Current Business License Ordinance to adopt the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule, as required by the Standardization Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Mullins, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Amendments to Appendix B.** Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Classes 1 through 8 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," are hereby amended and restated as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.
- (b) Class 9 in Appendix B to the Current Business License Ordinance, the "Business License Class Schedule," shall remain in full force and effect as set forth in the Current Business License Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Repealer, Effective Date.** All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby

repealed. This ordinance shall be effective with respect to the business license year beginning on May 1, 2026. **ENACTED IN REGULAR MEETING**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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Mayor Miko Pickett

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City Council

ATTEST:

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Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

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Attorney Robert H. Corley

First reading: 3-11-25

Final reading: 4-8-25

**Exhibit A: Amendment to Classes 1 – 8 in Appendix B of the  
Current Business License Ordinance**

**APPENDIX B**

**Classes 1 – 8: Business License Class Schedule by NAICS Codes**

<b>NAICS Sector/Subsector</b>	<b>Industry Sector</b>	<b>Class</b>
11	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	1
21	Mining	3
22	Utilities	1
31 - 33	Manufacturing	3
42	Wholesale trade	1
44 - 45	Retail trade	1
48 - 49	Transportation and warehousing	2
51	Information	4
52	Finance and insurance	7
53	Real estate and rental and leasing	6
54	Professional, scientific, and technical services	4
55	Management of companies	7
56	Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	3
61	Educational services	3
62	Health care and social assistance	3
71	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	3
721	Accommodation	1
722	Food services and drinking places	2
81	Other services	3
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>Subclasses</b>	
23	Construction	8.1
482	Rail Transportation	8.2
517111	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	8.3
517112	Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite)	8.3
517122	Agents for Wireless Telecommunications Services	8.3
5241	Insurance Carriers	8.4
5242	Insurance Brokers for non-admitted Insurance Carriers	8.4
713120	Amusement Parks and Arcades	8.51
713290	Nonpayout Amusement Machines	8.52
713990	All Other Amusement and Recreational Industries ( pool tables)	8.6

*2025 Class Schedule is based on a three-year average (2019 - 2021) of IRS statistical data.*



**HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT- INDIVIDUAL GRANTOR  
CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, or LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Exchange: DR:V

Location: 2

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that: City of Mullins (hereinafter the "Grantor") the owner(s) of the lands hereinafter described, for good, valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto **Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**, its successors and assigns (hereinafter "Grantee"), at PO Box 1820, Conway, South Carolina, 29528-1820, non-exclusive right-of-way easement 10' feet wide over the lands of the Grantor. Situated in Marion County, South Carolina TMS #0460000195000, and more particularly described as follows:

Being a tract or development known as: Fire Station #35

Grantor's derivation: Deed Book V288 Page 314  
Office of the County Register of Deeds

The Grantor hereby grants and conveys to Grantee, its successors and assigns and any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Grantee, the perpetual right, privilege and authority to enter upon, place, construct, operate, repair, maintain and replace thereon a telecommunications system or systems, lines and equipment, above and/or below ground and to license or otherwise permit the joint use occupancy of such systems, lines and equipment with any other person, firm or corporation for telecommunications purposes, including but not limited to voice, data and video transmission; together with the right to cut and trim trees and shrubbery to extent necessary to keep them clear of said telecommunication lines and facilities.

The Grantor agrees that all lines and other facilities installed by the Grantee on the above-described land shall remain the property of the Grantee, removable at its option.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the rights, privileges, and easement aforesaid unto Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc., its successors and assigns forever. And the Grantor agrees to warrant and forever defend the above granted rights against itself, its successors and assigns and against any other persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has duly executed this agreement the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

GRANTOR:

City of Mullins  
NAME OF GRANTOR

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Its: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> Witness (Can't be Notary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Witness (or Notary)

PROBATE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF MARION )

Personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned  
(Print Non-Notary Witness Name)

witness and made oath that (s)he was present and saw the within named City of Mullins,  
(Print Name of Corporation, Partnership or LLC)

by the hand of \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_, the  
(Print Name of Individual) (Print Title)

within Grantor(s) sign, seal, and as his/her/their act and deed, deliver the foregoing instrument; that deponent with the other witness whose name is subscribed above, witness the execution thereof, and that the subscribing witness is not a party to or beneficiary of the transaction.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Non-Notary Witness Signature)

SWORN to before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ year of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Printed Name or Seal

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



## Miko Pickett

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**From:** Hunter Collins <huntercollins94@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2025 2:43 PM  
**To:** Miko Pickett  
**Subject:** Storm drains

Good afternoon,

I am a resident here in the town of Mullins. My wife and I have lived here for almost two years now, we are originally from Aynor. We just wanted to say thank you for helping with the storm drains! I have been home for the last three days and the men of public works have been working continuously to get these drains cleaned out around our home. We are grateful to finally see a fresh idea with a solution! Have a great weekend!

## Felicia Sawyer

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**From:** Miko Pickett  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:27 PM  
**To:** Danyell Rogers  
**Cc:** Michelle Smith; Felicia Sawyer  
**Subject:** Re: City Council Speaker Request

It is our pleasure to add you to the March City Council Agenda.

