

Oconee County Council

Committee Assignments & Meeting Dates

2025

Budget, Finance & Administration

February 20th [Strategic Planning Retreat beginning at 9 a.m.]

March 4th [4 p.m.], **April 15th**, **May 6th** [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

- **Mr. Durham, Chair**
- All Council Members

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

February 18th, **May 20th**, **July 15th**, **September 16th**

- **Mr. Mize, Chair**
- Mr. Hart
- Mr. Durham

Transportation [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

February 18th, **May 20th**, **July 15th**, **September 16th**

- **Mr. Hart, Chair**
- Mr. James
- Mr. Elliott

Planning & Economic Development [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

April 1st, **June 3rd**, **August 19th**, & **October 21st**

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Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

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- Mr. Mize
- Mr. James

ALL Committee meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

2025 AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

[One Meeting March/June/July/August/November/December - Rest Two Meetings Each Month]

JANUARY				
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Committees

LEPSHW

2/18/2025
5/20/2025
7/15/2025
9/16/2025

FEBRUARY				
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7/15/2025
9/16/2025

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10/21/2025

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3/4/2025 [4 pm]
4/15/2025
5/6/2025

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5/6/2025 1st
5/20/2025 2nd/PH
6/03/2025 3rd/PH

Strategic Planning
Retreat is scheduled for
Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025
beginning at 9 a.m.

ALL Committee
meetings begin at
4:30 p.m. unless
otherwise noted.

	COUNCIL MEETING
	SUBMISSION DUE DATE
	HOLIDAYS/CLOSED
	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
	BUDGET AND COUNCIL MEETING
	NO MEETING
	COMMITTEE & COUNCIL MEETING
	PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHOP

Jan-26				
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2025-26**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 28-9 (“USED AND WASTE TIRES”) OF CHAPTER 28 (“SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT”) OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALIGN THE SAME WITH THE 2025 AMENDMENTS TO S.C. CODE SECTIONS 44-96-170(E) AND (F) RELATING TO WASTE TIRE RECEIPT AND FEES; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, consistent with the powers granted county governments by S.C. Code § 4-9-25 and S.C. Code § 4-9-30, Oconee County (“County”), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council (the “County Council”), has the authority to enact regulations, resolutions, and ordinances, not inconsistent with the Constitution and the general law of the State of South Carolina, including the exercise of such powers in relation to health and order within its boundaries and respecting any subject as appears to it necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the County or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government therein;

WHEREAS, the County has adopted multiple ordinances for the effective, efficient governance of the County, which, subsequent to adoption, are codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the “Code of Ordinances”), as amended; and

WHEREAS, County Council recognizes that there is a need to revise the law of the County to meet the changing needs of the County and that there is a need to revise Section 28-9 (“Used and Waste Tires”) of Chapter 28 (“Solid Waste Management”) of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances to align the same with the 2025 amendments to S.C. Code Sections 44-96-170(e) and (f) relating to waste tire receipt and fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Section 28-9 (“Used and Waste Tires”) of Chapter 28 (“Solid Waste Management”) of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances is hereby rewritten, revised, and amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a version of Section 28-9 the illustrates the changes reflected on Exhibit A; Exhibit B is for illustrative purposes only, and shall not be codified.

2. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

3. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.

4. All other terms, provisions, and parts of the Code of Ordinances, not amended hereby, directly or by implication, shall remain in full force.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after third reading and enactment by County Council.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Oconee County Council

Matthew Durham
Chair, Oconee County Council

First Reading: December 02, 2025
Second Reading: January 06, 2026
Third Reading: January 20, 2026
Public Hearing: January 20, 2026

Sec. 28-9. Used and waste tires.

- (a) All persons shall adhere to laws and regulations set forth by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (formerly DHEC), specifically including Regulation 61-107.3., "Solid Waste Management: Waste Tires."
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to store, dump, discard, or abandon waste tires without either being registered with DHEC or meeting the exemptions set forth in the above mentioned DHEC regulations.
- (c) All waste tires generated, transported to, or stored in the county must be delivered to a waste tire collection facility or the Oconee County Solid Waste Complex-Transfer Station.
- (d) All illegal and unregistered waste tire dump sites are subject to the procedures and penalties of the litter control ordinance of Oconee County, as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
- (e) Used tire dealer.
 - (1) Any individual or commercial entity that sells, removes, replaces, and/or repairs used tires shall be required to:
 - a. Register as a used tire dealer with the department;
 - b. Purchase a license annually;
 - c. Record sales and retain disposal receipts of all tires processed; and
 - d. Appropriately dispose of all waste tires.
 - (2) Used tire retailers must keep receipts and records of tires sold and disposed of in the county. These records must be kept for a minimum of three years and made available upon request.
 - (3) Used tires for resale must be stacked orderly either in rows or on racks for easy inspection and kept so the tires do not create a mosquito habitat or other environmental hazard.
- (f) Waste tire fees.
 - (1) Anyone disposing of waste tires at the solid waste complex-transfer station shall be required to pay the appropriate fees set forth by the county's annual budget.
 - (2) The waste tire fee shall apply to all waste tires, including heavy equipment tires and oversized tires that have a diameter greater than the largest tire with a U.S. Department of Transportation number. Fleets are required to provide documentation for proof-of-purchase on instate tires. The disposal fee applies to all tires for which no state tire disposal fee has been paid.
 - (3) In accordance with Act No. 33 of 2025, enacted by the South Carolina General Assembly, Oconee County prohibits the acceptance of waste tires from retailers in any County facility.
 - (4) Notwithstanding the prohibition in subsection (f)(3), above, Oconee County may accept waste tires from retailers,¹ who shall be required to pay a tipping fee of up to \$400 per ton, as authorized by Act No. 33 of 2025. The County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to establish and implement the tipping fee of up to \$400 per ton based on market conditions, disposal costs, and operational requirements.
 - (5) Oconee County, at its sole discretion, may refuse acceptance of any waste tires that may pose environmental, safety or regulatory risks until such hazards are remediated.

¹ Acceptance of such waste tires is permitted at the Solid Waste Complex only.

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- (6) County residents are exempt from waste tire fees for small tires from lawn and garden equipment and bicycles. Waste tire fees will apply to any commercial entity that disposes of these same items.

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EXHIBIT B

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2025-27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND EXPAND THE
LOCAL CONTRACTOR / VENDOR PREFERENCE
PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE OCONEE COUNTY
PROCUREMENT CODE**

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the “County”), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council (the “County Council”), has adopted multiple ordinances for the effective, efficient governance of the County, which, subsequent to adoption, are codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the “Code of Ordinances”);

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of supporting local businesses and promoting economic development within the County;

WHEREAS, enhancing opportunities for qualified local vendors helps retain economic value within the community and strengthens the County’s business environment;

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend Section 2-438(e), entitled “Local Preference,” of the County’s Procurement Code, as contained in Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, in order to establish a structured and transparent local preference policy that encourages participation by businesses physically located within Oconee County without compromising competition or responsible stewardship of public funds;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that establishing a local vendor preference for purposes of bid evaluation, coupled with a price-matching option, serves the public interest while ensuring fairness in procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that procurement preferences must be applied in a manner consistent with applicable state and federal laws, grant requirements, and competitive procurement standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Section 2-438(e), entitled “Local Preference,” of the County’s Procurement Code, as contained in Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, is hereby revised, rewritten, and amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a copy of the former provisions contained in Section 2-438(e). Exhibit B is for illustrative purposes only and shall not be codified hereafter.

2. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
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First Reading: December 19, 2025
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Public Hearing: January 20, 2026

EXHIBIT A

Sec. 2-438. - Qualifications and duties of bidders and offerors.

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(e) *LOCAL PREFERENCE.*

Section 1. Definitions

1. *Evaluation Price Reduction* or *evaluation preference* means a downward adjustment to a bidder's bid or offered price, which is used for evaluation purposes only and which does not alter the actual bid or offered price.
2. *Labor Cost* means salary and fringe benefits.
3. *Local Subcontractor* means a subcontractor meeting all criteria of a Local Vendor.
4. *Local Vendor* means a business that (a) currently maintains a non-mobile physical office within Oconee County that it has used as a place for, or as a base from, which it regularly conducts at least fifty percent (50%) of its primary business, and for which it did so for at least one (1) year prior to the respective bid opening; (b) possesses valid business and operational licenses, as applicable; and (c) is authorized to transact business in South Carolina.
5. *Procurement Officer* means the Oconee County Procurement Director or the other County official(s) / employee(s) designated to oversee the respective procurement evaluations and awards.

Section 2. Local Preference Structure

When evaluating bids or proposals, the Procurement Officer shall apply the following evaluation preferences:

1. **Local Vendor Preference:** A Local Vendor shall receive a seven percent (7%) Evaluation Price Reduction to its bid.
2. **Local Subcontractor Preference:**
 - A. A four percent (4%) Evaluation Price Reduction shall be applied when Local Subcontractor(s) are used to perform work equating to at least forty percent (40%) of the total bid price based on direct labor costs.
 - B. A six percent (6%) Evaluation Price Reduction shall be applied when Local Subcontractors perform work equating to at least sixty percent (60%) of the total bid price based on direct labor costs.
3. **Maximum Evaluation Preference:** Combined evaluation preferences shall not exceed ten percent (10%) per line-item, lot, or total contract.

4. **Effect on Bid / Award:** Evaluation Price Reductions are for comparison purposes only and do not alter the Local Vendor's actual bid.