Miko Pickett  
Mayor – City of Mullins



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[mikopickett@mullinssc.us](mailto:mikopickett@mullinssc.us)

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**From:** Danyell Rogers <drogers@peedeecoalition.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2025 4:26 PM  
**To:** Miko Pickett <mikopickett@mullinssc.us>  
**Cc:** Michelle Smith <msmith@peedeecoalition.org>  
**Subject:** City Council Speaker Request

Good afternoon, Mayor Pickett,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Pee Dee Coalition would like to request to come before the Council to bring awareness to the month, what it means, and the events that we will be having for April. The request is for the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting. If approved, Mrs. Michelle Brewton Smith, will be the representative from Pee Dee Coalition to attend.

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# February 2025



## Administration

Met with Clemson Extension in reference to walkability and the walking tour.

Met with Chamber about Easter

Metadata for 1936-1945 meeting minutes completed and slated for upload at the digital library.

Metadata for 1957-1961 20% complete.

Zoom meeting for Wholespire grant.

The 1913-1938 meeting minutes are live. Scan QR Code



## Building Maintenance

Remodeling of Mullins Room has begun.

## Gift Shop/donations

February donations and gift shop sales of \$285.50. Sponsorships: \$300 from Farm Bureau, \$200 from Atkinson Farms, and \$4500 from the SC Tobacco Board.

## Publicity/Media/Outreach/Programs

Attended events for BHM with Mayor Pickett at Jackie's on Main, Palmetto Middle, Mullins High, North Mullins Primary, Mt. Pisgah and Mount Carmel Churches.

Black History Month program with Felton Eaddy.

Black History month walking tour.

## Visitors

We had 102 visitors in February.

## Coming in March:

A day in the life at McCormick Elementary.

Walking Tour; Law and Order edition coming in May.

Easter event with Chamber on April 12th, the museum will be open and have a craft table.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronda Bain*

Ronda Bain





### MONTHLY SUMMARY

~~A total of 55 permit applications were processed in February.~~

~~\$220,989.00~~ Projects were submitted and approved in the month of February.

~~\$1272.50.00~~ Total Building Fees collected for the month of February.

#### Commercial Applications

Building Permits 0

#### Residential Applications

Building Permits 15

Residential Demo 0

Commercial Demo 0

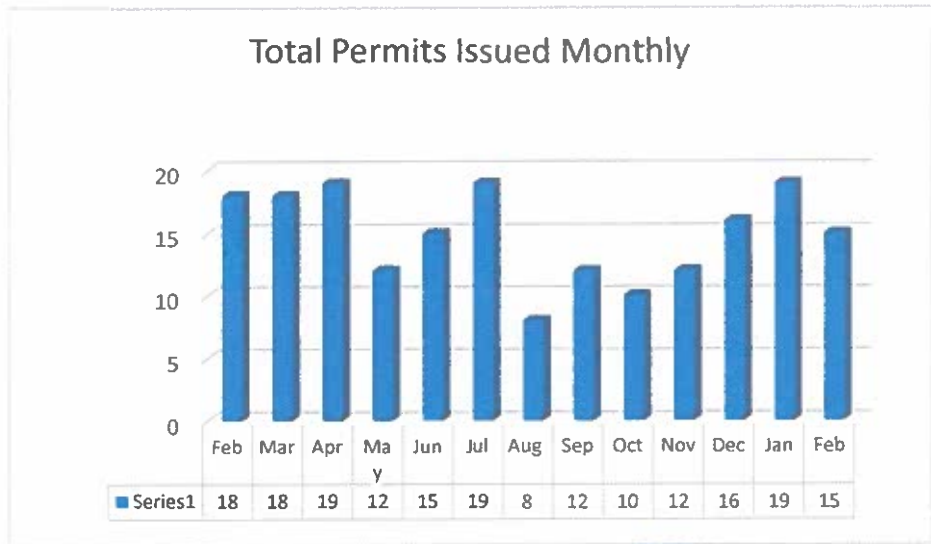
#### Mobile Home Park

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. Work started to commence
8. 95 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 actions.
2. Five Violations – Court date 27 March 2025.
3. Zero (0) "Stop Work" orders – Pending corrections.

# CITY OF MULLINS

151 E. Front Street  
P. O. Drawer 408  
Mullins, South Carolina 29574



PHONE: (843) 464-9583  
FAX: (843) 464-5202

## Request to Speak at Council Meeting

**Name:** Taurus Phillips o/b/o Fred Phillips Foundation Inc.

**Address:** 201 S. Park St.

Mullins, S.C. 29574

**Phone #:** 843-940-9978

**District#:** District 1

**Description:**

I would like to speak to council and the citizens on the status of the Fred Phillips Foundation Inc. and to confirm that our next steps are transparently known too the community for the success

of the Foundation's goals. Fred Phillips Foundation Inc. initial presentation was clear that 2025

would be the year to fundraise. Council approved! Two months later, the "Letter of Intent" was

received with an additional contingency that stated proof of funding was needed before the

the process was complete. Although, we met that contingency and three other requirements

I would like to request that the "proof of funding" contingency be removed and allow the

non-profit organization's fundraising team the ability to exhibit its duties as presented to council

in the initial approved presentation. Thank you and we are looking forward to sharing our plans

for this great city!

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note you will be allowed 3-5 minutes to speak\*\*\*\*\***

Taurus Phillips

Signature

*Jelicia Sawyer - Norton*

Received by

3/4/2025

Date

3-6-25

Date