Section 3. Local Vendor Price-Match Option

1. **No Automatic Award:** A Local Vendor shall not receive a contract award solely due to evaluation preferences.
2. **Right to Match the Lowest Bid:** If, however, after applying all allowable evaluation preferences, a Local Vendor becomes the highest-ranked evaluated bidder but did not submit the lowest actual bid, the Local Vendor shall have the option to match the lowest responsible and responsive bid.
3. **Procedure:**
 - A. The Procurement Officer shall notify the eligible Local Vendor in writing of its option to price match.
 - B. The Local Vendor must accept the price match option in writing within three (3) business days of the date of the Procurement Officer's notice of option to price match, unless a different deadline is stated in the solicitation.
 - C. Failure to timely accept constitutes a rejection of the price match option, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
4. **Conditions of Matching:** A Local Vendor electing to price match must:
 - A. Match the lowest bid price in full and in all respects;
 - B. Agree to all terms, conditions, and specifications; and
 - C. Accept all obligations associated with the award.

Section 4. Claiming Evaluation Preferences

1. Bidders must provide documentation of local status, including proof of physical address, business license (if applicable), and verification of subcontractor labor percentages.
2. The County may request additional documentation or perform audits at any time.

Section 5. Limitations and Exclusions

1. This Ordinance does not apply where state or federal law prohibits geographic preferences or where restricted by grant or other contractual requirements.
2. The evaluation preferences set forth in this section shall only be applied to responses to procurement solicitations in excess of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00).
3. The evaluation preferences set forth in this section may be excluded from and rendered inapplicable to a solicitation if County Council, in meeting duly assembled and by majority vote, determines it is in the County's best interest to omit the preferences contained herein from a particular solicitation.

4. Exclusions include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Emergency procurements;
 - B. Federally restricted procurements; and
 - C. Procurements excluded under state law.
5. If there are multiple responsible and responsive bidders who meet the evaluation preference(s) set forth in this section, the County shall use standard procurement practices and procedures, as set forth in this Article, to determine the priority of selection. The local evaluation preference set forth in this section does not waive or otherwise abrogate the County's unqualified right to reject any and all bids or proposals or accept such bids or proposals, as appears in the County's best interest.
6. Misrepresentation of eligibility may result in debarment, disqualification, termination, or suspension from future procurements.

Section 6. Implementation

1. Subject to Section 5, the Procurement Officer shall incorporate this policy into all eligible solicitations.
2. All solicitations subject to this policy shall contain a "**Local Preference – Notice to Bidders**" clause.

Exhibit B

Sec. 2-438. - Qualifications and duties of bidders and offerors.

(e) Local preference. The lowest local responsible and responsive bidder who is within two percent of the lowest non-local responsible and responsive bidder, may match the bid submitted by the non-local responsible and responsive bidder and thereby be awarded the contract. The local preference as set forth in this section shall only be applied to responses to solicitations of written quotes and invitations to bid in excess of \$10,000.00. The local preference as set forth in this section shall only be given to local responsible and responsive bidders who have a physical business address located and operating within Oconee County and who have met all other requirements of the solicitations of written quotes or the invitation to bid, including, without limitation, payment of all duly assessed state and local taxes. If state or federal guidelines prohibit or otherwise limit local preference, then the county shall not use local preference in awarding the contract. If there are multiple responsible and responsive bidders who meet the local preference guidelines as set forth in this section, the county shall use standard procurement practice and procedure as set forth in this article to determine the priority of selection. The local preference as set forth in this section does not waive or otherwise abrogate the county's unqualified right to reject any and all bids or proposals or accept such bids or proposals, as appears in the county's own best interest.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

IN RE:

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of THE JOURNAL, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on


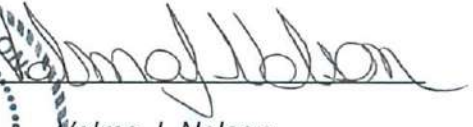
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Hal Welch
General Manager

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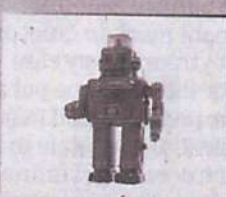
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Estate: EDWARD TATE ZEIGLER
SR

Date of Death: 9/22/2024

Case Number: 2024ES3700851

Personal Representative: ED-
WARD T ZEIGLER JR

Address: 38 LANNEAU DRIVE
GREENVILLE, SC 29605

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All Council meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Oconee County Council will also hold a Planning Retreat beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025 to establish short- and long-term goals. This meeting will be held off-site in the Tri-County Technical College, Oconee Campus, conference room located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, South Carolina.

Oconee County Council will also meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in Council Chambers at which point they will establish their 2026 Coun-

cil and Committee meeting schedules.

Additional Council meetings, workshops, and/or committee meetings may be added throughout the year as needed.

Oconee County Council Committees will meet in 2025 prior to County Council meetings on the following dates/times in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina unless otherwise advertised.

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health, & Welfare Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 18, May 20, July 15, & September 16, 2025.

The Transportation Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 18, May 20, July 15, & September 16, 2025.

The Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 1, June 3, August 19, & October 21, 2025.

The Planning & Economic Development Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 1, June 3, August 19, & October 21, 2025.

The Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: February 20 [Strategic Planning Retreat] and 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 4 [4 p.m.], April 15, & May 6, 2025.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that Ash

South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and On Premises consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor at 671 Highway 123 Bypass Seneca SC 29678.

To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than January 26, 2025.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. ent of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-097.

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District III

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District IV

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Chairman Pro Tem
District V



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- March, June and December meetings, which will be **only** on the first Tuesday of each of these months.

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Oconee County Council will also hold a Planning Retreat beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025 to establish short- and long-term goals. This meeting will be held off-site in the Tri-County Technical College, Oconee Campus, conference room located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, South Carolina.

Oconee County Council will also meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in Council Chambers at which point they will establish their 2026 Council and Committee meeting schedules.

Additional Council meetings, workshops, and/or committee meetings may be added throughout the year as needed.

Oconee County Council Committees will meet in 2025 prior to County Council meetings on the following dates/times in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina unless otherwise advertised.

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health, & Welfare Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 18, May 20, July 15, & September 16, 2025.

The Transportation Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 18, May 20, July 15, & September 16, 2025.

The Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 1, June 3, August 19, & October 21, 2025.

The Planning & Economic Development Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 1, June 3, August 19, & October 21, 2025.

The Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: February 20 [Strategic Planning Retreat] and 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 4 [4 p.m.], April 15, & May 6, 2025.

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when

the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.

- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.
- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
- (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
- (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
- (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
- (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
- (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
- (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
- (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.

- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)



Public Comment
SIGN IN SHEET
6:00 PM

January 06, 2026

The Public Comment Sessions at this meeting is limited to a total of 50 minutes, 5 minutes per person. Please be advised that citizens not utilizing their full four [5] minutes may not "donate" their remaining time to another speaker.

PLEASE PRINT

	FULL NAME	PURPOSE OF COMMENT
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Everyone speaking before Council will be required to do so in a civil manner. Council will not tolerate personal attacks on individual council members, county staff or any person or group. Racial slurs will not be permitted. Council's number one priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this county. All citizens who wish to address Council and all Boards and Commission appointed by Council should do so in an appropriate manner.

A Petition

We the undersigned respectfully request that the Oconee County Council do what you voted to do and get quotes to raze the old courthouse in Walhalla and then award a contract to get the demolition completed. The building is a danger, a liability, and an eyesore. It has been vacant for over twenty-five years and is a blight on our otherwise beautiful city. The people of St. John's Lutheran Church have always maintained our beautiful building and are frustrated to have this crumbling building as our neighbor.

Name

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Catherine Plauden

314 N Church St Walhalla

Stanley Coats

218 E. Wywood/Park Drive, Salem

Cathy Jeff

330 LAUREL HILL DR. WALHALLA

Don Lewis

314 S Cherry St Sweet

Pastor Rachel L. Connelly

995 White Cat Rd Walhalla

Dyan M Pock

519 Long Reach Dr., Salem SC 29678

Shonda Miller

283 Jumping Branch Terrace

Willie

113 Deerfield Dr Seneca

Gary Lewis

821 W BEAR SWAMP RD
WALHALLA, SC

A Petition continued

Name

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A Petition continued

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Barbara J Bowman

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Mick Ward

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Jo Anne Runyon

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Ty Burchough

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Luther Lyle

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Jeff H. Ross

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Allen R. Harding

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2004 Ironside Circle, Seneca, SC

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Joan Kelly

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~~W. C. Snelgrove~~
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225 Woodland Way Rd.

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Upstate Today

SC must do more about data centers

GUEST VIEW

- THE (CHARLESTON) POST AND COURIER

No one knows whether a vast and controversial data center planned on about 860 acres just south of Walterboro at the headwaters of the ACE Basin will ever be built, but regardless of what happens in this specific case, South Carolina lawmakers need to beef up state law to ensure that future data centers don't harm our state.

As Jonah Chester and Lydia Larsen report, about 400 people packed into a Walterboro auditorium last week to voice their opposition before Colleton County's Zoning Board of Appeals, which ultimately deferred a vote on giving the center a green light. But that deferral reflected a technical consideration — the inadequacy of the public notice for the meeting that was moved at the last moment to accommodate a much larger crowd. The deferral did not reflect the board's skepticism or disapproval.

Neighboring residents legitimately fear the center would irrevocably alter their rural lifestyle, and even more are concerned about its potential impact on the state's cherished ACE Basin, a vast area of conserved lowlands between the deltas of the Edisto, Ashepoo and Combahee rivers. Colleton County Council should reconsider its decision to loosen its zoning rules so much that data centers may be built in such rural areas as if they were just another campground.

But the problems with data centers extend beyond any single project, and given the economic pressures for building more of them not only in our backyard but all across the country, South Carolina lawmakers need to pass legislation to steer this new economic development in a responsible way.

State Sen. Tom Davis is on generally the right track in his recent commentary urging his colleagues to require data centers to pay the full cost of their energy needs, use the newest water-saving technologies and be excluded from sensitive areas such as the ACE Basin. It's possible, as Mr. Davis contends, that South Carolina could gain some competitive advantage by having data centers close by, although it's hard to imagine that many people's livelihoods will be boosted in a meaningful way because they receive data a millisecond faster than someone in another state.

Luring data centers to South Carolina might not be an irresponsible thing for local governments to do if we could be guaranteed that people already here wouldn't have to subsidize their electricity rates and that their water usage wouldn't create problems in the event of drought. And, as Mr. Davis writes, that they would not mar some of our most scenic and protected lands.

Of course if their water usage is relatively low, it might be because they're using significantly more electricity to cool their circuitry — or vice versa. Potential chemical additives to increase water's cooling effect also could create pollution problems. As Sen. Chip Campsen noted at last week's meeting in Walterboro, S.C. utilities wouldn't need to build new power generating capacity for up to 15 years if it weren't for new data centers.

Other communities are catching on to these dubious projects. From April through June, 20 data center projects across the United States were blocked or delayed due to community opposition, according to the nonprofit Data Center Watch. That's more than all the disruptions it has tracked since 2023.

While state lawmakers need to evaluate the pros and cons of data centers — and pass legislation to minimize the cons and maximize the pros — this will remain largely a local matter unless or until that's done.

So county councils should consider whether their zoning ordinances adequately address data centers' siting, noise impacts, water use, well drilling and electrical demand but also and more importantly — since local governments' exuberance over throwing money at them means few will locate where they aren't paid to do so — whether the number of jobs created justifies the kind of property tax break too routinely given to new industrial businesses.

Like a holiday libation, a new data center can be a good thing. But unlike a libation, if data centers aren't handled responsibly, they can lead to a headache that will last for years.

What Happened in Tarboro?

1. Local Officials Reject a Proposed Data Center

In September 2025, the Tarboro Town Council voted to reject a proposal for a 50-acre data center development after hearing strong opposition from residents. The council decision came at a packed public meeting where local concerns were a central theme.

- The project was proposed by Energy Storage Solutions LLC and was planned to be built on Anaconda Road in Tarboro.
- Proponents said it would create up to ~500 jobs and bring millions of dollars in tax revenue to the town.
- The Council voted 7–1 against issuing a special use permit needed for the project.

2. Community Pushback

Many residents expressed strong concerns about the project during public hearings and through petitions:

- Environmental impact: fears about heavy water use (up to 500,000 gallons per day), strain on local natural resources, and potential pollution.
- Quality of life: worries about noise, effects on air quality, and proximity of the facility to homes.
- A Change.org petition opposing the data center gathered hundreds of signatures as residents rallied against the plan.

3. Broader Debate in North Carolina

The Tarboro fight is part of a larger statewide debate over the rapid expansion of large data centers, especially facilities tied to cloud computing and artificial intelligence infrastructure:

- Data centers demand very high electricity and water usage, leading to concerns about power grid strain and rising utility costs for residents.
- Recent North Carolina utility policy changes (such as Senate Bill 266) have shifted some energy cost burdens, raising questions about whether residential customers might bear more of the infrastructure cost while big users pay less — a topic now under scrutiny.
- Similar debates are unfolding in other towns (e.g., Apex and elsewhere) where residents and local governments question whether the economic benefits justify environmental and social trade-offs.

What Happens Next?

Legal Challenges

After the Town Council rejection, Energy Storage Solutions reportedly filed a lawsuit challenging the decision, arguing procedural issues and seeking to overturn the council's ruling — though Tarboro officials say they intend to defend their vote.

Other Projects Still in Play

Separately, Energy Storage Solutions and Edgecombe County officials continue discussions about a much larger data center and battery storage campus at the Kingsboro Business Park — a project distinct from the Tarboro site but involving similar technology and the same developer.

Key Takeaways

- Tarboro officials rejected a proposed 50-acre data center amid strong environmental and community concerns.
- Residents mobilized through public hearings and petitions to oppose the plan.
- The dispute highlights broader state-level issues about data center growth, utility grid impact, and municipal authority over large industrial developments.
- The developer is challenging the rejection legally, and related development discussions are ongoing in Edgecombe County.

Model Ordinance: Silent & Waterless Data Centers – A Common-Sense Code for Counties

Skip Middleton

Founder & Inventor | Systems Architect for Energy, Cooling & Cyber Infrastructure | Board Advisor |
Patented Solutions in Zero-Water Cooling, Microgrids & Upstream Network Defense

November 11, 2025

This model ordinance provides a common-sense path for counties to balance economic growth with quiet, water-neutral data center development. It's designed for adoption by planning boards and county commissions across the U.S.

Counties across the U.S. are under pressure to balance data-center growth with water scarcity, noise complaints, and grid stability. The **Silent & Waterless Data Center Ordinance** provides a ready-to-adopt framework that fixes those issues with measurable performance standards — **zero water use, ≤35 dBA at the boundary, and PUE ≤ 1.05.**

This code is technology-neutral and enforcement-ready, giving counties a path to attract investment while protecting their communities. Below is the full model ordinance now being circulated for county and state adoption.

DRAFT ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR WATERLESS, LOW-NOISE, AND HIGH-EFFICIENCY DATA CENTER FACILITIES *(Modeled for County Adoption – Prepared for Commissioner Review)*

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that data center facilities within the County operate in a manner that conserves water resources, protects community quiet, promotes grid stability, and supports predictable permitting and economic development. The intent is to establish objective, measurable standards for new or expanded data center facilities, enabling administrative approval where compliance is demonstrated.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance: **Data Center** – A facility used to house computer systems, storage systems, and associated components such as telecommunications and power infrastructure. **Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE)** – The ratio of total facility power to information technology (IT) equipment power, as defined by the Green Grid Consortium. **Water Usage Effectiveness (WUE)** – The ratio of annual water usage to IT equipment energy consumption, expressed in liters per kilowatt-hour (L/kWh). **Cooling Water Use** – Any use of potable, reclaimed, or process water for evaporative or adiabatic cooling of data center systems. **Leq (Sound Level Equivalent)** – The time-averaged sound pressure level, measured in decibels (dBA), over a stated period as defined by ANSI S12.9 standards. **Compliance Certificate** – A verification document prepared and sealed by a licensed professional engineer attesting that the facility meets the standards of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Applicability

This Ordinance shall apply to: • All new data center developments; and • Any expansion, renovation, or major mechanical upgrade of an existing data center resulting in increased IT capacity or site noise level.

Section 4. Performance Standards

All data center facilities subject to this Ordinance shall comply with the following performance standards:

(a) Water Conservation Cooling systems shall operate at zero process water use. WUE for cooling shall equal 0.0 L/kWh. No potable, gray, or reclaimed water may be used for normal data center cooling functions.

(b) Noise Emission Maximum sound level at the property boundary shall not exceed 35 dBA Leq under full IT design load. Noise measurements shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI S12.9 standards. Backup generators and mechanical testing shall comply with the same boundary limits during permitted operating hours.

(c) Energy Efficiency Facilities shall demonstrate a Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) of 1.05 or less under 100% design IT load conditions. Measurements shall include all facility systems, including cooling and distribution, as verified by a licensed engineer.

(d) Continuous Monitoring Facilities shall implement real-time telemetry and data logging capable of verifying compliance with WUE, PUE, and acoustic limits. Monitoring data shall be retained for at least five (5) years and made available to the County upon request.

Section 5. Compliance Certification

A Compliance Certificate shall be required prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. The Certificate shall confirm conformity with Section 4(a)–(c) and be signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer. Certificates shall be renewed annually with updated telemetry data verifying ongoing compliance. A copy of each Certificate shall be filed with the County Planning Department.

Section 6. Administrative Approval

Site plans demonstrating full compliance with this Ordinance, along with applicable zoning, height, traffic, and stormwater standards, shall be approved administratively by the County Planning Director or designee. Applications not meeting these performance standards shall be processed as conditional uses subject to review by the County Board of Commissioners.

Section 7. Operating Conditions

Any mechanical or operational modification resulting in increased water use, higher PUE, or higher boundary noise shall void the Compliance Certificate. Annual verification of sound and efficiency performance is required. Generator operation and maintenance testing shall conform to applicable state and federal emissions requirements and County noise limits.

Section 8. Enforcement and Penalties

Failure to obtain or maintain a valid Compliance Certificate shall constitute a zoning violation. The County may issue civil penalties, require corrective action, or suspend operational permits until

compliance is restored. Persistent or willful violations may result in revocation of the facility's Certificate of Occupancy.

Section 9. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall apply to all data center development applications deemed complete thirty (30) days after adoption.

Section 10. Findings and Policy Statement

The County finds that: • Data center facilities are a growing economic sector of regional importance. • Adoption of measurable standards promotes investment certainty while safeguarding environmental and community quality. • Zero-water and low-noise operation materially reduce community impact and resource strain. • Efficient facilities provide equal or greater employment and tax benefits while minimizing infrastructure demand.

Accordingly, this Ordinance is enacted to balance economic growth with sustainable, responsible siting and operation of data center facilities.

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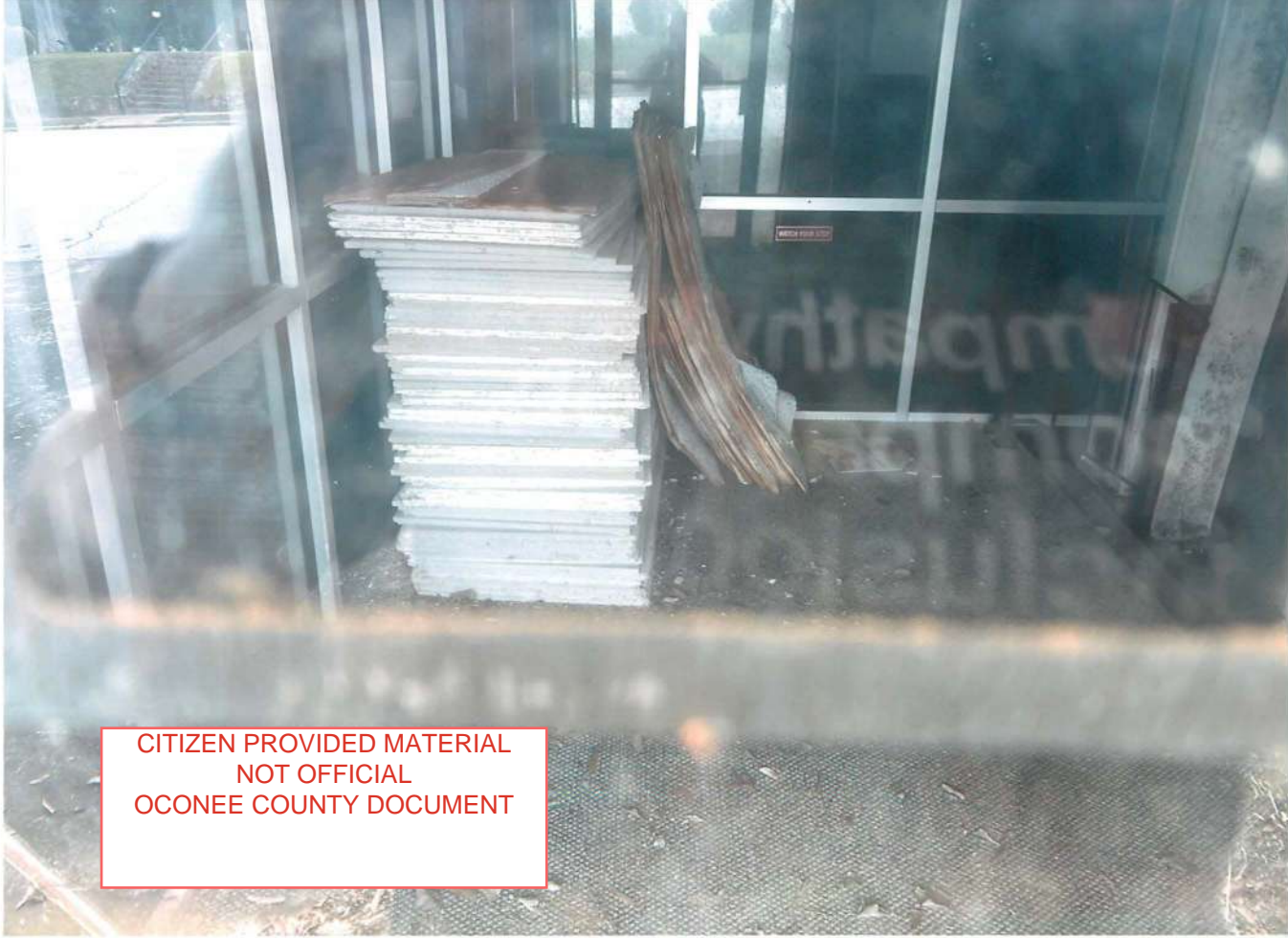
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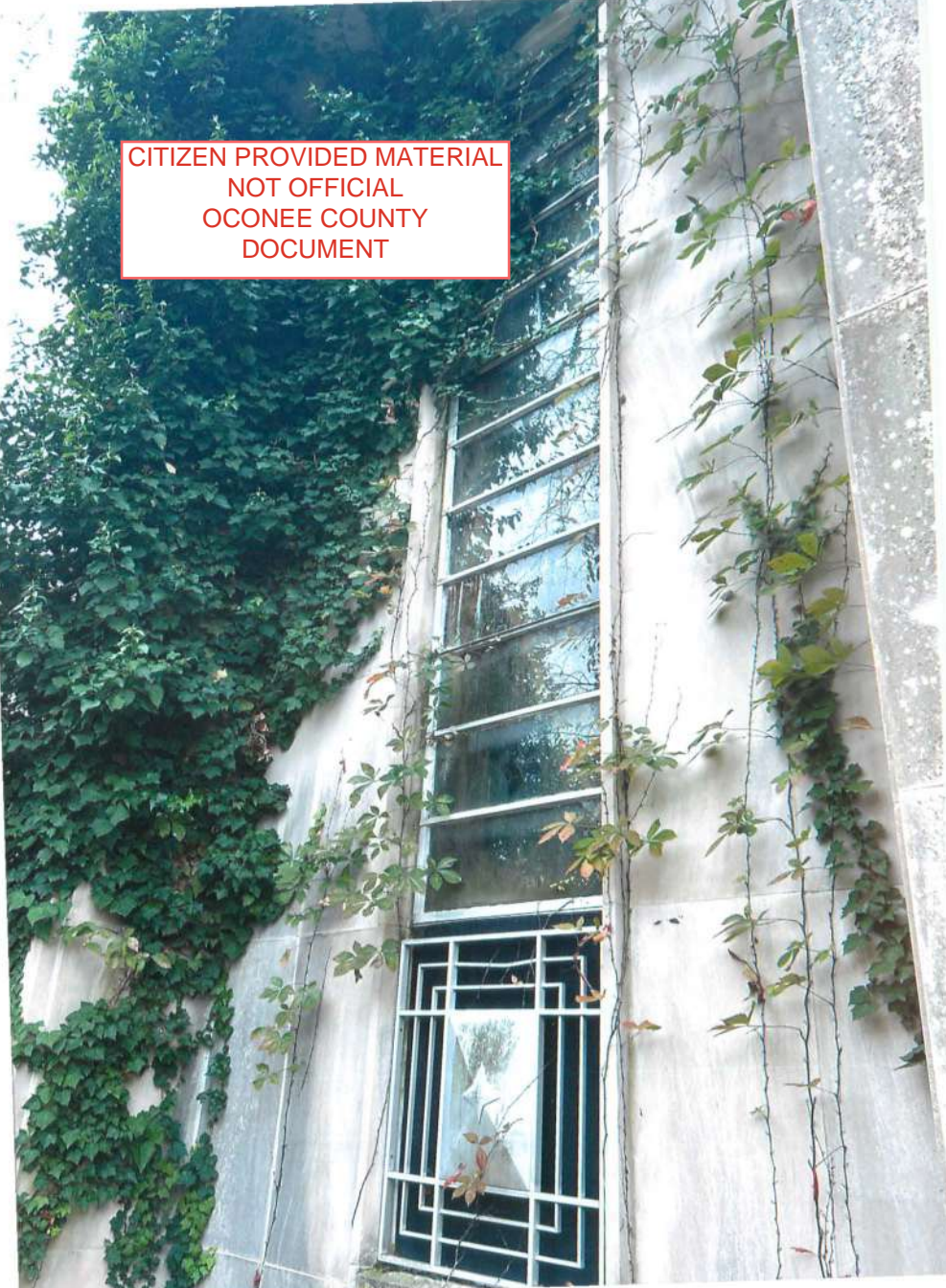
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2026 AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

[One Meeting June/October/November/December - Rest Two Meetings Each Month]

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**Strategic Planning
Retreat is scheduled for
Friday, Feb. 20, 2026
beginning at 9 a.m.**

	COUNCIL MEETING
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	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
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**ALL Committee
meetings begin at
4:30 p.m. unless
otherwise noted.**

Oconee County Council

Committee Assignments & Meeting Dates

2026

Budget, Finance & Administration

February 20th [Strategic Planning Retreat beginning at 9 a.m.]

February 27th Budget Workshop 9 a.m.

March 3th, April 21st, May 5th [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

- **Mr. Durham, Chair**
- All Council Members

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

February 17th, May 19th, July 21st, September 15th

- **Mr. Mize, Chair**
- Mr. Hart
- Mr. James

Transportation [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

February 17th, May 19th, July 21st, September 15th

- **Mr. Hart, Chair**
- Mr. Durham
- Mr. Elliott

Planning & Economic Development [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

April 7th, June 16th, August 18th, & October 6th

- **Mr. James, Chair**
- Mr. Mize
- Mr. Hart

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management [4:30 p.m. – prior to CC meeting]

April 7th, June 16th, August 18th, & October 6th

- **Mr. Elliott, Chair**
- Mr. Mize
- Mr. James

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